

**TOWN OF LOCKEPORT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 14, 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

3. Approval of Agenda

05-14-18-01

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

4. Approval of previous minutes

- *Regular Council Meeting Minutes, April 9, 2018*

05-14-18-02

**It was duly moved and seconded that the Regular Council Minutes from April 9,
2018 be approved.**

Motion Passed

- *Finance/Budget Meeting Minutes, April 13, 2018*

05-14-18-03

**It was duly moved and seconded that the Minutes from the Finance/Budget Meeting
on April 13, 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

There were no presentations this evening.

7. Recommendations from Other Committees

- *Committee of the Whole, April 23, 2018*

- *Removable steps on the Beach*

05-14-18-04

It was duly moved and seconded that as recommended by the Committee of the Whole, pricing be obtained on the cost to replace the removable steps to the beach across from the soccer field. This information will be forwarded to Council for a formal decision.

Motion Passed

- *Damage to the Boardwalk*

05-14-18-05

It was duly moved and seconded that as recommended by the Committee of the Whole, a contractor be asked to reposition the Boardwalk as soon as possible.

Motion Passed

- *Lockeport Area Preschool*

05-14-18-06

It was duly moved and seconded that as recommended by the Committee of the Whole, Council accept the terms of the proposal put forward by the Lockeport Area Preschool.

Motion Passed

8. Finance

- *Required Motion to transfer \$903.00 to Operating Reserve per 2017/2018 budget*

05-14-18-07

It was duly moved and seconded that \$903.00 be transferred from the Operating Account to the Operating Reserve per the 2017/2018 budget.

Motion Passed

- *2018/2019 Operating Budget*

- *Remunerations*

05-14-18-08

It was duly moved and seconded that the Mayor's remuneration for the fiscal year 2018/2019 remain at \$15,500.00 and;

The Deputy Mayor's remuneration for the fiscal year 2018/2019 remain at \$12,000.00 and;

The Councillors remuneration for the fiscal year 2018/2019 remains at \$11,000.

Motion Passed

- *Residential Tax Rate*

05-14-18-09

It was duly moved and seconded that the residential tax rate for the 2018/2019 fiscal year be set at \$2.36 per \$100 of assessment.

Motion Passed

- *Commercial Tax Rate*

05-14-18-10

It was duly moved and seconded that the Commercial tax rate for the 2018/2019 fiscal year remain at \$5.39 per \$100 of assessment.

Motion Passed

- *Interest Rate on Outstanding Taxes*

05-14-18-11

It was duly moved and seconded that the interest rate on outstanding taxes remains at 16% per annum for the 2018/2019 fiscal year.

Motion Passed

- *Operating Budget 2018/2019(Attached as Schedule "A")*

05-14-18-12

It was duly moved and seconded that the Operating Budget for 2018/2019 be approved as presented.

Motion Passed

Joyce reported that the cost for RCMP services for the 2018/2019 fiscal year have just been received today in the mail and came in a couple hundred dollars under the amount we budgeted.

- *Fire Chief Leo T. Williams Memorial Bursary request*

There was a discussion held regarding this bursary. Joyce explained the background information that occurred during the last Mayor's reign. It was understood there had been a verbal agreement with the Town of Lockeport, the Lockeport & Area Medical First Responders and the Lockeport Fire Department. Each of the three were to give \$160.00 per year and the remaining \$20.00 was to come from a fund at the school, for a total of \$500.00. The other two contributed for two years and then stopped. When Joyce spoke to the Fire Chief about the situation she was told this was something the previous Mayor had decided. The following motion was made:

05-14-18-13

It was duly moved and seconded that the Town of Lockeport pay the full \$500.00 this year for the Fire Chief Leo T. Williams Bursary and letters be sent to the Medical First Responders and the Fire Department asking if they are willing to contribute to this bursary from now on.

Motion Passed

- *Town of Lockeport Bursaries request*

05-14-18-14

It was duly moved and seconded that the Town of Lockeport provide two \$250.00 bursaries to Lockeport Regional High School for the graduates of the school year ending June, 2018.

Motion Passed

- *Letter from the Municipality of the District of Shelburne re: 2018/2019 grant for the Visitors Information Centre*
- *Letter from the Municipality of the District of Shelburne re: 2018/2019 grant for the Lockeport & Area July 1st Celebrations*

It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to the Municipality of the District of Shelburne expressing gratitude for the grants that were received by the Town of Lockeport for the Visitors Information Centre and the Lockeport & Area July 1st Celebrations.

9. Other Business

- *Vacancy on the Board of the Western County Regional Housing Authority*

05-14-18-15

It was duly moved and seconded that Council reappoint Catherine MacIntosh as representative for the Town of Lockeport on the Board of the Western County Regional Housing Authority.

