

**TOWN OF LOCKEPORT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

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

NOTE: It is at the Deputy Mayor's request that he be referred to in the minutes from now on as Lonnie instead of Alonzo.

1/ Call to order

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

2/ Approval of Agenda

11-18-13-01

It was moved by Councillor Williams and seconded by Councillor Eshelby that the agenda be approved with the following addition: Under Other Business: Submission of Interest for transportation of road salt for the Town of Lockeport.

Motion Passed

3/ Approval of previous minutes

- *Regular Council Meeting, Monday, October 21, 2013*

11-18-13-02

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Townsend and seconded by Councillor Swimm that the Regular Council Minutes from October 21, 2013 be approved.

Motion Passed

4/ Open Mic

5/ Presentations

There were no presentations this evening.

6/ **Recommendations from Other Committees**

- *Committee of the Whole, October 28, 2013 (Attached as Schedule "A")*
 - *Kids Corner Fee Structure*

11-18-13-03

It was moved by Councillor Eshelby and seconded by Councillor Williams that the suggested fee structure as presented by the Community Co-Ordinator be adopted, as well as giving any parent that has more than one child registered for preschool a fifty percent discount for the second child.

Motion Passed

- *Culvert work on Brighton Road*

11-18-13-04

It was moved by Councillor Eshelby and seconded by Councillor Williams that Mark A. Williams Excavating be hired immediately to complete project number one from the estimate which includes – replacing existing 4” pipe and install two 12” culverts to connect to existing 12” culvert. Topsoil area and seed. Ditch from existing culvert to the culvert that crosses Brighton Road.

Motion Passed

- *List of bills already paid in the amount of \$189,650.43*

11-18-13-05

It was moved by Councillor Eshelby and seconded by Councillor Williams that the list of bills already paid in the amount of \$189,650.430 be approved.

Motion Passed

- *List of bills to be paid in the amount of \$7,136.00*

11-18-13-06

It was moved by Councillor Eshelby and seconded by Councillor Williams that the list of bills to be paid in the amount of \$7,136.00 be approved for payment.

Motion Passed

- *Nova Scotia Power Regional Meeting, November 27, 2013 in Bridgewater*

11-18-13-07

It was moved by Councillor Eshelby and seconded by Councillor Williams that Mayor Huskilson try to contact Nova Scotia Power by phone to discuss the issue of our power sub-station and if that fails he will attend the meeting in Bridgewater on November 27, 2013.

Motion Passed

- *Estimate for repairs to the trestle from Onshore Construction*

11-18-13-08

It was moved by Councillor Eshelby and seconded by Councillor Williams that the work commence on the trestle to ensure that it is safe for pedestrian traffic as soon as Joyce has the answers to the questions raised on the estimate, and Joyce has contacted Council by phone with the particulars.

Motion Passed

- *Research & Action Meeting Re: Save our Schools*

11-18-13-09

It was moved by Councillor Eshelby and seconded by Councillor Williams that Councillor Eshelby put forth application on behalf of the Save Our Schools Committee for funding to hire administrative support.

Motion Passed

- *Recreation Committee, November 4, 2013 (Attached as Schedule "B")*

- *Appointment to Recreation Committee*

11-18-13-10

It was moved by Councillor Williams and seconded by Councillor Eshelby that Natalie Bower be appointed to the Recreation Committee as School Staff Representative.

Motion Passed

- *Physical Activity Strategy*

11-18-13-11

It was moved by Councillor Williams and seconded by Councillor Swim that as recommended by the Recreation Committee, the draft Physical Activity Strategy for the Town of Lockeport, Town of Shelburne and Municipality of the District of Shelburne be adopted for use in our Community over the next five years as we pursue healthy lifestyles for our residents.

Motion Passed

7/ **Finance**

- *Tender submitted*

There was only one tender submitted from Onshore Construction in the amount of \$182,247.33 plus HST. The budget for this project is \$172,443.00 plus HST.

11-18-13-12

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Townsend and seconded by Councillor Williams that Council accept the tender received from Onshore Construction pending negotiating with the firm to bring the total within the budgeted amount.

Motion Passed

8/ **Other Business**

- *Adoption of Municipal Climate Change Action Plan*

11-18-13-13

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Townsend and seconded by Councillor Eshelby that the Town of Lockeport adopt the Municipal Climate Change Action Plan as presented.

Motion Passed

- *Municipal Councillor Expense Allowance re: Income Tax*

11-18-13-14

It was moved by Councillor Williams and seconded by Deputy Mayor Townsend that “For the calendar year 2013, one-third of the total sum paid to each Councillor as salaries or the remuneration, including all non-accountable expense money, shall be declared an allowance for expenses to be excluded from income under the Income Tax Act of Canada.”

