

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

PRESENT: MAYOR DARIAN HUSKILSON, DEPUTY MAYOR ALONZO (LONNIE) TOWNSEND, COUNCILLOR ERROL L. WILLIAMS, COUNCILLOR JOANN SWIMM, COUNCILLOR DAYLE ESHELBY AND RECORDING SECRETARY, JUNE HARDING

1. Call to order

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

2. Silence Electronic Devices

3. Approval of Agenda

10-11-16-01

**It was duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved with the following addition:
Under Other Business, Water distribution and Twyla's hours at the taps.**

Motion Passed

4. Approval of previous minutes

- *Regular Council Meeting Minutes, September 12, 2016*

10-11-16-02

**It was duly moved and seconded that the Minutes from the regular Council Meeting of
September 12, 2016 be approved.**

Motion Passed

- *Special Council Meeting Minutes, September 26, 2016*

10-11-16-03

**It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes from the Special Council meeting of
September 26, 2016 be approved.**

Motion Passed

5. Open Mic

6. Presentations

7. Recommendations from Other Committees

- *Committee of the Whole, September 26, 2016*

- o *Minimum age for July 1st Grease Pole*

10-11-16-04

**It was duly moved and seconded that as recommended by the Committee of the Whole, the
minimum age for participation in the July 1st Grease Pole event be set at fourteen years.**

Motion Passed

There was a discussion regarding the above motion and it was agreed that the age limit be further discussed during July 1st meetings in the future.

8. Finance

9. Other Business

- *Letter from the Honourable Geoff MacLellan, Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal dated September 21, 2016*

There was a discussion and concern was expressed regarding the content of this letter and its implications if the Town of Lockeport were to take over the water utility from the Province of Nova Scotia. All pipelines etc. would have to be replaced from Hayden's Lake down and then run all over the Town. The cost of the infrastructure would be phenomenal for the Town of Lockeport to take over.

Mayor Huskilson advised Council to let the Province of Nova Scotia do all the studies and pay for them if they push the Town to take over the utility. There would have to be studies such as Mapping, Social, Economical etc. done and it could be years before everything was done. The following motion was made :

10-11-16-05

It was duly moved and seconded that Mayor Huskilson write a letter to the Honourable Geoff MacLellan, Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure renewal in response to the letter received by the Town of Lockeport, reflecting Councils' opinions and thoughts on the matter.

Motion Passed

- *Roseway Hospital Community Update*

Information only.

- *Letter from Allen Webber, Chair – SSREN Liaison and Oversight Committee to Annette St. Onge, Chair, South Shore Regional Enterprise Network dated October 3, 2016*

This item has already been dealt with at a previous meeting.

- *Email from Chris McNeil dated October 4, 2016*

10-11-16-06

It was duly moved and seconded that Chris MacNeil be notified that Council agrees with the content of his email dated October 4, 2016.

Motion Passed

- *Water Distribution and Twyla's hours*

10-11-16-07

It was duly moved and seconded that Twyla will man the taps from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 12 and from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday up and including Friday, October 21, 2016 at which time the subject will be revisited.

Motion Passed

10. Council Reports

- *Deputy Mayor Townsend*
 - o *Western County Regional Library Report*

Deputy Mayor Townsend reported that the Western County Regional Library will not face any financial stress this year but next year could be different.

He also noted that the Lillian Benham Library has been assessed and during this assessment it was noted that we did not fair well due to accessibility issues. It was also noted that a lot of the Town facilities have accessibility issues.

- o *Region 6 Report*

Deputy Mayor Townsend gave his report from the Meeting he attended in the Mayor's stead.

11. Correspondence

12. Date of next meeting

Monday, November 14, 2016

13. "In Camera"

10-11-16-08

It was duly moved and seconded that the Committee go "In Camera" to discuss the Low Income Tax Exemption Applications.

Motion Passed

- *Low Income Tax Exemption Applications*

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

10-11-16-09

It was duly moved and seconded that the one application received and that fits the criteria for the Low Income Property Tax Exemption, be approved.

Motion Passed

There was a discussion on the criteria for eligibility for this Tax Exemption. It was decided that the new Council should review the criteria at a later date.

14. Adjournment

10-11-16-10

There being no further business to discuss, it was duly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Time 7:20 p.m.

Motion Passed

**Darian Huskilson,
Mayor**

**June Harding
Administrative Assistant**