

**TOWN OF LOCKEPORT  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M.  
MINUTES**

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

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: MUNICIPAL FINANCE CORPORATION  
REPRESENTATIVE, PAUL WILLS**

**ABSENT WITH REGRETS: COUNCILLOR DAYLE ESHELBY**

**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**

**03-12-18-01**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved with the following addition under Finance: Required transfer of Federal Gas Tax funds to the Special Reserve Capital.**

**Motion Passed**

**4. Approval of previous minutes**

- *Regular Council Meeting Minutes, February 12, 2018*

**03-12-18-02**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the Minutes from February 12, 2018 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

In attendance in the gallery were Yvonne (Bonnie) Nickerson, Caroline Godin and Jacqueline Goldsmith. Below are listed their concerns:

Yvonne expressed the strong feeling that she is sensing of deterioration in the Town of Lockeport. She is concerned about the causeway, streets, sidewalks, trestle etc. and wonders what Council plans to do to address these issues.

Caroline has all the same concerns as Yvonne's. In addition Caroline asked if the Town of Lockeport has Emergency Measures in place in case the causeway becomes compromised.

Jacqueline has the same concerns as the others along with being concerned about the ALY KAT Restaurant/Lounge. Jacqueline feels that what goes on at the ALY KAT does not show Lockeport in a good light.

Mayor Harding thanked the ladies for attending and assured them that Council will get back to them as soon as possible regarding their concerns.

## 6. Presentations

- *Paul Wills – Debt Affordability Model*

Paul presented the information to Council and explained how the model works and that it is a procedural change. Paul thinks this will be a great tool for Council to use during budget deliberations. Paul answered Council's questions and Mayor Harding thanked Paul for his time.

## 7. Recommendations from Other Committees

- *Committee of the Whole, February 26, 2018 (Attached as Schedule "A")*
- *July 1<sup>st</sup>*

**03-12-18-03**

**It was duly moved and seconded that Cory Nick Entertainment be engaged to provide a Video Street Dance during the 2018 July 1<sup>st</sup> celebrations at a cost of \$500.**

**Motion Passed**

**03-12-18-04**

**It was duly moved and seconded that \$350 be allocated to cover the rental fee of a blow-up arch for use with the Epic Canadian Satellite runs being held during the 2018 July 1<sup>st</sup> celebrations.**

**Motion Passed**

**03-12-18-05**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the Community Coordinator be authorized to book a contract with Yarmouth Big Bounce for the 2018 July 1<sup>st</sup> celebrations at a cost of no more than \$2,500.**

**Motion Passed**

At this time Deputy Mayor Swimm assured those present that these expenditures are coming from July 1<sup>st</sup>, not the Town's operating budget.

- *Heat Pumps – Rec Centre*

**03-12-18-06**

**It was duly moved and seconded that a remote control for the heat pumps in the Recreation Centre be kept in the Mayor's Office, allowing access to the Community Coordinator and Councillors, for setting required temperatures in the Recreation Centre.**

**Motion Passed**

- *Shelburne County Lobster Festival*

**03-12-18-07**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the Lockeport Community Coordinator be authorized to act as the Treasurer of the Shelburne County Lobster Festival at this time; however, if it becomes evident that the position is negatively affecting her ability to perform her required duties for the Town then she is to remove herself from the Treasurer's position.**

**Motion Passed**

- *Municipal Physical Activity Leadership (MPAL)*

**03-12-18-08**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the Town of Lockeport commit to extending the current MPAL Agreement by one year (2018/2019) and approve the funding in the amount of \$1,000.**

**Motion Passed**

- *AMA Spring Conference funding request*

**03-12-18-09**

**It was duly moved and seconded that The Town of Lockeport support the AMA Spring Conference with a contribution of \$100.00.**

**Motion Passed**

- *Fiber Op Project*

**03-12-18-10**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the Town of Lockeport take advantage of the proposal put forward by the Municipality of the District of Shelburne and participate in their Fibre Op project which would include installation of that service to Lockeport at a cost to the Town of \$100,000, utilizing Federal Gas Tax Funds, with payments being made to the District of Shelburne in the form of 1/3 for the next three years.**

**Motion Passed**

- *Asset Management Peer-to-Peer Project*

**03-12-18-11**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the Town of Lockeport participate in the Regional Asset Management Working Group facilitated by the Atlantic Infrastructure Management Network at a cost to the Town of \$3,000.**

**Motion Passed**

- *FCM Asset Management Condition Assessments and Training Project*

**03-12-18-12**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the Town of Lockeport approve making application through the FCM for Municipal Asset Management Program funding for the completion of condition assessments and training at a maximum cost to the Town of \$12,500 utilizing Federal Gas Tax funds.**

**Motion Passed**

## 8. Finance

- *Transfer of Federal Gas Tax funds to the Special Reserve Capital*

**03-12-18-13**

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council authorize the transfer of \$11,123.16 from the General Operating Account to the Special Reserve Capital – Gas Tax Fund.**

**Motion Passed**

## 9. Other Business

- *Shelburne County Housing Coalition*

This item will be on the agenda for a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

- *2018 FCM Conference & Trade Show*

Joyce gave some background on this Annual Conference and explained that in past years it has always been held far enough away that Council would have to travel by air, therefore making it far too expensive.

