

**TOWN OF LOCKEPORT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

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

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: COUNCILLOR JOANN SWIMM

1. Call to order

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

2. Approval of Agenda

10-19-15-01

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

Motion Passed

3. Approval of previous minutes

10-19-15-02

It was duly moved and seconded that the Minutes from September 14, 2015, be approved

Motion Passed

4. Opening of tenders re: Property at 180 East Green Harbour

There were three tenders received and are as follows:

(1) Bonnie Lloyd - \$5,500.00 plus \$825.00 HST – Total \$6325.00

(2) Peace Arch Campground - \$8000.00 – Total \$8000.00

(3) Peace Arch Campground - \$18,000.00 – Total \$18,000.00

After the tenders were opened the following motion was made:

10-19-15-03

It was duly moved and seconded that the Town of Lockeport accept the tender from Peace Arch Campground in the amount of \$18,000.00 for the property located at 180 East Green Harbour Road.

Motion Passed

Council feel that the bid of \$18,000.00 is the only one that reflects fair market value of the property.

(4) Open Mic

Presentations

There were no presentations this evening.

(5) Recommendations from Other Committees

- *Economic Development/Planning Advisory, September 21, 2015*
 - *Resignation of Cyril Meagher from the ED/PA and Crescent Beach Centre Sub-Committee of the ED/PA*

10-19-15-04

It was duly moved and seconded that Cyril Meagher's resignation from the ED/PA Committee and the Crescent Beach Centre Sub-Committee of the ED/PA, be accepted with regret and a letter be sent to him thanking him for his service on the Committees.

Motion Passed

- *Appointment of Vicki Huskilson to the Economic Development/Planning Advisory Committee*

10-19-15-05

It was duly moved and seconded that Vicki Huskilson be appointed to the Economic Development Committee.

Motion Passed

- *Committee of the Whole, September 28, 2015*

- *Heat Pump for the Classroom Area of the Recreation Centre*

10-19-15-06

It was duly moved and seconded that the bid by Rhyno's Ltd., Bridgewater for the purchase and installation of a 12,000 BTU Heat Pump in the classroom area of the Recreation Centre, in the amount of \$2900.00 plus HST, be approved.

Motion Passed

- *Jello Tree After School Program use of the Recreation Centre*

10-19-15-07

It was duly moved and seconded that the Jello Tree After School Program be given free use of the Recreation Centre for the period from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily, from Monday to Friday, from now until the school break in December in order to give all interested parties adequate time to work on creating a strategy for moving forward.

Motion Passed

- *List of current invoices already paid in the amount of \$125,125.89*

10-19-15-08

It was duly moved and seconded that the list of bills already paid in the amount of \$125,125.89 be approved.

Motion Passed

- *Funding Request from River Hills Golf & Country Club*

10-19-15-09

It was duly moved and seconded that this matter be deferred to the 2016/2017 Budget deliberations.

Motion Passed

- *Sponsorship Request from Fire Inspectors Association of NS*

10-19-15-10

It was duly moved and seconded that the Town of Lockeport sponsor the Fire Inspectors Association of Nova Scotia in the amount of \$50.00, to help with the expense of one of their coffee breaks at the Fall Training Conference October 19 to October 23, 2015, at the Best Western in Liverpool, NS.

Motion Passed

- *Fall UNSM Conference*

There was much discussion regarding the fact that during budget deliberations it was decided that no money would be allotted this year for anyone to attend conferences. Mayor Huskilson assured Council that this particular event that he wants to attend will be funded through the Mayor's travel budget. The following motion was made:

10-19-15-11

It was duly moved and seconded that Mayor Huskilson be approved to attend up to two days and one night of the Fall UNSM Conference that is being held November 3, 4, 5, and 6, 2015 in Halifax, to be funded through the Mayor's travel budget.

Motion Passed

(6) Finance

- *Debenture*

The Town did not participate in the Spring Debenture of \$170,000.00.

10-19-15-12

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the pre-approval of the debenture for \$160,000.00 as presented.

Motion Passed

Joyce has been assured that the trucks and LED lights will be in place before the debenture is in place.

(7) Other Business

- *Well Agreement with Victoria Huskilson*

Victoria Huskilson was in attendance at the Meeting tonight. Victoria has added a paragraph to the agreement drawn up by the Towns' Solicitor which allows her preference regarding placement of foot valves in the well should any other rate payer in Town wish to have access to this well. After determining that the well is owned by the Community and therefore Council must treat everyone equally, the following motion was made:

10-19-15-13

It was duly moved and seconded that the original well agreement with Victoria Huskilson that was drawn up by the Towns' solicitor be approved without the added paragraph.

Motion Passed

The well agreement was signed this evening while all parties were present.

- *Tax Sale – 468 Brighton Road*

Joyce informed Council that the Town’s Solicitor is currently in the process of doing a title search on the property located at 468 Brighton Road.

This tax sale does not include the adjoining property where the gas pumps sit.

10-19-15-14

It was duly moved and seconded that the Town Clerk proceed with the tax sale regarding the property at 468 Brighton Road.

Motion Passed

- *Invitation to meet with the Department of Health & Wellness Minister and Deputy Minister*

10-19-15-15

It was duly moved and seconded that Mayor Huskilson be approved to represent the Town of Lockeport at the Meeting with the Department of Health and Wellness Minister and Deputy Minister on Monday, October 26, 2015 in the Town of Shelburne Council Chambers.

Motion Passed

- *Annual Committee Appointment list for review*

Mayor Huskilson encouraged Council to review the Committee appointment list and decide if they would like any changes made.

(8) Council Reports

- *Deputy Mayor Alonzo Townsend*
 - *Western Counties Regional Library Minutes from June 18, 2015*
 - *Western Counties Regional Library Minutes from October 1, 2015*

Deputy Mayor Townsend reviewed some of the items on his report and asked if he could add a “Personnel Issue” to the agenda under the “In Camera” section. Council agreed to this addition.

(9) Correspondence

(10) Date of next meeting

- *Monday, November 9, 2015*

(11) “In Camera”

10-19-15-16

It was duly moved and seconded that the Committee go “In Camera” to discuss the Low Income Tax Exemption Applications and a “Personnel Issue.”

Motion Passed

Council proceeded in Regular session at this time and the following motion was made:

- *Low Income Tax Exemption Applications*

10-19-15-17

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

Motion Passed

(12) Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the Meeting was adjourned. Time 9:02 p.m.

Motion Passed

**Darian Huskison,
Mayor**

**Joyce Young,
Town Clerk/Treasurer**