

**TOWN OF LOCKEPORT
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2020
MINUTES**

Present: Mayor George R. Harding, Deputy Mayor Dawn DeMings-Taylor, Councillor Dayle Eshelby, Councillor Cory Nickerson, Community Coordinator – Frances Scott, Working Streets Foreman – Kevin Snow, Town Clerk/Treasurer – Joyce Young, Fire Chief Wayne Chetwynd and Recording Secretary – June Harding

Absent with regrets: Councillor Kent Balish

1. Call to order

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Harding at 1:00 p.m.

2. Silence Electronic Devices

All electronic devices were silenced at this time.

3. Approval of Agenda

02-24-20-01

It was duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved with the following additions under Other Business (a) Schedule a date for Dog Park Committee Meeting; (b) Schedule a date for an Audit/Budget Meeting and (c) NSFM Regional Meeting Schedule.

Motion Passed

4. Approval of Minutes

- Council Meeting February 10, 2020

02-24-20-02

It was duly moved and seconded that the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of February 10, 2020 be approved.

Motion Passed

- Tender Opening Meeting for Trestle Trail Remediation Project, February 11, 2020

02-24-20-03

It was duly moved and seconded that the Minutes from the Tender Opening Meeting for the Trestle Trail Remediation Project of February 11, 2020 be approved.

Motion Passed

- *Emergency Council Meeting February 12, 2020*

02-24-20-04

It was duly moved and seconded that the Minutes from the Emergency Council Meeting of February 12, 2020 be approved.

Motion Passed

5. “Open Mic”

There was nobody in attendance who wished to speak at “Open Mic.”

6. Department Reports

- *Town of Lockeport EMO*

- *Removal of Trees*

02-24-20-05

It was duly moved and seconded that as recommended by the Town of Lockeport EMO Committee, because of the dangerous condition of a tree at the cenotaph and at the Church Street Cemetery which are causing damage to adjacent properties and dangers to the public, Council instructs staff to have a tree removal company come to deal with these trees. It is also Council’s wish to have new trees planted at these locations.

Motion Passed

- *Fire Department*

Fire Chief Wayne Chetwynd reported that the Municipality of the District of Shelburne has sent out ballots to the residents in the Municipality who will be affected by the proposed area rate to help the Town of Lockeport with the purchase of a new Fire Truck, requesting that they vote in favour or against the area rate.

The Municipality of the District of Shelburne has a public Meeting scheduled to take place at the Lockeport Fire Hall on Monday, March 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. so residents can get answers to any questions they may have regarding the proposed area rate. The area rate will affect all of District 6 and approximately 1/3 of District 7 in the Municipality of the District of Shelburne.

Fire Chief Chetwynd reported that he has replaced the siren speaker on fire truck #131.

Mayor Harding thanked Chief Chetwynd for his report.

- *Public Works (Attached as Schedule “A”)*

The Working Streets Foreman reviewed his report and invited questions with none forthcoming.

There have been a couple of jams at pumping station number 3 caused by rags caught in the pump. It was suggested that the subject of what should and should not be flushed down a toilet could be addressed in the mayor’s next newsletter.

The Town Clerk/Treasurer gave details of the tender that has been posted to the Provincial Procurement site for Engineering Services for designing and coordinating the Sewer UV System.

- *Recreation Report (Attached as Schedule “B”)*

The Community Coordinator brought forth the following two recommendations from her report for Council’s approval:

- *Town of Lockeport Representative for 2020 Provincial Volunteer Award*

02-24-20-06

It was duly moved and seconded that as recommended by the Recreation Committee, Laura Stoddard be named as the Town of Lockeport Representative for the 2020 Provincial Volunteer Awards.

Motion Passed

The Community Coordinator will see that Laura Stoddard has transportation to the Volunteer Awards Ceremony in Halifax. Mayor Harding stated that he would not be utilizing his ticket for this event so if the Community Coordinator wished to attend on behalf of the Town, she was welcome to use his ticket.

The Community Coordinator reported that the July 1st Committee would like to book the Maritime Marionettes to perform on Multicultural Day, June 27, 2020. The Committee feels that the best place for this event will be outdoors near the library because the Multicultural Day events are based at the Library. The following motion was made:

- *July 1st Booking of the Maritime Marionettes*

02-24-20-07

It was duly moved and seconded that as recommended by the July 1st Committee that Council approve the booking the Maritime Marionettes to perform on June 27, 2020 at a cost of approximately \$2000.00.

