

**TOWN OF LOCKEPORT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

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

04-09-18-01

**It was duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved with the following addition:
Under Council Reports for Councillor Balish – Council of Canadians.**

Motion Passed

4. Approval of previous minutes

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

04-09-18-02

It was duly moved and seconded that the Minutes from March 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

6. Presentations

- *Bonnie Nickerson*

Bonnie read the letter that she had previously sent to Council regarding her concerns about the adult entertainment that is periodically offered at the local AlyKat Lounge. Ms. Nickerson reiterated her suggestion from before that Council consider incorporating a By-Law to prohibit adult entertainment of any kind in the Town of Lockeport. Mayor Harding thanked Ms. Nickerson for her presentation.

7. Recommendations from Other Committees

- *Committee of the Whole, March 26, 2018*

- *Municipal Asset Management Program*

04-09-18-03

It was duly moved and seconded that the Municipal Asset Management team for the peer to peer (cohort) project, facilitated by the Atlantic Infrastructure Management (AIM) Network, shall consist of Mayor George R. Harding, Deputy Mayor Joann Swimm, Town Clerk/Treasurer, Joyce Young, Community Coordinator, Frances Scott and Working Streets Foreman, Kevin Snow.

Motion Passed

- *Recreation -Trails*

04-09-18-04

It was duly moved and seconded that the Trails sub-Committee of Recreation be authorized to proceed with steps to organize an event to seek public input around developing an updated active transportation plan for the Community.

Motion Passed

- *Vibrant, Active Nova Scotia Symposium*

04-09-18-05

It was duly moved and seconded that Mayor Harding be paid mileage for attending the Vibrant, Active Nova Scotia Symposium on March 7, 2018 in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

Motion Passed

8. Finance

- *Opening of Tenders*

Tender # TOL2018-001 – Supply & Install Wheelchair Lift

There were two tenders received for this project, as follows:

1. Gaudet Building Contractors, Halifax, NS
 - a. \$27,900.00 (9 weeks)
2. Lawton's Drugs, Shelburne County, NS
 - a. \$27,900.00 (10 weeks)

The following motion was made:

04-09-18-06

It was duly moved and seconded that Lawton's Drugs be awarded tender # TOL2018-001 for the supply and installation of a wheelchair lift, for the quoted price of \$27,900.00.

Motion Passed

Tender # TOL2018-002 – Town Hall Renovations

There were four tenders received for this project, as follows:

1. C&R Gillis Contracting Ltd., Torbrook Mines, NS
 - a. \$14,700.00 (4 weeks)
2. Rikjak Construction, Lunenburg, NS
 - a. \$34,720.00 (5 weeks)
3. Gaudet Building Contractors, Halifax, NS

- a. \$78,000.00 (6 weeks)
- 4. Onshore Construction, Shelburne, NS
 - a. \$47,950.00 (4 weeks)

Considering the extreme difference in the scope of the four tenders that were received it was questioned as to whether the contractors were confused as to exactly what the full scope of the project is supposed to include.

Joyce read aloud the detailed components of the tender and it was decided that before making any decision on who is awarded the tender, Joyce will have John Wonnacott in to look at the tenders and then he will contact the bidders to make sure they were all aware of the complete scope of the project.

Once all the contractors are contacted via email and responses are received the contract will be awarded at a future meeting of Council. The following motion was made:

04-09-18-07

It was duly moved and seconded that the final decision on the tender TOL2018-002 – Town Hall Renovations, be made after further investigation and questions have been answered.

Motion Passed

- *Eastern Fence Erectors quote*

There was a discussion held regarding the danger of the trestle and the fact that someone has taken it upon themselves to place a pallet and railroad ties across the openings in the trestle. This is a very dangerous situation and Council is concerned that others may think it is now safe to walk the trestle even though the boulders and signs are still in place to indicate otherwise.

Joyce brought up Google Earth to show Council where the gates will be positioned when they are installed. Councillor Balish suggested that we have all the information in one place for liability purposes just in case it is needed.

Councillor Eshelby questioned how gates will keep people from walking the trestle. It was determined that we need to have a Standard of Care in this situation and do our best to discourage people from walking in unsafe conditions. The following motion was made:

04-09-18-08

It was duly moved and seconded that Eastern Fence Erectors Limited be contracted to Supply & Install two Industrial Chain Link Gates at either end of the trestle per their quote of \$6,235.00 plus HST.

Motion Passed

In addition to the gates, “No Trespassing” signs will be placed at either end of the trestles.

9. Other Business

- *Motions required for New Fiscal Year – Auditor & Returning Officer- Assistant Returning Officer*

- *2017/2018 Auditor*

04-09-18-09

It was duly moved and seconded that Redding CA be appointed Auditor for the Town of Lockeport for fiscal year 2017/2018.

Motion Passed

It was mentioned that it has been suggested that Municipal Units should not retain the same auditor year after year but should periodically put it out for Tender.

Joyce reported that when Chris MacNeil was CAO of the Municipality of the District of Shelburne there was talk among the Town of Lockeport, Town of Shelburne and the Municipality of the District of Shelburne regarding forming a joint auditing Committee. Joyce will check with the CAO at Municipality of the District of Shelburne to see what progress has been made on this subject.

