

**TOWN OF LOCKEPORT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 11, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

PRESENT: DEPUTY MAYOR TOWNSEND, COUNCILLOR ERROL L. WILLIAMS, COUNCILLOR JOANN SWIMM, COUNCILLOR DAYLE ESHELBY, TOWN CLERK/TREASURER, JOYCE YOUNG AND RECORDING SECRETARY, JUNE HARDING

MAYOR HUSKILSON LEFT WORD THAT HE WILL BE LATE ARRIVING

1. Call to order

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

2. Silence Electronic Devices

Deputy Mayor Townsend asked that all electronic devices be silenced at this time.

3. Approval of Agenda

07-11-16-01

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

4. Approval of previous minutes

- *Regular Council Meeting Minutes, June 13, 2016*

07-11-16-02

It was duly moved and seconded that the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of June 13, 2016 be approved.

Motion Passed

- *Special Council Meeting Minutes, June 20, 2016*

07-11-16-03

It was duly moved and seconded that the Minutes from the Special Council Meeting of June 20, 2016 be approved.

Motion Passed

5. Open Mic

Becky Williams (Blades) expressed her displeasure in the Dangerous or Unsightly properties currently in the Town of Lockeport. Ms. Williams feels that there is not enough action being taken by Council to correct the problems. In particular Ms. Williams spoke of the disgraceful condition of the property known as “the Old Royal Bank” at 47 South Water Street and the two properties owned by Kevin Chetwynd located at 46 North Street and 7 Cliff Street.

Ms. Williams also spoke about the danger of tree branches hanging over certain streets in the Town and being hit by vehicles and that they should be trimmed back as soon as possible.

Shay-lea O’Brien expressed concern regarding the corner of Hall and South Street. Ms. O’Brien feels this is a dangerous corner and she is afraid for her children playing in the area. Ms. O’Brien also expressed concern with the state of the “Old Royal Bank” at 47 South Water Street and the fact that children are curious and not always as cautious as they should be.

Joyce reported at this time that the office received a concern today from Marianne Swim regarding people speeding up and down James Street and there are currently children playing in this area. Ms. Swim was asking if there could be a sign posted on James Street asking people to slow down because there are children playing.

6. Presentations

There were no presentations this evening.

7. Recommendations from Other Committees

- *Economic Development/Planning Advisory, June 20, 2016 (Attached as Schedule "A")*
 - o *Offshore Oil & Gas*

07-11-16-04

It was duly moved and seconded that as recommended by the Committee of the Whole a letter be sent to the Clean Ocean Action Committee in support of their request to stop Oil & Gas exploration in Sites 3 and 4.

Motion Passed

- *Committee of the Whole, June 27, 2016 (Attached as Schedule "A")*
 - o *Hiring of Summer Staff*

07-11-16-05

It was duly moved and seconded that as recommended by the Committee of the Whole the following students be hired for the summer of 2016:

Crescent Beach Centre

- **Travel Counselor – Lea Cotter**
- **Travel Counselor – Emily Stewart**

Little School Museum

- **Museum Guide – Catherine Honeyberry**

July 1st/Recreation

- **Taylor Cotter**

Motion Passed

- o *Lockeport Area Preschool*

07-11-16-06

It was duly moved and seconded that as recommended by the Committee of the Whole, the Lockeport & Area Preschool be authorized to utilize the same space in the Recreation Centre as last year, for the 2016/2017 school year.

Motion Passed

Mayor Huskilson arrived at this time and took over as Chair. Time 6:15 p.m.

- o *Silence of Electronic Devices during meetings*

07-11-16-07

It was duly moved and seconded that as recommended by the Committee of the Whole all electronic devices be silenced during all meetings. Silencing of electronic devices will be the second item on the agenda after Call to Order.

Motion Passed

8. Finance

- *Department of Municipal Affairs - Changes to Provincial Legislation*

Information purposes only.

- *Request from Shelburne County Health Care Professional Recruitment and Retention Committee*

There was considerable discussion about the request for the Municipal Units to help finance Housing costs, from the Shelburne County Health Care Professional Recruitment and Retention Committee. Several opinions were shared including the following:

The Committee should be encouraging long term commitments from physicians rather than short term; the Province of Nova Scotia needs to step up so that the Municipal Units do not get into bidding wars like this; send a letter to the Committee letting them know that the Town of Lockeport does not agree with this type of incentive and are not in the position financially to participate in this endeavor. The following motion was made:

07-11-16-08

It was duly moved and seconded that the Town of Lockeport send a letter to the Shelburne County Health Care Professional Recruitment and Retention Committee letting them know that that Council does not agree with this type of incentive and the Town is not in the position financially to participate. A letter is also to be sent to the Province of Nova Scotia letting them know what requests this Committee is making of the Municipal Units.

