

**TOWN OF LOCKEPORT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

PRESENT: MAYOR GEORGE R. HARDING, DEPUTY MAYOR JOANN SWIMM, COUNCILLOR KENT BALISH, COUNCILLOR DAWN DEMINGS-TAYLOR, COUNCILLOR DAYLE ESHELBY, JOYCE YOUNG, TOWN CLERK/TREASURER AND RECORDING SECRETARY, JUNE HARDING

1. Call to order

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Harding at 6:00 p.m.

2. Silence Electronic Devices

All electronic devices were silenced at this time.

3. Approval of Agenda

03-11-19-01

It was duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved with the following additions: (1) Under Other Business, Make Committee of the Whole Meeting a second Regular Council Meeting on the fourth Monday of the month; (2) Under Information, Clean Nova Scotia; (3) Under Correspondence, Community Forests and (4) Under “In Camera”, Tax Sale.
Motion Passed

4. Approval of previous minutes

- *Regular Council Meeting Minutes, February 11, 2019*

03-11-19-02

It was duly moved and seconded that the Regular Council Meeting minutes from February 11, 2019 be approved.

Motion Passed

5. Open Mic

- ½ hour Maximum time allowed
- Each person is allowed a maximum of 5 minutes
- The individual is to speak directly to Council
- There will be no interaction by Council at this time
- If questions are posed by residents, the question will be recorded to be researched

6. Presentations

There were no presentations scheduled for this evening.

7. Finance

The Town Clerk/Treasurer will be scheduling budget meetings in the near future.

8. Recommendations from Other Committees

- *Committee of the Whole, January 28, 2019*
 - *Hiring Erica Williams as Kids in Motion after school Program Assistant*

03-11-19-03

It was duly moved and seconded that as recommended by the Committee of the Whole, Erica Williams be hired as a staff member for 2.5 hours per week to assist with the Kids in Motion after school program on Monday afternoons.

Motion Passed

- *Applications for Accessibility Standard Development Committees*

03-11-19-04

It was duly moved and seconded that as recommended by the Committee of the Whole, Councillor Balish be approved to represent the Town of Lockeport on one of the Accessibility Standard Development Committees.

Motion Passed

- *Committee of the Whole, February 25, 2019*
 - *2019 Provincial Volunteer Awards*

03-11-19-05

It was duly moved and seconded that as recommended by the Recreation Committee, Cindy Embree be named the Town of Lockeport representative to the 2019 Provincial Volunteer Awards.

Motion Passed

03-11-19-06

It was duly moved and seconded that as recommended by the Committee of the Whole, the Town of Lockeport cover the cost of meterage for Cindy Embree and one representative from the Town of Lockeport to attend the Provincial Volunteer Awards in Halifax in April, 2019.

Motion Passed

9. Other Business

- *Letter of Concern re: Tick Proofing our Communities*

Concern for Town Recreation staff and the children they care for during the summer was discussed. The Town Clerk/Treasurer will print the information from the website provided and pass it on to Frances. Councillor Eshelby also asked that information on tick proofing be added to the next newsletter.

- *NSFM - Request for feedback on Resolution Process*

Mayor Harding told Council that he feels that the Resolution process seems to work quite well as it is. He will respond to the email regarding the Resolution Process.

- *Letter of concern from Mayor Karen Mattatall re: HST distribution*

Council feels that Mayor Mattatall has raised a valid point. The Town Clerk/Treasurer informed Council that Municipal Units receive a rebate portion of the HST on all the purchases that the Town makes and we also receive the HST offset every year however; Mayor Mattatall's suggestion is in addition to these points. Her suggestion is based on HST collected.

After a short discussion the following motion was made:

03-11-19-07

It was duly moved and seconded that Council send a letter to the Town of Shelburne supporting their request for suggested changes to the HST program.

Motion Passed

- *South Shore – HRM Regional Meeting, April 18, 2019*

Mayor Harding will not be attending this Regional Meeting. We have until April 11, 2019 to respond to the invitation which will give us time to peruse the agenda items for the Meeting.

The Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities Spring Workshop will be held in May so Council decided to wait to make a decision on sending a representative to the Regional Meeting.

- *Future Town of Lockeport Birthday celebration schedule*

Council have had previous discussions on the matter of the Town Birthday celebrations and wondering if we should be doing a celebration every year or just celebrating milestones. The general consensus of this Council is that to celebrate every five years is sufficient. The Town's 110th Birthday was in 2017 which means in 2022 Lockeport will be 115 years old. It was decided that the next Town Birthday celebration will be held in 2022.

- *Market Research into Need for Communication Services*

The Town Clerk/Treasurer feels that this offer of Communication Services would be of no benefit to the Town of Lockeport. The following motion was made:

03-11-19-08

**It was duly moved and seconded that the Town of Lockeport not take advantage of the offer of Communication Services from Steve Harder.
Motion Passed**

- *Change Committee of the Whole Meeting to a second monthly Regular Council Meeting*

Council has been considering replacing the Committee of the Whole Meeting with a second Council Meeting to be held on the fourth Monday of the month.

The Town Clerk/Treasurer presented a draft/amended Committee Meetings & Proceedings Policy for Council's consideration and the following motion was made:

03-11-19-09

**It was duly moved and seconded that the amended Council Meetings & Proceedings Policy be approved with the addition of Economic Development to the agenda for the Meeting on the fourth Monday of the month.
Motion Passed**

- *Policy Repeal*

03-11-19-10

**It was duly moved and seconded that the former Committee of the Whole Policy be repealed as of March 11, 2019.
Motion Passed**

10. For Information

- *Letter re: Notices for consultation sessions regarding minimum planning requirements*
- *Letter re: New Proposed Funding Model for Nova Scotia Libraries*
- *News Release re: Proposed changes giving Municipalities more autonomy in spending powers*

Mayor Harding commented that mandated services have to come first and in the end we are still a small unit with limited funds to work with. We will operate frugally as we always have.

