

**TOWN OF LOCKEPORT  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2016  
MINUTES**

**PRESENT: MAYOR DARIAN HUSKILSON, DEPUTY MAYOR ALONZO TOWNSEND, COUNCILLOR JOANN SWIMM, COUNCILLOR DAYLE ESHELBY AND COUNCILLOR ERROL LEIGH WILLIAMS**

**1. Call to order**

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Huskilson at 6:00 p.m.

**2. Silence Electronic Devices**

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**09-12-16-01**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the following additions be made to the agenda:**

**Under Finance – Request from Fire Department for internet connection**

**Under Other Business – Water Test to Hallett property, SCEEMO meeting report, RCMP Advisory meeting agenda items.**

**Motion Passed**

**09-12-16-02**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, September 12, 2016 be approved as amended.**

**Motion Passed**

**4. Approval of previous minutes**

- *Regular Council Meeting Minutes, August 8, 2016*

**09-12-16-03**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of August 8, 2016 be approved as distributed.**

**Motion Passed**

**5. Open Mic**

Becky Williams spoke to Council regarding an encounter she had on August 15, 2016 with Lorraine Robinson's Doberman Pinscher at the north Government Wharf. The dog approached her in a very aggressive manner, twice. The dog was not on leash at the time; however, Lorraine did attach a rope to the dogs spiked collar once she got the dog under control. Becky stated that she felt very much in danger and both her husband and another individual at the scene thought they were going to have to do whatever was required to protect her from the dog injuring her. Becky contacted the RCMP and lodged an official complaint. She also contacted the Mayor. The RCMP visited the Town Office to review the Town's Dog By-Law. Becky feels that no one is taking the actions of Lorraine and her dog seriously. She is concerned for both humans and other animals. Becky contacted her insurance company as well as the Town's insurance broker and received conflicting information. Becky stated that Constable Maye of the RCMP told her that he felt she was exaggerating the circumstances and Becky assured him that she was not.

Becky then related to an occurrence which she was made aware of that took place on the walking trail involving a young man and a dog on September 3rd; stating that the dog, which was reported to her as being Lorraine Robinson's Doberman Pinscher, bit the young man. She has pictures of the bite mark on the young man's leg. Becky stated that it is time that the Town of Lockeport had an Animal Control Officer in place.

**6. Presentations** – *No presentations scheduled.*

**7. Recommendations from Other Committees**

- *No recommendations this evening*

**8. Finance**

- *Robert Redding, Redding CA - Approval of Financial Statements 2015/2016 Audit*

**09-12-16-04**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the financial statements for the 2015/2016 fiscal year be approved as presented by Robert Redding CA.**

**Motion Passed**

- *Request from Fire Department*

A letter was received from the Fire Chief requesting Council's consideration of having the internet replaced at the Fire Hall at the expense of the Town. The Fire Fighters Association previously had the internet installed and were paying for it but had it shut down.

Council discussed the benefits of having Internet Access at the Fire Hall; including the Fire Department day to day operations, EMO operations and the fact that the Town's surveillance camera located at the Seacaps Park also requires the internet connection.

**09-12-16-05**

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council support the request of the Lockeport Volunteer Fire Department and proceed to have a secure internet service made available at the Fire Hall accessible to the Fire Department operations, EMO operations and the Town's surveillance camera.**

**Motion Passed**

It was noted by the Mayor that very few Fire Departments operate in the same manner as ours does. Most units provide a portion of the operating budget and anything over and above that is covered through fundraising; however, here in Lockeport, all expenses are covered by the taxpayers and what funds are raised by the Fire Department are utilized by the membership however they choose. The relationship between the Town Council and the Fire Department needs to be discussed and defined.

**9. Other Business**

- *Request from Glenna L. Redding Re: Sewer Connection*

A request was received from Glenna Redding for Council's agreement in principle, subject to satisfactorily negotiated terms and conditions, to establish a sewer connection to her property located at 239 Locke Street, which is outside the boundaries of the Town of Lockeport. The Town's sewer line is on the opposite side of the street than her property which means she would be responsible to acquire permission of the Provincial

Department of Transportation. The Town Clerk/Treasurer has already informed the CAO of the Municipality of the District of Shelburne of this request from their taxpayer.

**09-12-16-06**

**It was duly moved and seconded that**

**WHEREAS, Glenna Redding, owner of property located at 239 Locke Street (PID 82563008); and**

**WHEREAS, the said property is outside the boundaries of the Town of Lockeport and located in the Municipality of the District of Shelburne; and**

**WHEREAS, Ms. Redding is requesting permission to connect her property to the Town of Lockeport's sewer system; and**

**WHEREAS, the property in question is located on the opposite side of Locke Street than the sewer line runs; and**

**WHEREAS, the Town of Lockeport does not have the ability to collect unpaid fees in the same manner it has for properties located within Town boundaries;**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, pending the cooperation of the Municipality of the District of Shelburne in entering into an agreement with the Town of Lockeport, whereby the District of Shelburne would pay to the Town of Lockeport the annual sewer fee and would thereby be responsible for collecting costs from their ratepayer; and the Town of Lockeport would require the installation of a shut-off valve to this proposed connection; and the property owner would be completely responsible for obtaining all necessary permissions and permits from the Town of Lockeport, the Municipality of the District of Shelburne, the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, etc.; and the property owner would be responsible for all expenses, traffic control and installation contract;**

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby approves the connection of the property located at 239 Locke Street, owned by Glenna Redding, to the Town of Lockeport wastewater system upon the Town being in receipt of the permit fee of \$1,000 as per the Town's Wastewater System By-Law.**

**Motion Passed**

- *Vandalised banner sign*

On September 5, 2016 it was reported to the Town Clerk/Treasurer that sometime over the Labor Day Weekend, the Town's banner sign, which was just installed this past July and located north of the Rockland intersection on Highway #3, was vandalised and stolen. It is so disappointing that all the hard work of the small group of people who put their time and effort in developing this banner/sign project is disrespected in this manner. The RCMP has been contacted and a file has been opened on the case.