Motion Passed

The Community Coordinator plans to pursue funding to help reduce the cost of this event.

The Town Clerk/Treasurer reminded the Community Coordinator that the two of them have to meet to discuss the new July 1st Policy regarding account numbers, etc.

Mayor Harding reminded those present that it was discussed at the July 1st Meeting the need to re-visit the Town Vending By-Law but the recommendation was missed in the Minutes so the following motion was made:

- *Town of Lockeport Vending By-Law*

02-24-20-08

It was duly moved and seconded that the Town of Lockeport Vending By-Law be re-visited.

Motion Passed

- *Administration Report (Attached as Schedule "C")*

The Town Clerk/Treasurer reviewed her report and reported that the ACOA Funding application process has resulted in a lot of work; however, it will certainly be worth it if we are successful. The Town Clerk/Treasurer touched on the FibreOp Meeting that she had attended on February 19, 2020. The Town of Lockeport should be connected to FibreOp by the end of October, 2020 and the cost to the Town for this project is \$100,000.00 over a three year period to be paid by Gas Tax funds. This was previously approved by Council.

7. Presentations

- *Blair Veinot, Coastal Resource Coordinator for Nova Scotia Fisheries & Aquaculture – Atlantic Fisheries Fund Presentation*

Ms. Veinot shared her presentation with the Committee and invited questions.

Ms. Veinot left her business cards for anyone who is interested in passing on information to anyone regarding submitting an application for funding to the Atlantic Fisheries Fund.

Mayor Harding thanked Ms. Veinot for her presentation.

Economic Development

There were no items for Economic Development today.

8. Finance

- *List of bills already paid in the amount of \$22,464.24*

The list of bills was reviewed with no questions or concerns.

- *Invoice for Roseway Manor Legal Fees*

The Town Clerk/Treasurer explained that these legal fees were incurred when the three units were contemplating leaving Roseway Manor. This is actually the statement; we have not yet received the invoices listed on the statement. The Municipality of the District of Shelburne has been paying the invoices from the lawyer and then invoicing the Town of Shelburne and the Town of Lockeport for their shares. The following motion was made:

02-24-20-09

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve payment to the Municipality of the District of Shelburne for the two invoices listed on this statement totalling \$916.07.

Motion Passed

Mayor Harding reported that there will be a motion coming to each of the three Municipal Units from Donald Harding's office regarding the Roseway Manor Board.

9. Other Business

- *Appointment of Returning Officer and Assistant Returning Officer*

02-24-20-10

It was duly moved and seconded that Joyce Young be appointed as Returning Officer and June Harding be appointed as Assistant Returning Officer for the fiscal year 2020/2021.

Motion Passed

- *Public Washrooms*

This item has been brought forward from the last Council Meeting to give Council time to think about the subject. After some discussion the following motion was made:

02-24-20-11

It was duly moved and seconded that the upstairs washroom at 26 North Street (The Town Hall) be made available for use by the public during office hours during the off season.

Motion Passed

- *Schedule a date for a Dog Park Committee Meeting*

The members of the Dog Park Committee were all present, and are: Mayor Harding, Deputy Mayor DeMings-Taylor, Community Coordinator - Frances Scott and Mary Anne Turner.

The first two meetings are scheduled for February 26, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. and March 4, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

- *Schedule an Audit/Budget Meeting*

Three Meetings were scheduled for Audit/Budget and they are March 11, 2020 at 2:00 p.m., March 18, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. and March 25, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

- *NSFM Regional Meeting Schedule*

The Town Clerk/Treasurer told Council that the NSFM Regional Meeting is scheduled to take place at 10:30 a.m. on Friday April 3, 2020 at the Sandy Point Lighthouse. The Town Clerk/Treasurer asked members of Council if they wish to attend, to please register themselves.

The Town Clerk/Treasurer asked the Recording Secretary to make sure Councillor Nickerson's contact information has been made available to the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities.

10. Information Only

There were no items for information only this afternoon.

11. Date of next meeting

- *March 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.*

12. "In Camera"

There was nothing for "In Camera" this afternoon.

13. Adjournment

02-24-20-12

There being no further business to discuss, **it was duly moved and seconded that the Meeting be adjourned. Time 2:28 p.m.**

Motion Passed

**George R. Harding,
Mayor**

**Joyce Young,
Town Clerk/Treasurer**

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