

**TOWN OF LOCKEPORT  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M.  
MINUTES**

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

**REGRETS: COUNCILLOR ERROL L. WILLIAMS**

*1/*     **Call to order**

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

*2/*     **Approval of Agenda**

**08-12-13-01**

**It was moved by Deputy Mayor Townsend and seconded by Councillor Swimm that the agenda be approved with the following additions:**

<b>Under "In Camera" -</b>	<i>Contract Discussion</i>
<b>Under Other Business -</b>	<i>Drain Issue on North Street</i>
<b>Under Correspondence -</b>	<i>Letter from Michael Lawrie</i>
	<i>Letter from Service Nova Scotia</i>

**Motion Passed**

*3/*     **Approval of previous minutes**

-       *Regular Council Meeting, Monday, July 8, 2013*

**08-12-13-02**

**It was moved by Deputy Mayor Townsend and seconded by Councillor Eshelby that the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of July 8, 2013, be approved.**

**Motion Passed**

*4/*     **Open Mic**

*5/*     **Presentations**

There were no presentations this evening.

*6/*     **Recommendations from Other Committees**

- *Committee of the Whole, July 22, 2013*
- *Repairs to Crescent Beach Centre*

**08-12-13-03**

**It was moved by Councillor Eshelby and seconded by Councillor Swimm that Joyce be authorized to continue on with step 2 of the application process for the ACOA Project for repairs to Crescent Beach Centre.**

**Motion Passed**

- *Signage for Baseball Field*

**08-12-13-04**

It was moved by Councillor Eshelby and seconded by Councillor Swimm that Frances develop signage “in house”, depicting the name change for the baseball field (“Old Son’s L.M. (Mac) Huskison Memorial Field”), and have it posted at the field before the Provincial Bantam Tournament that the Town of Lockeport is hosting in August, 2013.

**Motion Passed**

- *Money allowed to spruce up the Ball field*

**08-12-13-05**

It was moved by Councillor Eshelby and seconded by Councillor Swimm that Frances have permission to use up to \$200.00 to make sure the athletic fields are spruced up before the Provincial Bantam Tournament that is scheduled to take place in Lockeport the weekend of August 23, 2013. Frances will ask Leo if the Fire Department would consider coming in the week before the tournament to use the high pressure hose to wash the dugouts inside.

**Motion Passed**

- *“Way to go Workplaces”*

**08-12-13-06**

It was moved by Councillor Eshelby and seconded by Councillor Swimm that the Town of Lockeport participate in the “Way to go Workplaces” sustainable transportation audit process.

**Motion Passed**

- *List of bills already paid in the amount of \$109,539.16*

**08-12-13-07**

It was moved by Councillor Eshelby and seconded by Councillor Swimm that the list of bills already paid in the amount of \$109,539.16, be approved.

**Motion Passed**

- *First Reading of the amended Solid Waste Management By-Law*

**08-12-13-08**

It was moved by Councillor Eshelby and seconded by Councillor Swimm that the Council of the Town of Lockeport give first reading to the amended Solid Waste Management By-Law.

**Motion Passed**

7/ **Finance**

- *Temporary Borrowing Resolution re: Crescent Beach Centre*

**08-12-13-09**

It was moved by Councillor Eshelby and seconded by Councillor Swimm that the following resolution be approved by Council:

**WHEREAS** Section 66 of the Municipal Government Act provides that the Town of Lockeport, subject to the approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, may borrow to expend funds for a capital purpose authorized by statute;

**AND WHEREAS** clause 65 (x) of the Municipal Government Act authorizes the Town of Lockeport to expend funds for the purpose of the lands and buildings required for a municipal purpose, namely the Lockeport Crescent Beach Centre;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**

**THAT** under the authority of Section 66 of the Municipal Government Act, the Town borrow a sum or sums not exceeding Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) in total for the purpose set out above, subject to approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations;

**THAT** the sum be borrowed by the issue and sale of debentures of the Town to such an amount as the Council deems necessary;

**THAT** the issue of debentures be postponed pursuant to Section 92 of the Municipal Government Act and that the Town borrow from time to time a sum or sums not exceeding Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) in total from any chartered bank or trust company doing business in Nova Scotia;

**THAT** the sum be borrowed for a period not exceeding Twelve Months (12) from the date of the approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations of this resolution;

**THAT** the interest payable on the borrowing be paid at a rate to be agreed upon; and

**THAT** the amount borrowed be repaid from the proceeds of the debentures when sold.

**Motion Passed**

- *Mayor's Remuneration*

**08-12-13-10**

It was moved by Councillor Swimm and seconded by Deputy Mayor Townsend that the Mayor's remuneration remain at \$16,000.00 for the fiscal year 2013/2014.

**Motion Passed**

- *Deputy Mayor's Remuneration*

**08-12-13-11**

It was moved by Councillor Eshelby and seconded by Councillor Swimm that the Deputy Mayor's remuneration remain at \$12,500.00 for the fiscal year 2013/2014.

**Motion Passed**

- *Councillor's Remuneration*

**08-12-13-12**

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Townsend and seconded by Councillor Eshelby that the Councillor's remuneration remain at \$11,500.00 for the fiscal year 2013/2014.