Based on a quote we have requested, replacing the sign would be at a cost of \$542.00 plus HST.

**09-12-16-07**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the framework for the vandalised banner sign be removed and put in storage and a decision will be made at a later date as to if or when a replacement sign will be developed.**

**Motion Passed**

- *Invitation to Cannabis Conversation sessions from Larry Phillips, Prevention & Health Promotion Coordinator – Information purposes only.*
- *News Release re: Infrastructure Funding*

When this infrastructure funding opportunity announcement was made there was only a three week window to get applications completed, including cost and design. Without an engineer or staff, the Town of Lockeport was not in a position to have the necessary information in time to meet the application deadline. This was just the first phase of an infrastructure funding program to be spread over a number of additional phases over multiple years. Staff will keep informed on upcoming phase requirements including eligible projects, application deadlines and criteria.

- *Concerns regarding civic numbering from the Shelburne County Mutual Aid Firefighters Association*

The Shelburne County Mutual Aid Firefighters Association is experiencing issues with property owners not properly displaying their civic numbers. This of course creates serious concerns with regard to responding to emergency calls. They are asking for the Municipal Units to address these concerns within their By-Laws and enforcement.

It was suggested that we arrange a meeting involving Council, the Fire Department and the Medical First Responders to determine what the emergency departments find to be the best civic # display design and installation location.

- *UNSM Long Service Awards – Info only*
- *REN 2 Inter-Municipal Agreement Revisions*

The only concern that Council had with the revisions to the REN 2 Inter-Municipal Agreement was the wording of clause 5(b). It was suggested that the wording should be edited to clarify the intent because the current wording is confusing to some. The Clerk/Treasurer will request this amendment.

- *Water Test – Hallett property*

In 2002, due to hydrocarbons being found under the road at the intersection of Hall and Beech Streets, Wallace and Irene Hallett requested that the Town have their well water tested to ensure that it did not get contaminated from the hydrocarbons. The Town has conducted many tests to their well water over the years and all results have indicated no presence of hydrocarbons. Mr. and Mrs. Hallett are suggesting that in light of the recent drought conditions, if there was any chance that their well contains hydrocarbon contamination, it would certainly show up now because of the lack of water diluting it. Therefore, they are asking Council to have their water tested once again and in the event that the results still show that there is no hydrocarbons present, then there would be no further testing required in future.

**09-12-16-08**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the Clerk/Treasurer make arrangements to have the Wallace and Irene Hallett well water tested per their request and in the event that the results indicate no hydrocarbon presence, then a letter be forwarded to them indicating the results as well as the discontinuation of further testing by the Town as they have suggested.**

**Motion Passed**

- *Shelburne County Tourism Association Meeting*

**09-12-16-09**

**It was duly moved and seconded that Janice Fiske be approved to attend the upcoming Shelburne County Tourism Association Meeting to provide comments regarding what our Visitor Information Centre experienced this past season.**

**Motion Passed**

It was noted that a venue has not yet been determined for holding this meeting so Council has asked that Janice suggest to the organization that they hold the meeting here in Lockeport at the Crescent Beach Centre.

- *Shelburne County East Emergency Management Organization*

Southwest Nova Scotia is experiencing drought conditions which have resulted in distributing water to residents in need. At the most recent distribution, Councillors Swimm and Eshelby attended to record information from those retrieving water to determine details of well conditions in the area. Seventy-six people picked up water, of which 54 indicated their well was dry; twenty-one said their well was low; and one said they just wanted the free bottles of water.

A special SCEEMO meeting has been scheduled for tomorrow evening. Council decided at this time that they would also meet tomorrow morning to discuss what further actions the Town of Lockeport can take to assist our residents during these drought conditions.

## **10. Council Reports**

There were no reports available this evening, however, Council were encouraged to provide agenda items for the next RCMP Advisory Board meeting which is scheduled for September 22, 2016.

## **11. Correspondence**

**09-12-16-10**

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve acceptance of the correspondence.**

**Motion Passed**

- *Letter written to Mayor Cecil Clarke, UNSM President from Warden Eddie Nickerson, Municipality of the District of Barrington regarding the Resolutions process*

## **12. Date of next meeting**

*Tuesday, October 11, 2016*

**13. “In Camera”**

**09-12-16-11**

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council proceed “In Camera” to discuss a personnel issue regarding the Returning Officer and Assistant Returning Officer positions.**

**Motion Passed**

Council returned to regular session and the following motion was made:

- *Personnel re: Returning Officer and Assistant Returning Officer*

**09-12-16-12**

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council pay the sum of \$2,250.00, as budgeted for, to contract for the positions of Returning Officer – Joyce Y. Young and Assistant Returning Officer – June Harding to be divided as to their discretion.**

**Motion Passed**

**14. Adjournment**

**09-12-16-13**

**There being no further business to discuss, it was duly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Time 8:50 p.m.**

**Motion Passed**

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**Darian Huskison,  
Mayor**

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**Joyce Young,  
Town Clerk/Treasurer**