A letter will be sent to the Minister of Community Services regarding the appointment with a carbon copy to Ms. MacIntosh.

Motion Passed

- *Second and final reading of the amendments to the Town of Lockeport Solid Waste By-Law*

05-14-18-16

It was duly moved and seconded that this be considered second and final reading of the amendments to the Town of Lockeport Solid Waste By-Law.

Motion Passed

- *Letter from the Honourable Derek Mombourquette, Minister of the Department of Municipal Affairs to the UNSM/NSFM*

Council have some concerns regarding this letter, mainly the section about Housing and the future expenses that may be in store for the Municipal Units. The following motion was made:

05-14-18-17

It was duly moved and seconded that Council send a letter to the Minister of the Department of Municipal Affairs outlining Council's concerns regarding the future of public housing buildings and the cost that may be passed on to the Municipal Units.

Motion Passed

- *Request from the Lockeport & Area Mini-Relay for Life*

Mayor Harding will be away at this time so Deputy Mayor Swimm and Councillor Balish will attend the Lockeport & Area Mini-Relay for Life on June 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. to say a few words at the opening ceremonies.

Deputy Mayor Swimm has already notified the school that this will take place.

- *News Release from UNSM/NSFM re: Cannabis Legalization*

Joyce assured Council that the subject of Cannabis Legalization will come up at the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (formerly UNSM) Fall conference.

- *Official notice of withdrawing from Roseway Manor Board effective immediately*

It has been a year since the Town of Lockeport agreed to stay on the Roseway Manor Board to help with the transition to Community membership and nothing has yet happened so the following motion was made:

05-14-18-18

It was duly moved and seconded that the Town of Lockeport withdraw from the Roseway Manor Board, effective immediately. A letter will be sent to the Roseway Manor Board to notify them of Council's decision and will be carbon copied to the Town of Shelburne and the Municipality of the District of Shelburne.

Motion Passed

- *Request to the Ragged Islands Historical Society*

05-14-18-19

It was duly moved and seconded that a letter be sent to the Ragged Islands Historical Society asking them to fund the creation and installation of the three interpretive signs described in this letter.

Motion Passed

- *Cell Phone recycling*

It was agreed that we can become a drop off station for used cell phones. We will need to determine the best location for the drop off.

- *Nova Scotia Health Authority Conversation*

Deputy Mayor Swimm will attend this meeting. June was asked to register the Deputy Mayor.

- *Session on May 22, 2018 by the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board*

05-14-18-20

It was duly moved and seconded that Deputy Mayor Swimm and Councillor Balish be approved to attend the session being hosted by the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board that is scheduled for Tuesday, May 22, 2018 in Yarmouth.

Motion Passed

June was asked to RSVP for the Deputy Mayor and Councillor Balish.

- *Public Engagement Sessions regarding Accessibility in Nova Scotia*

05-14-18-21

It was duly moved and seconded that Councillor Balish be approved to attend the Public Engagement Session regarding Accessibility in Nova Scotia being held in Bridgewater on May 23, 2018.

Motion Passed

June was asked to register Councillor Balish.

10. For Information

- *News Release from Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board*
- *Letter from the Municipality of the District of Shelburne re: Policing*
- *Roseway Hospital Community Update*

11. Council Reports

- *Councillor Eshelby*

05-14-18-21

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve paying Councillor Eshelby's mileage for April, 2018 for 346 kms.

Motion Passed

- *Councillor DeMings-Taylor*
- *Councillor Balish*
- *Deputy Mayor Swimm*

05-14-18-22

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve paying Deputy Mayor Swimm's mileage for April, 2018 for 63 kms.

Motion Passed

- *Mayor Harding*

Mayor Harding reported that he and Joyce had attended a presentation on May 11, 2018 at the UNSM/NSFM Spring Conference. The Town of Shelburne and the Town of Lockeport are involved together in two Asset Management Pilot Projects which were the focus of this presentation.

Mayor Harding was congratulated on the interview he did with CBC radio regarding the FCI's.

Shelburne County Mental Health & Wellness Coalition is setting up warm lines in Shelburne, Barrington and Lockeport. The purpose of these lines is for those who need to talk to someone but are not in a crisis situation.

12. Correspondence

05-14-18-23

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

Motion Passed

- *Letter from Allen Webber, Warden for the Municipality of the District of Chester*
- *Letter from Nova Scotia Power in response to letter from the Town of Lockeport*

13. Date of next meeting

- *Monday, June 11, 2018*

14. "In Camera"

15. Adjournment

05-14-18-24

There being no further business to discuss, it was duly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Time 7:46 p.m.

Motion Passed

George R. Harding
Mayor

Joyce Young,
Town Clerk/Treasurer