

**TOWN OF LOCKEPORT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 11, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M.
AGENDA**

PRESENT: MAYOR DARIAN HUSKILSON, DEPUTY MAYOR ALONZO (LONNIE) TOWNSEND, COUNCILLOR ERROL L. WILLIAMS, COUNCILLOR DAYLE ESHELBY, COUNCILLOR JOANN SWIMM AND RECORDING SECRETARY, JUNE HARDING-SCOTT

1. Call to order

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Huskilson at 7:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

05-11-15-01

It was duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion Passed

3. Approval of previous minutes

- *Regular Council Meeting, Monday, April 13, 2015*

05-11-15-02

It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, April 13, 2015 be approved.

Motion Passed

- *Special Council Meeting, Monday, April 20, 2015*

05-11-15-03

It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes from the Special Council Meeting on Monday, April 20, 2015 be approved.

Motion Passed

4. Open Mic

Nothing this evening.

5. Presentations – *Friends of Kids Corner Preschool (Attached as Schedule “A”)*

There were several members of the “Friends of Kids Corner Preschool” group present. Bevin Joudrie spoke for the group and outlined their proposal which is attached to these minutes. Bevin assured Council that the new preschool they are working on getting licensed will be totally independent of the Town except for their request to use the same space that the current preschool already occupies. The group is hoping to be properly licensed by September but due to regulations they are not sure if this is possible. They have already advertised for expressions of interest in a Director and have had several interested parties contact them.

Council wishes to be supportive of this endeavor so set a meeting for discussion for Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. The “Friends of the Kids Corner Preschool” were invited to attend at 10:30 a.m. after Council has had a chance to discuss this issue.

Mayor Huskilson congratulated the group on their hard work and thanked them for their presentation.

6. Recommendations from Other Committees

- *Crescent Beach Centre Committee, April 20, 2015*
 - *2015 Proposed Hours of Operation*

05-11-15-04

It was duly moved and seconded that the proposed hours of operation for the 2015 season be approved as outlined and recommended by the Crescent Beach Centre Committee.

Motion Passed

- *Committee of the Whole, April 27, 2015 (Attached as Schedule "B")*

05-11-15-05

It was duly moved and seconded that the recommendations from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Monday, April 27, 2015, be approved as presented.

Motion Passed

7. Finance

- *Shelburne County Health care Professional Recruitment and Retention Committee*

There was a short discussion on this item. Deputy Mayor Townsend informed Council that the Town of Lockeport is the only unit that has continued to financially support this program in a timely fashion. All other units are behind in payments.

- *Sou'West Nova Transit Association*

Council wishes to show support for this program. Council will ask Joyce to contact Renata Tweedy, Sou'West Nova Transit Association to find out how we can help through correspondence etc. This item will be deferred to the next meeting when we have the information from Joyce.

8. Other Business

- *Provincial Announcement on Towns and Villages*

Information purposes only.

At this time Councillor Swimm informed Council that most of the sessions at the recent UNSM Spring Workshop had an underlying tone regarding smaller Rural Communities and the struggle everyone is having financially.

Councillor Swimm informed Council that all of the presentations from the workshop are currently online on the UNSM website.

Councillor Swimm also stated that the regulations that govern Aquaculture have gone from being the responsibility of the Department of Fisheries to the Department of the Environment.

- *Proposal from Hovig Gurlekian re: Purchase of 180 East Green Harbour Road (Attached as Schedule "C")*

Mayor Huskison explained that he and Deputy Mayor Townsend had assessed the property at 180 East Green Harbour Road and found that there are copious amounts of rubbish in several places on the property.

Mr. Jamison, who owns the property adjacent to 180 East Green Harbour Road intends to clean up the rubbish on his own property.

Mr. Jamison has suggested that the Town might like to partner with him to clean up the two adjacent properties at what he thinks will be a lower cost. Mayor Huskilson spoke to the contractor who is cleaning up Mr. Jamison's property and the contractor told the Mayor that it would cost the Town of Lockeport between \$2000.00 and \$2500.00 but no more than \$2500.00 to clear away the rubbish on the Town of Lockeport property.