- *2018/2019 Returning Officer/ Assistant Returning Officer*

04-09-18-10

It was duly moved and seconded that Joyce Young be appointed as Returning Officer for the Town of Lockeport for the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 and June Harding be appointed as Assistant Returning Officer for the Fiscal Year 2018/2019.

Motion Passed

- *South Shore –HRM Regional Meeting*

04-09-18-11

It was duly moved and seconded that Councillor Eshelby be approved to attend the South Shore HRM Regional Meeting on April 23, 2018 in Bridgewater.

Motion Passed

- *Request for Council Feedback on UNSM Priorities for 2018*

Council asked Joyce to respond to the UNSM letting them know that Council feels that Priority Numbers 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10 are areas that the Town of Lockeport is in support of.

- *South Shore Regional Enterprise Network L&O Teleconference Report*

Information only.

- *Appointment of representative to the Shelburne County Housing Coalition*

04-09-18-12

It was duly moved and seconded that Councillor DeMings-Taylor be appointed to represent the Town of Lockeport on the Shelburne County Coalition Board.

Motion Passed

- *Shelburne County Housing Coalition - Housing Survey Results*

Information only.

- *Inter-Municipal Review of South Shore Regional Enterprise Network Highlights*

Information only.

- *Solid Waste By-Law for the Town of Lockeport (First Reading)*

04-09-18-13

It was duly moved and seconded that this be considered First Reading of the amendments to the Solid Waste By-Law for the Town of Lockeport.

Motion Passed

- *FCM Annual Conference & Trade Show*

There was a discussion regarding the importance of attending events such as this Conference but in the end the expense was considered too great for the Town of Lockeport at this time so no one will be attending this year.

- *2018 UNSM Spring Workshop*

04-09-18-14

It was duly moved and seconded that Mayor Harding be approved to attend the 2018 UNSM Spring Workshop, May 10th – 12th, 2018 in Yarmouth.

Motion Passed

- *Nova Scotia Health Authority Meeting – April 18, 2018 at Queens Place Emera Centre*

04-09-18-15

It was duly moved and seconded that Councillor Balish be authorized to attend the Nova Scotia Health Authority Meeting that is scheduled for April 18, 2018 at the Queens Place Emera Centre.

Motion Passed

10. For Information

- *UNSM Board Report – March 2, 2018*
- *Nova Scotia’s Recreational Cannabis Legislative Framework*
- *Funding Decision from the Department of Canadian Heritage*
- *Letter from Councillor Geoff Stewart, President UNSM to the Honourable Derek Mombourquette, Minister of the Department of Municipal Affairs*

11. Council Reports

- *Deputy Mayor Joann Swimm*
- *Rural Nova Scotia Health Crisis Working Group Report, March 20, 2018*

Deputy Mayor Swimm gained insight through this meeting. She feels that we need to move forward by showing Community positivity and hopefully that will attract Health Care Professionals to our area.

- *Councillor Kent Balish*
 - *Western Counties Regional Library, December 7, 2017
(Attached as Schedule “A”)*

Western Counties Regional Library Board will be hosting the Nova Scotia Library Association conference this year but no details are available yet.

- *Council of Canadians*

Councillor Balish and Deputy Mayor Swimm attended a Meeting at the Shelburne Fire Hall regarding Offshore Drilling on March 21, 2018.

The Council of Canadians are a group of people that are totally against offshore drilling and had a speaker present who has written a book on North American Oil Spill disasters.

Elected Officials need to look toward Economic Development but also need to ensure that all safety measures are in place to prevent disasters.

12. Correspondence

04-09-18-16

It was duly moved and seconded that the correspondence be accepted.

Motion Passed

- *Letter from Barb Harris, Nova Scotia Fracking Resource & Action Coalition*
- *Letter from Don Spicer, Director, Nova Scotia Justice Public Safety & Security Division*
- *Letter from Jacqueline Goldsmith, resident, Town of Lockeport*

There was a discussion regarding the content of this letter. Ms. Goldsmith was in attendance at the Regular Council Meeting in March at which time she expressed her concerns regarding the adult entertainment that is periodically offered at the local AlyKat Lounge and the negative reflection this poses to the Town of Lockeport. Mayor Harding addressed Ms. Goldsmith’s concerns at that time through correspondence with her, advising her to direct her concerns to Nova Scotia Department of Alcohol & Gaming.

It was obvious to Council that Ms. Goldsmith was not aware that adult entertainment regulations fall within Alcohol & Gaming Regulations.

Mayor Harding will follow up with Ms. Goldsmith on this issue.

13. Date of next meeting

Monday, May 14, 2018

14. “In Camera”

There was nothing for “In Camera” this evening.

15. Adjournment

04-09-18-17

There being no further business to discuss, it was duly moved and seconded that the Meeting be adjourned. Time 8:40 p.m.

Motion Passed

**George R. Harding,
Mayor**

**Joyce Young,
Town Clerk/Treasurer**