Motion Passed

9. Other Business

- *First Reading of Proposed Dog By-Law (Attached as Schedule "B")*

07-11-16-09

It was duly moved and seconded that first reading of the Proposed Dog By-Law be approved and this will repeal the old Dog By-Law.

Motion Passed

- *Proposed Dangerous or Unsightly Premises Policy (Attached as Schedule "C")*

07-11-16-10

It was duly moved and seconded that the Proposed Dangerous or Unsightly Premises Policy be adopted as presented.

Motion Passed

- *Notice of proposed Tree Inspection and Removal Policy*

Providing notice to Council. Joyce will be sending a note to all property owners of the Town of Lockeport.

- *Use of the Lockeport & Area Volunteer Athletic Field*

At this time Mayor Huskison apologized for arriving at the Meeting late, but because of a family emergency it was unavoidable. Mayor Huskison asked Joyce to read aloud an email that she had received just an hour earlier from the Town's Insurance broker, regarding the use of the athletic fields. After the email was read aloud Mayor Huskison asked Council if anyone had any new information that they wish to share regarding this issue. Council had nothing to add to this discussion so the following motion was made:

07-11-16-11

It was duly moved and seconded that all Town owned fenced playing fields meant for athletic use or children's play will not be used as a shared space for off-leash dog activities and said fields are the soccer field, baseball field, tennis courts and the children's playground at Seacaps Park.

Motion Passed

- *Letter from the Lockeport Fitness Centre Society*

There was a short discussion on this letter. Council feels that it is a wonderful initiative but there is no specific financial request here. The following motion was made:

07-11-16-12

It was duly moved and seconded that Council send a letter to the Lockeport Fitness Centre Society letting them know that they support the Society's initiative and will consider any specific financial request during the 2017/2018 budget deliberations.

Motion Passed

- *UNSM updated Regions*

Information Purposes only.

- *Dates for Advance Polls for Municipal Election (Optional October 6) (Mandatory October 11)*

07-11-16-13

It was duly moved and seconded that the dates of October 6, 2016 and October 11, 2016 be approved for the advance polls for the upcoming 2016 Municipal Election.

Motion Passed

- *Stop Sign at the end of Upper Water Street*

A resident of the Town came in the office a few days ago with a concern about the need for a stop sign at the end of Upper Water Street. She says that the vehicles come out of the Clearwater parking lot at a great speed and it creates a dangerous situation.

This item will be deferred to Kevin for discussion at the Committee of the Whole Meeting on July 25, 2016. There may be some concerns regarding big trucks, snow plowing etc. to consider. Mayor Huskison reminded Council that they may check the area out as well, before the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

10. Council Reports

- *Councillor Swimm*
 - o *SCEEMO Report June 7, 2016 (Attached as Schedule "D")*

Councillor Swimm reviewed the highlights of her report. Mayor Huskilson suggested that the Town of Lockeport needs to have a local EMO meeting soon and talk about having mock emergency exercises as well. We need to get ourselves organized and then invite Don Bower and Mike Shand to help with the exercises. The Town businesses will all be included so everyone will be aware of their role during emergency situations.

- *Deputy Mayor Townsend*
 - o *Western County Regional Library Report (Attached as Schedule "E")*

Deputy Mayor Townsend reviewed his report. He feels that services, hours of work etc. in the libraries need to be reviewed and cut backs are imperative. Things do not look good financially. Councillor Eshelby reminded Council about the retirement Open House for Heather Suttle that is scheduled for Wednesday July 13, 2016 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Lillian Benham Library.

11. Correspondence

07-11-16-14

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

- *Thank you card from the Little Committee That Could (Lockeport and Area Relay for Life)*

It was noted that in the last four years the Lockeport & Area Relay for Life has raised in excess of \$57,000.00.

- *Email from UNSM re: UNSM Resolutions Process*
- *Thank You card from Taylor Cotter for Fire Chief Leo Williams Bursary*

At this time June read two more thank you cards for the 2016 Town of Lockeport Bursaries that had been received from Dylan Foote and Hailey Stuart.

12. Date of next meeting

- *Monday, August 8, 2016*

13. "In Camera"

14. Adjournment

07-11-16-15

**There being no further business to discuss, the Meeting was adjourned.
Motion Passed**

**Darian Huskilson,
Mayor**

**Joyce Young,
Town Clerk/Treasurer**