In light of the fact that the amount of rubbish is substantial and the Town of Lockeport is anticipating receiving a letter from the Municipality of the District of Shelburne regarding the state of the property at 180 East Green Harbour Road, Council asked Mayor Huskilson to call Mark A. Williams Excavating tomorrow to see if he would like to give a second estimate on what his company would charge to clear the rubbish from the Town's piece of property. The following motion was made:

05-11-15-06

It was duly moved and seconded that the appropriate steps be taken to have the property located at 180 East Green Harbour Road cleaned up at the lowest possible cost to the Town of Lockeport.

Motion Passed

In relation to the request to purchase the property at 180 East Green Harbour Road, Mayor Huskilson read a solicitor's letter that had been received by the Town of Lockeport in 2007, at which time the Town was researching what options were available for use of this property. The solicitor's letter stated that the property at 180 East Green Harbour Road was given to the Town of Lockeport to be specifically used for a ball field or for other Recreational purposes. Currently Scott's Fun and Games is leasing the property but has already decided not to renew the lease this year.

The discussion continued regarding the proper process required to sell a piece of property owned by a Municipal Unit. The following motion was made;

05-11-15-07

It was duly moved and seconded that Council ask the Town Clerk/Treasurer to research the MGA and other available sources to gather information on the proper procedure required for a Municipal Unit to divest itself of a piece of property (sell or lease). Council would also like the Town Clerk/Treasurer to inform the interested party of the process.

Motion Passed

- *First Reading of Vending By-Law*

After a lengthy discussion regarding the fee structure in the vending By-Law the following motion was made:

05-11-15-08

It was duly moved and seconded that the first reading of the Vending By-Law be approved.

Motion Passed

In Favour-

**Deputy Mayor Townsend
Councillor Eshelby
Councillor Williams
Councillor Swimm
Mayor Huskilson**

Against-

- *Roaming Sailors Debris*

05-11-15-09

It was duly moved and seconded that the Town of Lockeport accept the offer from Mark A. Williams Excavating for removal of the Roaming Sailor Debris on Crest Street, at his proposed cost of \$1000.00.

Motion Passed

- *RCMP Acknowledgement of Consultation*

Mayor Huskison has some concerns regarding the RCMP Acknowledgement of Consultation Statement so the following motion was made:

05-11-15-10

It was duly moved and seconded that Mayor Huskison have a discussion with Sergeant Parry and put forward Council's concerns regarding the RCMP Acknowledgement of Consultation Statement and then bring the information back to Council.

Motion Passed

- *Invitation to "Host Family Program Initiative" discussion*

05-11-15-11

It was duly moved and seconded that Mayor Huskison attend the meeting scheduled for May 21, 2015 in the Community Room at Sobeys as a representative for the Town of Lockeport and report back to Council.

Motion Passed

9. Council Reports

Councillor Joann Swimm

- *Shelburne County East RCMP Advisory Board Report (Attached as Schedule "D")*

Councillor Swimm presented her report.

- *Acceptance of Correspondence*

05-11-15-12

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

Motion Passed

10. Correspondence

- *Letter to Dr. Peter Vaughan, Deputy Minister, Department of Health & Wellness from Dylan Heide, CAO Town of Shelburne*

05-11-15-13

It was duly moved and seconded that the Town of Lockeport send a letter in support of the Barrington/CSI Dialysis Support Group to the Department of Health and Wellness.

Motion Passed

Council will ask the Town Clerk/Treasurer to contact the Barrington/CSI Dialysis group to remind them that the Town of Lockeport previously assigned representatives to this Committee but have not been made aware of the meetings thus far.

- *Letter to Mayor Huskilson from the Honourable Joanne Bernard, Minister of Community Services*

11. Date of next meeting

- *Monday, June 8, 2015*

12. “In Camera”

05-11-15-14

It was duly moved and seconded that the Committee go “In Camera” to discuss a personnel issue. Time 9:05 p.m.

Motion Passed

13. Adjournment

It was duly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Time 10:00 p.m.

**Darian Huskilson,
Mayor**

**June Harding-Scott,
Recording Secretary**