- *Clean Nova Scotia*

Mayor Harding handed out copies of the agenda for the final Meeting regarding the Municipal Climate Action Initiative that he plans to attend tomorrow in Halifax. The Mayor reviewed the agenda items and commented on the Mapping Exercise which is used to identify vulnerable areas and areas for potential projects.

Many vulnerable areas were identified during the discussion such as the erosion on South Street, the Inner Harbour side of Calf Island Road, the Causeway etc.

Mayor Harding has already asked the Town Clerk/Treasurer to make contact with Harlow's Construction to get their opinion.

11. Council Reports

- *Councillor Eshelby*
 - *February 11, 2019 – Bernadette Jordan – Lockeport*
 - *February 11, 2019 – Regular Council Meeting- Lockeport*
 - *February 13, 2019 – Future Proofing Lockeport – Lockeport*
 - *February 22, 2019 – Union Negotiations – Lockeport*
 - *February 25, 2019 – Committee of the Whole Meeting – Lockeport*
 - *February 26, 2019 – Roseway Manor Board Meeting - Shelburne*
- *Councillor DeMings-Taylor*
 - *February 4, 2019 – Black Loyalist Proclamation – Shelburne*
 - *February 7, 2019 – Housing Coalition – Shelburne*
 - *February 11, 2019 – Bernadette Jordan – Lockeport*
 - *February 11, 2019 – Regular Council Meeting – Lockeport*
 - *February 13, 2019 – Future Proofing Lockeport – Lockeport*
 - *February 18, 2019 – Recreation Committee – Lockeport*
 - *February 25, 2019 – Committee of the Whole Meeting – Lockeport*
 - *February 26, 2019 – Town's Birthday celebration - Lockeport*
- *Councillor Balish*
 - *February 11, 2019 – Regular Council Meeting – Lockeport*
 - *February 13, 2019 – Future Proofing Lockeport – Lockeport*
 - *February 25, 2019 – Committee of the Whole Meeting – Lockeport*
 - *February 28, 2019 – Western Counties Regional Library - Yarmouth*
- *Deputy Mayor Swimm*
 - *February 11, 2019 – Regular Council Meeting – Lockeport*
 - *February 14, 2019 – July 1st Meeting – Lockeport*
 - *February 19, 2019 – Asset Management Team Meeting–Lockeport*
 - *February 22, 2019 – Union Negotiations – Lockeport*
 - *February 25, 2019 – Committee of the Whole Meeting – Lockeport*
 - *February 26, 2019 – Town's Birthday celebration - Lockeport*
 - *February 26, 2019 – Roseway Manor Board Meeting - Shelburne*

- *Mayor Harding*
 - *February 4, 2019 – Housing Meeting – Shelburne*
 - *February 5, 2019 – Office Hours*
 - *February 7, 2019 – Office Hours*
 - *February 11, 2019 – Bernadette Jordan – Lockeport*
 - *February 11, 2019 – Regular Council Meeting – Lockeport*
 - *February 12, 2019 – Office Hours*
 - *February 12, 2019 – Open House at Medical Clinic – Shelburne*
 - *February 13, 2019 – Office Work*
 - *February 13, 2019 – Future Proofing Lockeport – Lockeport*
 - *February 14, 2019 – Office Hours*
 - *February 14, 2019 – July 1st Meeting – Lockeport*
 - *February 19, 2019 – Office Hours*
 - *February 19, 2019 - Asset Management Team Meeting – Lockeport*
 - *February 20, 2019 – Judge at Lockeport Regional High School Science Fair*
 - *February 22, 2019 – AIM Public Engagement workshop- Halifax*
 - *February 25, 2019 – Committee of the Whole Meeting – Lockeport*
 - *February 26, 2019 – Office Hours*
 - *February 26, 2019 - Birthday celebration - Lockeport*
 - *February 26, 2019 – Roseway Manor Board Meeting – Shelburne*
 - *February 28, 2019 – Office Hours*

12. Correspondence

- *Community Forests*

Correspondence was received by Mayor Harding addressed to the Minister of Lands and Forestry, regarding clear cutting of our forests. Mayor Harding distributed copies to Council and a discussion followed. The following motion was made:

03-11-19-11

It was duly moved and seconded that Council send a letter to the Honourable Iain Rankin, Minister of Lands & Forestry regarding clear cutting of our local forests; and to encourage sustainable forest practices, biodiversity and proper Stewardship for future generations.

Motion Passed

13. Date of next meeting

- *Monday, April 8, 2019*

03-11-19-12

It was duly moved and seconded that Council go in Camera to discuss Ratification of the Union Contract and Tax Sale. Time 7:30 p.m.

Motion Passed

14. “In Camera”

The Committee returned to Regular session and the following motions were made:

- *“Ratification of the Union Contract”*

03-11-19-13

It was duly moved and seconded that Council ratifies the Collective Agreement with I.B.E.W. 1928 covering the period of November 1st, 2018 to October 31st, 2020.

Motion Passed

- *“Tax Sale”*

03-11-19-14

It was duly moved and seconded that the Town Clerk/Treasurer be directed to commence Tax Sale Proceedings on the four properties reviewed by Council.

Motion Passed

15. Adjournment

03-11-19-15

There being no further business to discuss it was duly moved and seconded that the Meeting be adjourned. Time 8:08 p.m.

Motion Passed

George R. Harding,
Mayor

Joyce Young,
Town Clerk/Treasurer