

**TOWN OF LOCKEPORT  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, JULY 13, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M.  
MINUTES**

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

**Call to order**

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

**1. Approval of Agenda**

**07-13-15-01**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as amended with the following addition under Finance: An “In Camera” session to discuss a personnel issue, after the request from the Lockeport Cemetery Company and before the 2015/2016 Operating Budget.**

**Motion Passed**

**2. Approval of previous minutes**

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

**07-13-15-02**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of June 13, 2015 be approved.**

**Motion Passed**

**3. Open Mic**

**4. Presentations**

- *Sheila Bird for the Shelburne County Housing Coalition*

Sheila was accompanied by other members of the Shelburne County Housing Coalition, Patricia Vanaman and Holly Renaud. The presentation was given. It was noted that Harbourside Landing is one of the places this group is looking at to create possible subsidized housing within.

The Shelburne County Housing Coalition meets the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month in Shelburne from 10 am to Noon. They invited Council/Staff to take part in the meetings. Councillor Eshelby volunteered to represent Council at the meetings and Councillor Swimm offered to be her alternate. Councillor Swimm expressed an interest in attending the meetings whenever she is available.

It was noted that some people while attempting to apply for housing grants get confused and may need help with all the paperwork. Maybe this group could be an advocate for these people and help with applications etc.

**5. Recommendations from Other Committees**

- *Committee of the Whole, June 22, 2015*
  - *Appointment of Darlene Page to Recreation Committee*

**07-13-15-03**

**It was duly moved and seconded that Darlene Page be appointed to serve on the Recreation Committee.**

**Motion Passed**

- *Dale Roach Honorarium for maintaining the Ball Park*

**07-13-15-04**

**It was duly moved and seconded that Dale Roach be paid \$30.00 per week honorarium for the 2015 season in recognition of his work in maintaining the ball park area.**

**Motion Passed**

- *Hiring of Summer Staff*

**07-13-15-05**

**It was duly moved and seconded that Joyce be authorized to hire Leea Cotter to work at the Beach Centre for the summer and Hailey Cotter to work at the Little School Museum for the summer.**

**Motion Passed**

**07-13-15-06**

**It was duly moved and seconded that Frances be authorized to hire Taylor Cotter and Hailey Stuart as Recreation staff for the summer.**

**Motion Passed**

- *List of invoices paid to March 31, 2015 in the amount of \$7638.10*

**07-13-15-07**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the list of invoices already paid to March 31, 2015 in the amount of \$7,638.10 be approved.**

**Motion Passed**

- *List of current invoices already paid in the amount of \$74,786.34*

**07-13-15-08**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the list of current invoices already paid in the amount of \$74,786.34 be approved.**

**Motion Passed**

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- *Letter from the Lockeport Loop Business Association*

**07-13-15-09**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the Town of Lockeport partner with the Lockeport Loop Business Association in their endeavour to apply for funding through the Connect2 Program by providing "In Kind" contributions.**

**Motion Passed**

## 6. Finance

- *Request from the Lockport Cemetery Company*

This item was deferred to the 2016/2017 Budget Deliberations.

- *“In Camera” to discuss a personnel issue*

**07-13-15-10**

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council go “In Camera” at this time to discuss a personnel issue.**

**Motion Passed**

Council returned to Regular session at this time.

- *2015/2016 Operating Budget*

**07-13-15-11**

- **WHEREAS** the Town of Lockport experienced an unusually severe winter resulting in spending in excess of the Transportation Department budget during the 2014/2015 fiscal year; and
- **WHEREAS** additional costs for wages, electricity, repairs and maintenance also resulted in spending in excess of budgeted amounts within various Departments;
- **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Council’s remuneration for the 2015/2016 fiscal year be reduced by \$500 to each member resulting in the Mayor’s remuneration being set at \$15,500, the Deputy Mayor’s remuneration being set at \$12,000 and each Councillor’s remuneration being set at \$11,000; and
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk/Treasurer’s 2015/2016 salary remain set at the same amount as the 2014/2015 amount of \$50,213; and
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Residential tax rate for the 2015/2016 fiscal year be set at \$2.31 per \$100 of assessment; and
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Commercial tax rate for the 2015/2016 fiscal year be set at \$5.39 per \$100 of assessment.

