

**TOWN OF LOCKEPORT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2011 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 of Monday, November 14, 2011 was called to order by Mayor Huskilson at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

11-14-11-01

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

Motion Passed

Approval of previous minutes

- *Regular Council Meeting, Monday, October 17, 2011*

11-14-11-02

It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, October 17, 2011 be approved as distributed.

Motion Passed

11-14-11-03

Presentations (There were no presentations this evening)

Recommendations from Other Committees (There were no recommendations from other Committees this evening)

Finance

- *List of bills already paid in the amount of \$157,492.22*

11-14-11-04

It was duly moved and seconded that the list of bills already paid in the amount of \$157,492.22 be approved.

Motion Passed

- *Annual Municipal Corporation Borrowing Resolution*

11-14-11-05

It was duly moved and seconded that the Town execute the Municipal Corporation Borrowing Resolution, allowing the Town to borrow for current expenditures until such time as the taxes to be levied can be collected.

Motion Passed

- *Destination Southwest Nova*

11-14-11-06

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve payment of \$1,000 to Destination Southwest Nova Association which represents the 2011-2012 Municipal Investment. It is also noted that this expense be included annually in the Town of Lockeport Operating Budget.

Motion Passed

- *Roseway Hospital Student Sponsorship Program*

11-14-11-07

It was duly moved and seconded that the Town of Lockeport participate in the Roseway Hospital Student Sponsorship Program at a cost of \$252 per year for a five year program.

Motion Passed

Other Business

- *Canadian Coalition of Municipalities against Racism and Discrimination*

Information purposes only.

- *Approval of Wage Increases*

11-14-11-08

It was duly moved and seconded that the wage for the Preschool Instructor be set at the minimum wage rate for the Province of Nova Scotia plus 86 cents per hour.

Motion Passed

11-14-11-09

It was duly moved and seconded that the wage for the Preschool Assistant be set at the minimum wage rate for the Province of Nova Scotia.

Motion Passed

11-14-11-10

It was duly moved and seconded that the positions included in the Collective Agreement with the IBEW, effective November 1, 2009 to October 31, 2012 receive the agreed upon increase of 40 cents per hour beginning November 1, 2011.

Motion Passed

It was agreed at this time that the salary for the Project Manager would remain at the current level. Upon decision of Council on the continuation of this position Council will address the salary, if necessary, at that time.

- *Dangerous & Unsightly Premises*

Upon direction of Council, the Town Clerk/Treasurer sent notice to Captain & Mrs. Earl Whiteway regarding the Dangerous and Unsightly condition of their property located on the corner of South and John Streets. Their son, Michael Whiteway provided a letter to Council indicating his plans for addressing the situation.

11-14-11-11

It was duly moved and seconded that Council accept the terms of the plans that Michael Whiteway has presented for the clean up of the property owned by his parents located at the corner of South and John Streets.

Motion Passed

- *Cyril Meagher Resignation*

11-14-11-12

It was duly moved and seconded that Council accept, with regret, Cyril Meagher's resignation from the Lockeport Recreation Committee.

Motion Passed

- *Parking Regulations (Attached as schedule ("A")*

11-14-11-13

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the Winter Parking Regulations for the 2011/2012 season as presented.

Motion Passed

- *Appointment of Deputy Mayor*

As outlined in the Deputy Mayor Policy #L003 of the Town of Lockeport the position of Deputy Mayor is due to be revisited.

Mayor Huskilson declared the Deputy Mayor's position as being vacant and called for nominations. A nomination was made for Councillor Alonzo Townsend and the nomination was seconded. Councillor Townsend accepted the nomination. A nomination was made for Councillor Alan Stewart however Councillor Stewart stated that he declined the nomination. Mayor Huskilson called for additional nominations three consecutive times and there were no further nominations.

11-14-11-14

It was duly moved and seconded that Councillor Alonzo Townsend be appointed Deputy Mayor for the Town of Lockeport from now until the time that new Council is sworn in after Municipal Elections which is to be held in the Fall of 2012.

Motion Passed

Council Reports

- Councillor Williams reported to Council that he was pleased with the guardrail that was put in place on Brighton Road which was addressing a safety issue. He also reported to Council on two concerns he has. One with a hole in the trestle and one with a tree along Brighton Road that he feels should be removed. The Clerk/Treasurer will address both concerns with the Working Streets Foreman. If our Public Works Department are unable to address the trestle issue then we will request that Mark Williams inspect the problem and determine if there is anything he can do to fix it.
- Councillor Roszel reported to Council on various suggestions from the "Friends of the Little School Museum" pertaining to maintenance issues as follows:
 - Drainage issue – It is suggested that the Public Works staff conduct a dye test to identify where the water is draining off and then ensure the culvert is cleared of debris to enable a better flow.
 - Consultant Study for Museum/Visitor Information Centre – the recommendation came from Paul Collins of the Nova Scotia Department of Heritage and Culture that having a consultant conduct a study on internal restructuring to accommodate both the Museum artifacts as well as the Visitor Information Centre would benefit the Town when making future plans for utilizing Town owned property.

11-14-11-15

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve submitting an application to the Nova Scotia Department of Heritage and Culture for funding to conduct a study focusing on improvements and internal restructuring to accommodate both the Museum artifacts and the Visitor Information Centre.

Motion Passed

- Little School Museum Lay-Out – Council have been considering different options for the lay-out of the Museum. It has been suggested that if Council choose to alter the interior lay-out of the building, now is the time to make that decision. Based on another recommendation of Paul Collins, it is a suggestion of the “Friends of the Little School Museum” that the current lay-out of the Museum be retained.

11-14-11-16

It was duly moved and seconded that the current five room lay-out of the Little School Museum be retained.

Motion Passed

- Councillor Roszel reported to Council on the sessions he attended at the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities annual conference recently held in Halifax.
- Councillor Stewart reported to Council that he attended several sessions at the UNSM Conference as well and one that he found very interesting and informative was the session on Climate Change Initiative Plan which all units are to have completed by the end of December, 2012.
- Councillor Stewart also noted that information was provided at the UNSM Conference pertaining to the posting of speed limits within Town. All changes to speed limits must first receive approval of the Province of Nova Scotia before changes can be implemented.
- *Mayor Huskilson reported to Council that the Lockeport Volunteer Fire Department responded to the structural fire at the White Point Beach Resort on Saturday, November 12, 2011. This fire destroyed a large amount of the facility.*

Mayor Huskilson also reported to Council that the Auction for the former Shelburne Base property is set for November 24, 2011.

Mayor Huskilson informed Council that a meeting has been arranged with the Deputy Minister of Service Nova Scotia and the Deputy Minister of Economic and Rural Development for Friday, November 18, 2011 in Halifax. Mayor Huskilson also has a Town’s Task Force meeting in Halifax on Thursday, November 17, 2011. It is possible that the Town Clerk/Treasurer will attend both meetings with the Mayor.

Correspondence

11-14-11-17

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

Motion Passed

- *Letter from the Premier re: “Ships Start Here”*

This letter was regarding the recent announcement that Nova Scotia was successful in a Federal project competition. Irving has been granted the right to negotiate the contracts for the construction of several Navy Frigates at a value of 95 billion dollars. With the location of the Shelburne Ship Yard, which will be participating in these projects, the Town of Lockeport has the opportunity of benefitting as well as all of Shelburne County.

Date of next meeting

- *Monday, December 12, 2011*

Adjournment

There being no further business, **It was duly moved and seconded that meeting be adjourned. Time 8:30 p.m.**

**Darian Huskison,
Mayor**

**Joyce Young,
Town Clerk/Treasurer**

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