**Motion Passed**

- *Town Clerk/Treasurer's Salary*

**08-12-13-13**

It was moved by Councillor Eshelby and seconded by Councillor Swimm that the Town Clerk/Treasurer's salary be set at \$48,988.39 for the fiscal year 2013/2014.

**Motion Passed**

- *Residential Tax Rate*

**08-12-13-14**

**It was moved by Deputy Mayor Townsend and seconded by Councillor Eshelby that the Residential tax rate remain at \$2.28 per \$100 of assessment for the fiscal year 2013/2014.**

**Motion Passed**

- *Commercial Tax Rate*

**08-12-13-15**

**It was moved by Councillor Eshelby and seconded by Councillor Swimm that the Commercial tax rate remain at \$5.36 per \$100 of assessment for the fiscal year 2013/2014.**

**Motion Passed**

- *Interest Rate*

**08-12-13-16**

**It was moved by Councillor Swimm and seconded by Deputy Mayor Townsend that the interest rate on outstanding taxes be set at 16% per annum for the fiscal year 2013/2014.**

**Motion Passed**

- *Low Income "Tax Exemption"*

**08-12-13-17**

**It was moved by Councillor Eshelby and seconded by Councillor Swimm that the Low Income Exemption be set at \$150.00 with incomes of \$16,000 and lower as outlined in the Tax Exemption Policy.**

**Motion Passed**

- *Approval of Operating Budget*

**08-12-13-18**

**It was moved by Councillor Swimm and seconded by Councillor Eshelby that the 2013/2014 Operating Budget be approved as presented.**

**Motion Passed**

Deputy Mayor Townsend questioned the allocation of the grants as Council had decided during Budget deliberations, in particular the one for Feral Cats and Juniper House. Mayor Huskison informed Deputy Mayor Townsend that the budget tonight is being approved as a whole. If Council would like to discuss a change in the way the grants are distributed that can be arranged.

**8/ Other Business**

- *First reading of proposed amended Solid Waste Management By-Law*

**08-12-13-19**

**It was moved by Deputy Mayor Townsend and seconded by Councillor Swimm that Council of the Town of Lockeport give first reading to the Proposed amended Solid Waste Management By-Law as presented.**

**Motion Passed**

Councillor Eshelby had a concern about the fact that paper products is not listed under DEFINITIONS 2 (a). Joyce will bring this oversight to the Waste Co-Ordinator's attention. The second reading of this By-Law is scheduled for Regular Council Meeting September 9, 2013.

- *Bridge Investigation Report from Able Engineering (Attached as Schedule "A")*

Council has received the Investigation Report from Able Engineering regarding the two trestles and the abandoned railway and temporary repairs have been completed to ensure that it is safe for the time being. Mayor Huskilson told Council about the events of the previous Thursday evening when he had gotten a couple of reports that there was a dangerous situation involving broken boards on one of the trestles that needed immediate attention. Mayor Huskilson did a temporary repair immediately upon receiving the calls.

Onshore Construction has submitted a quote on the extensive repairs that are necessary to keep the trestle safe. This quote will be discussed during the "In Camera" session of this meeting.

- *Hayden Lake Water Utility and Water Main Repairs, Town of Lockeport*

Council hopes that the water main replacement program mentioned in this letter makes it into the Province of Nova Scotia's Capital Budget.

- *Drain Issue on Cliff/Upper Water Streets*

There was a discussion regarding the fact that this drain was not installed properly in the beginning. Joyce informed Council that she had asked the appropriate people if the Federal Gas Tax money could be used for this project and was told that it can be. Mayor Huskilson presented a quote from Mark Williams Excavating for the drain issue to be properly installed and as a result the following motion was made:

**08-12-13-20**

**It was moved by Deputy Mayor Townsend and seconded by Councillor Swimm that the Town of Lockeport engage the services of Mark A. Williams Excavating to install a proper drain between Cliff and Upper Water Streets per the quoted cost of \$8200.00 plus HST. The money is to be used from the Federal Gas Tax to pay for this job.**

**Motion Passed**

9/ **Council Reports**

There were no Council Reports this evening.

10/ **Correspondence**

**08-12-13-21**

**It was moved by Deputy Mayor Townsend and seconded by Councillor Swimm that the correspondence be accepted.**

**Motion Passed**

- *Letter from Brenda Stimpson, Town of Shelburne*
- *Letter from The Honourable Graham Steele, Minister of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism*
- *Letter from Gregory Snow*
- *Letter from Michael Lawrie*
- *Letter from Service Nova Scotia*

Councillor Swimm questioned the wording in the letter from Brenda Stimpson, Town of Shelburne. The Town Clerk/Treasurer will speak with the Waste Co-Ordinator to determine the accuracy of the letter.

The Town Clerk/Treasurer informed Council at this time that we have been notified that our Municipal Advisor has been changed from Paul Wills to a gentleman by the name of Chris McNeill.

11/ **Date of next meeting**

**08-12-13-22**

**It was moved by Councillor Swimm and seconded by Councillor Eshelby that the Committee go “In Camera” at this time.**

**Motion Passed**

*12/* **“In Camera”**

*13/* **Adjournment**

**08-12-13-23**

**It was moved by Deputy Mayor Townsend and seconded by Councillor Swimm that the meeting be adjourned. Time 9:15 p.m.**

**Motion Passed**

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**Darian Huskilon,  
Mayor**

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**Joyce Young,  
Town Clerk/Treasurer**