**Motion Passed**

- *2015/2016 Fiscal year Interest Rate on Outstanding taxes*

**07-13-15-12**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the interest rate on outstanding taxes remains at 16% per annum for 2015/2016.**

**Motion Passed**

- *Low Income Tax Exemption for 2015/2016*

**07-13-15-13**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the Low Income Tax Exemption for 2015/2016 remains at \$150 with incomes at \$16,000 and lower, as outlined in the Tax Exemption Policy.**

**Motion Passed**

- *Approval of 2015/2016 Operating Budget*

**07-13-15-14**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the 2015/2016 Operating Budget be approved as presented.**  
**Motion Passed**

**7. Other Business**

- *Tri-County School Board Budget Cuts Bulletin*

After discussing the School Board cuts it was decided that the best way to address this issue is through the SAC (School Advisory) Committee. Mayor Huskison will work with SAC on this issue.

- *Information on proposals from the Alcohol, Gaming, Fuel and Tobacco Division of Service Nova Scotia*

It was noted that Lockeport is a wet Town now and therefore will not be affected by any of these proposals.

- *Email to Sgt. Ben Parry and his response*

It was noted that there seems to be a lot more RCMP presence in Town since the Lounge opened; however, it has not cut down on the speeders through Brighton.

- *Letter from the Nova Scotia Electric Vehicle Highway*

Joyce reminded Council that there are costs attached to this proposal. Service fees, costs for installation, permit etc. It would cost the Town approximately \$700.00 plus usage. It was suggested that Joyce look for possible funding and defer this item to the Economic Development/Planning Advisory Committee. Also this item is to be deferred to the 2016/2017 Budget Deliberations.

- *Letter from Hovig Gurlekian re: Town owned property in East Green Harbour*

This item is to be deferred to the Economic Development/Planning Advisory Committee for discussion. Joyce has forwarded whatever information she can to him. We cannot forward legal information. It was noted that the Town is not legally allowed to deal with Mr. Gurlekian exclusively; the property would have to go to Public Tender to be sold.

Joyce will notify Mr. Gurlekian of Council's decision to defer to ED/PA.

- *Personal Leave of Absence Policy*

**07-13-15-15**

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the Personal Leave of Absence Policy as presented.**

**Motion Passed**

**8. Council Reports**

- *Deputy Mayor Townsend*
  - *Western Counties Regional Library Report*

Deputy Mayor Townsend presented his report and stated that he feels that the Province of Nova Scotia needs to review their basis for library funding.

- NSCC Convocation

Deputy Mayor Townsend informed Council that statistically better than 90% of graduates from the Nova Scotia Community College find jobs and 80% of those jobs are in Nova Scotia.

## 9. Correspondence

07-13-15-16

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

**Motion Passed**

- *Letter from Dylan Heide, CAO, Municipality of the District of Shelburne to The Honourable Stephen McNeil, Premier of Nova Scotia*
- *Email from the Honourable Leo Glavine to Ms. Brenda Newell Cleaver, Barrington/CSI Dialysis Group*
- *Letter from Linda Gregory, Warden for the Municipality of Digby*
- *Letter to the Honourable Lisa Raitt, Minister of Transport Canada from Mayor Karen Mattatall, Town of Shelburne*
- *Letter to Premier Stephen McNeil from Mayor Karen Mattatall, Town of Shelburne*

## 10. Date of next meeting

- *Monday, August 10, 2015*

## 11. "In Camera"

## 12. Adjournment

07-13-15-17

**There being no further business to discuss, it was duly moved and seconded that the Meeting be adjourned. Time 8:55 p.m.**

**Motion Passed**

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**Darian Huskilson,  
Mayor**

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**Joyce Young,  
Town Clerk/Treasurer**

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