Joyce just wanted Council to be aware that the Conference is coming up in Halifax May 31 to June 3, 2018.

- *CAO/CEO Forum*

It was decided to wait until we see an agenda before deciding if anyone will attend this forum.

- *Letter of concern from Joe Rossiter re: Calf Island Road*

Calf Island Road was discussed at length. The road needs to be repaired because it is an important piece of infrastructure. A consultant will be contracted to complete a condition assessment on the road and provide recommendations to Council. The following motion was made:

**03-12-18-14**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the Town Clerk/Treasurer write a letter to Mr. Rossiter explaining to him what will be happening and assuring him that the problem is being addressed.**

**Motion Passed**

- *Shelburne County Tourism Association Annual; General Meeting*

Council is already booked to be in attendance at a Joint Council Policing Meeting at the same time as the Tourism Meeting. Mayor Harding asked Joyce to send an email expressing regrets from all Council to the Shelburne County Tourism Association.

- *Campaign to protect Offshore Nova Scotia – March 21, 2018 Meeting*

**03-12-18-15**

**It was duly moved and seconded that Deputy Mayor Swimm and Councillor Balish attend the March 21, 2018 meeting regarding Offshore Drilling that is scheduled for March 21, 2018 at the Shelburne Fire Hall.**

**Motion Passed**

Deputy Mayor Swimm asked Joyce to RSVP for Councillor Balish and herself.

- *Joint Council Meeting notice re: Shared Policing Services*

Mayor Harding explained some of the background information to the gallery leading up to this meeting on Shared Policing Services. The Town of Lockeport currently pays approximately \$155,000 annually for RCMP services. At this upcoming meeting there will be discussion regarding the Town of Shelburne, the Municipality of the District of Shelburne and the Town of Lockeport investigating the cost of sharing policing services.

All of Council will be in attendance at this meeting except Mayor Harding who is otherwise engaged.

## **10. For Information**

- *UNSM Initiatives Report*

Mayor Harding explained to the gallery about the Accessibility Act and the fact that the Town is mandated to make Town buildings accessible to the public.

- *UNSM Board Report*

Mayor Harding reported that he and Joyce were part of this discussion through a webinar. Municipal Units do not seem to be discussing amalgamation as much as they have in the past. Instead they are being encouraged to, and are sharing services as much as possible.

The Town of Lockeport currently shares many services with the Municipality of the District of Shelburne as well as some with the Town of Shelburne.

Joyce reported that there may also be an opportunity to share the services of a vacuum truck to clean out the lift stations and dispose of the contents with the Municipality of Argyle.

- *Letter to UNSM from Jimmy MacAlpine, Warden, Municipality of Digby*

It was noted that the new name for UNSM has been approved as the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) but work is presently ongoing on the logo, branding materials and website so until the work is complete, the old name will continue to be used.

## **11. Council Reports**

- *Councillor Kent Balish*
  - *Shelburne County East RCMP Advisory Board Special Meeting (Attached as Schedule "B")*

Councillor Balish reviewed his report on the Special meeting of the Shelburne County East RCMP Advisory Committee that was held on February 16, 2018.

If the Town of Shelburne decide not to use RCMP services the existing RCMP station in Shelburne cannot be utilized. It is owned by the Town of Shelburne.

Regional RCMP Services will be discussed at the Joint Council Policing Meeting scheduled for March 14, 2018 in Shelburne.

- *Councillor Dayle Eshelby*
  - *Shelburne County Housing Coalition (Attached as Schedule "C")*

Councillor Eshelby was not in attendance at this meeting.

- *Import Replacement (Attached as Schedule "D")*

Deputy Mayor Swimm attended the session on Import Replacement and felt it was a very good presentation. If every resident changed to 10% local shopping the result would be huge.

The Town of Lockeport incorporates many of the suggestions already by buying locally and hiring local contractors as much as possible.

Deputy Mayor Swimm reminded everyone that in order to run a viable business you must have a market for your product.

Joyce expressed the wish that the Lockeport Business Association was still active and Mayor Harding informed her that they plan to meet soon to discuss how to move forward. Councillor Balish expressed an interest in attending the Meeting.

- *Mayor Harding*
- *Dopplar Report*

This Meeting was planned because the fishermen expressed the need for access to a more accurate weather reporting system than they currently have.

Mayor Harding reported that this was a very good meeting but the conclusion that was reached is that Dopplar is not what the fishermen need.

Environment Canada will continue to work with the fishermen to reach a solution to this problem.

## **12. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence this evening.

## **13. Date of next meeting**

*Monday, April 9, 2018*

## **14. "In Camera"**

## **15. Adjournment**

**03-12-18-16**

**There being no further business to discuss it was duly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.**

**Motion Passed**

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**George Harding,  
Mayor**

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**Joyce Young,  
Town Clerk/Treasurer**