

**TOWN OF LOCKEPORT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

PRESENT: MAYOR DARIAN HUSKILSON, DEPUTY MAYOR ALONZO TOWNSEND, COUNCILLOR HOWARD ROSZEL, COUNCILLOR ALAN STEWART AND COUNCILLOR ERROL LEIGH WILLIAMS

Call to order

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

Approval of Agenda

09-13-10-01

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

Motion Passed

Approval of previous minutes

- *Regular Council Meeting, Monday, August 9, 2010*

09-13-10-02

It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, August 9, 2010 be approved as distributed.

Motion Passed

Presentations – There were no presentations scheduled for this evening.

Finance

- *Request from Sable River Volunteer Fire Department*

A request was received from the Sable River Volunteer Fire Department for a donation to their annual Funfest Auction. The Clerk/Treasurer was instructed to provide an item of her choice to the organization.

- *2010/2011 Operating Budget*

Mayor's Remuneration for fiscal year 2010/2011

09-13-10-03

It was duly moved and seconded that the Mayor's remuneration for fiscal year 2010/2011 be set at \$14,000.

Motion Passed

Deputy Mayor's Remuneration for fiscal year 2010/2011

09-13-10-04

It was duly moved and seconded that the Deputy Mayor's remuneration for fiscal year 2010/2011 be set at \$10,500.

Motion Passed

Councillor's Remuneration for fiscal year 1010/2011

09-13-10-05

It was duly moved and seconded that the Councillor's remuneration for fiscal year 2010/2011 be set at \$9,500.

Motion Passed

Town Clerk/Treasurer salary for fiscal year 2010/2011

09-13-10-06

It was duly moved and seconded that the Town Clerk/Treasurer's salary for fiscal year 2010/2011 be set at \$46,209.33

Motion Passed

Tax Rates for 2010/2011 fiscal year

09-13-10-07

It was duly moved and seconded that the 2010/2011 Residential Tax Rate be set at \$2.23 per \$100 of Assessment.

Motion Passed

09-13-10-08

It was duly moved and seconded that the 2010/2011 Commercial Tax Rate be set at \$5.31 per \$100 of Assessment.

Motion Passed

Interest Rate for 2010/2011 fiscal year

09-13-10-09

It was duly moved and seconded that the interest rate for outstanding taxes be set at 16% per annum for fiscal year 2010/2011.

Motion Passed

Low Income Exemption

09-13-10-10

It was duly moved and seconded that the Low Income Exemption be set at \$150 with incomes \$14,000 and lower, as outlined in the Tax Exemption Policy.

Motion Passed

Emergency Services Honorariums

09-13-10-11

It was duly moved and seconded that the honorariums for the Lockeport Volunteer Fire Department members and the Lockeport Medical First Responders members be set at \$3.50 per call out.

Motion Passed

Operating Budget for 2010/2011 fiscal year

09-13-10-12

It was duly moved and seconded that the 2010/2011 Operating Budget be approved as presented.

Motion Passed

Recommendations from Other Committees

- *Committee of the Whole, August 23, 2010*
 - *List of bills already paid in the amount of \$197,899.64*

09-13-10-13

It was duly moved and seconded that as recommended by the Committee of the Whole, the list of current bills in the amount of \$197,899.64 be approved.

Motion Passed

- *List of bills to be paid in the amount of \$6,944.00*

09-13-10-14

It was duly moved and seconded that as recommended by the Committee of the Whole, the list of bills to be paid in the amount of \$6,944.00 be approved for payment.

Motion Passed

- *Economic Development, September 7, 2010*
 - *Rood's Head Park Cleanup*

09-13-10-15

It was duly moved and seconded that as recommended by the Economic Development/Planning Advisory Committee, that Rood's Head Park be cleaned up this fall by limbing the healthy trees and cleaning up the deadfall. It was agreed that in the spring the Committee will have another look and decide at that time what further needs to be done.

Motion Passed

- *Crescent Beach Centre*

09-13-10-16

It was duly moved and seconded that as recommended by the Economic Development/Planning Advisory Committee, the Beach Centre be kept open until the end of December, 2010. This way it will be a bit easier to determine what costs will be incurred by keeping it open during the winter months.

Motion Passed

- *Recreation Committee*
 - *Seacaps Play Park designated non-smoking*

09-13-10-17

It was duly moved and seconded that as recommended by the Recreation Committee the Seacaps Play Park be designated a non-smoking area and that signs be posted indicating this.

Motion Passed

There was a discussion at this time regarding the possibility of designating all Town owned properties as non-smoking. The Town Clerk/Treasurer will investigate this issue.

Council Reports

- Deputy Mayor Townsend

- *Destination Southwest Nova Association Board – June 14, 2010*

It was pointed out by Deputy Mayor Townsend that he had not attended the Destination Southwest Nova Association Board meeting and that there were no supporting documents provided with the minutes.

- *Shelburne County Tourism Development Committee – July 27, 2010*
- *Community Spirit Award presentation in Sable River – August 21, 2010 (Attached as Schedule "A")*

- Councillor Williams

- Councillor Williams gave a verbal report on the recent Police Advisory Board meeting and the issues of the proposed removal of the Prosecutor Services office in Shelburne and the elimination of one position within the Street Crime Unit servicing Shelburne County.

Many concerns were addressed with regards to the effect on Shelburne County if these two circumstances come to fruition. There was great concern regarding the lack of support from our MLA, Sterling Belliveau.

The recommendation from this Council was that the Police Advisory Board address this issue as soon as possible by sending letters, copied to all Councils in Shelburne County, to the Minister of Justice outlining all concerns with respect to how negatively this will affect Shelburne County.

The Town Clerk/Treasurer was instructed to obtain a copy of the minutes from the last Police Advisory Board Meeting and check to see what actions the Board are planning regarding this issue.

- Councillor Roszel

- *VIC Yearend Wrap up Session*

09-13-10-18

It was duly moved and seconded that Councillor Roszel be approved to attend the VIC Manager's wrap up session at the Pine View Inn in Kentville on October 7, 2010.

Motion Passed

- Museum

The Little School Museum had a very successful season in the temporary location at 19 North Street with a total of 358 visitors.

- Crescent Beach Centre

A very successful and enjoyable season was had at the Crescent Beach Centre. This was the first season for the Town of Lockeport as operators. We had 170 visitors in June, 1208 visitors in July, 1815 visitors in August and 278 visitors in September.

The VIC closed on September 12th. From these numbers, 2757 were Canadian, 513 were from the US and 167 visitors were from abroad.

Now that the decision has been made to keep the Beach Centre open until the end of December, Councillor Roszel will be speaking with some groups to see if they are interested in renting space. Councillor Roszel and his wife Anne will oversee the facility during scheduled activities. Councillor Roszel also offered to clear walkways of snow and ice during this time.

- Hurricane Earl

The Town of Lockeport was prepared but did not get hit hard by Hurricane Earl. All worked out in our favour. Councillor Roszel stated a sincere thank- you to all volunteers during this event.

- Mayor Huskilson

- Jello Tree Youth Drop In Centre

This venture by the Our House organization in Shelburne has proven to be a great benefit to the youth in and around the Town of Lockeport. The group are interested in becoming active in the Community.

- SAC meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 14, 2010
- The Mayor and Town Clerk/Treasurer are scheduled to meet with the Provincial Minister of Natural Resources, the Honourable John MacDonnell on Wednesday, September 15, 2010 to discuss the Lockeport Crescent Beach situation.

09-13-10-19

It was duly moved and seconded that the Mayor and the Town Clerk/Treasurer be approved to attend the meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 15, 2010 in Halifax with Minister MacDonnell.

Motion Passed

- *We have received the Legion's agreement to the Town of Lockeport removing trees which are in a dangerous condition at the Cenotaph site.*

09-13-10-20

It was duly moved and seconded that the old spruce trees be removed from the cenotaph site and branches of the maple tree be pruned so as to ensure no damage is caused during heavy winds. Also, the Project Manager is to be instructed to develop a suitable plan for the site with regards to replacing trees/shrubs.

Motion Passed

- Mayor Huskison advised Council that he wishes to have a meeting with them to discuss the Joint Services Board. Staff will be instructed to set this meeting up.

Other Business

- *Management of Municipal Wastewater Effluent*

We received information from the Nova Scotia Department of Environment regarding the evaluation of our Sewer System in respect to future requirements in regards to the Canadian council of \Minister of the Environment Canada-wide Strategy for the \Management of \Municipal Wastewater Effluent. Lockeport has been evaluated as a very small system with a medium risk level. Upgrade timeline established is 20 years.

This letter was intended to be an indication of potential future requirements for planning purposes.

- *FCM Annual Conference and Municipal Expo, June 3 – 6, 2011*

The Town Clerk/Treasurer was instructed to find out details regarding the FCM Annual Conference scheduled for 2011.

- *Town speed limits*

Council have received some concerns regarding the speed limits in Town and the lack of signage being posted. The Town Clerk/Treasurer was instructed to investigate the costs involved in having signs posted and the possibility of only posting one sign at the entrance to Hall Street pertaining to all streets on the island portion of Town.

Correspondence

09-13-10-21

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

Motion Passed

- *Email from Lyle Goldberg, Policy Analyst, UNSM dated August 3, 2010*
- *Letter from Bernie Clancey, P. Eng. Director, Highway Engineering Services for the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal dated August 16, 2010*
- *Email from Barbara Johnson, Communications Director for South West Health, dated August 27, 2010*
- *Letter from Warden Aldric d'Entremont, Municipality of Argyle to the Honourable Gail Shea, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans dated August 24, 2010*
- *Letter from David Taylor, President of SpillGreen Atlantic received September 2, 2010*

Date of next meeting

- *Monday, October 18, 2010*

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. Time 8:20 p.m.

Citizen's Quorum:

Members of the public were given the opportunity to ask questions of, or give comments to, Council.

Darian Huskilon,
Mayor

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Joyce Young,
Town Clerk/Treasurer