Motion Passed

- *Annual Municipal Corporation Borrowing Resolution*

11-18-13-15

It was moved by Councillor Williams and seconded by Councillor Eshelby 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

- *Winter Parking Regulations*

11-18-13-16

It was moved by Councillor Williams and seconded by Deputy Mayor Townsend that Council approve the Winter Parking Regulations for the 2013/2014 season as presented.

Motion Passed

- *Housing Crunch Resolution*

It was moved by Councillor Williams and seconded by Councillor Eshelby that;
WHEREAS, a stable and secure housing system that creates and maintains jobs and allows for a range of living options is essential to attracting new workers, meeting the needs of young families and supporting seniors and our most vulnerable citizens; and,
WHEREAS, the high cost of housing is the most urgent financial issue facing Canadians with one in four people paying more than they can afford for housing, and mortgage debt held by Canadians now standing at just over \$1.1 trillion; and,
WHEREAS, housing costs and, as the Bank of Canada notes, household debt, are undermining Canadians’ personal financial security, while putting our National Economy at risk; and,
WHEREAS, those who cannot afford to purchase a home rely on the short supply of rental units, which is driving up rental costs and making it hard to house workers in regions experiencing strong economic activity; and,
WHEREAS, an inadequate supply of subsidized housing for those in need is pushing some of the most vulnerable Canadians onto the street, while \$1.7 billion annually in Federal Investments in social housing have begun to expire; and,

WHEREAS, coordinated action is required to prevent housing issues from being offloaded onto local Governments and align the steps local Governments have already taken with regard to Federal/Provincial/Territorial programs and policies; and,

WHEREAS, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has launched a housing campaign, “Fixing Canada’s Housing Crunch,” calling on the Federal Government to increase housing options for Canadians and to work with all orders of Government to develop a long-term plan for Canada’s housing future; and,

WHEREAS, FCM has asked its member Municipalities to pass a Council resolution supporting the campaign;

AND WHEREAS, our Community has continuing housing needs, that can only be met through the kind of long-term planning and investment made possible by Federal leadership;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council endorses the FCM housing campaign and urges the Minister of Employment and Social Development to develop a long-term plan for housing that puts core investments on solid ground, increases predictability, protects Canadians from the planned expiry of \$1.7 billion in social housing agreements and ensures a healthy stock of affordable rental housing for Canadians.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister noted above, to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, to Gerald Keddy, MP, to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities.

Motion Passed

- *Tourism Co-Ordinator Position*

11-18-13-17

It was moved by Councillor Eshelby and seconded by Councillor Williams that the Town of Lockeport cease membership with the Shelburne County Tourism Association effective March 31, 2014.

Motion Passed

When this notification is provided to the Shelburne County Tourism Association it will include the fact that Council was very pleased with the services provided by the Tourism CoOrdinator.

- *Committee Appointments*

11-18-13-18

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Townsend and seconded by Councillor Williams that Council Committee Membership remain as it is except Deputy Mayor Townsend will be added to the Economic Development/Planning Advisory SubCommittee Crescent Beach Centre.

Motion Passed

Mayor Huskilson informed Council that he is now an executive member of the UNSM Town’s Caucus.

- *Appointment to Economic Development Committee*

11-18-13-19

It was moved by Councillor Eshelby and seconded by Councillor Williams that Nancy J. Kleins be appointed as a member of the Economic Development/Planning Advisory Committee of the Town of Lockeport.

Motion Passed

- *Invitation from Lockeport Loop Business Association*

11-18-13-20

It was moved by Councillor Eshelby and seconded by Councillor Williams that whatever members of Council that are interested in attending the next Meeting of the Lockeport Loop Business Association on Wednesday, December 4th at 6:00 p.m., to represent Town Council should do so. It was also decided that there should be no necessity of a 15 minute presentation by Council at this meeting.

Motion Passed

- *Request from Tides of Time Gallery & Gifts and Cotter's Ocean Products*

There was a lengthy discussion regarding future parking in the Community.

Joyce suggested to Council that they may want to consider this request when they work on the Capital Investment Plan next fiscal year. There was talk of the fact that we would need the input of a qualified engineer to advise us on layout etc. should we eventually want to turn the property on the Southwest corner of Spruce and North Streets into a parking area per the request from Tides of the Time Gallery & Gifts and Cotter's Ocean Products. The property is zoned residential at the present time. Joyce will check into the land-use by-law regarding this matter and will let the above two businesses know that this item is being looked into.

- *Request for information from Lockeport Loop Business Association*

11-18-13-21

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Townsend and seconded by Councillor Williams that Mayor Huskison will format a draft letter to the Lockeport Loop Business Association in response to their request for information pertaining to Commercial Tax Rates and Amalgamation talks. Upon completion of the draft the letter will be presented to Council for review prior to being sent.

Motion Passed

Council asked Joyce to contact Peter Swim, Chair in the meantime and let him know what is happening.

- *Submission of interest for delivery of road salt for \$50.00 per tonne*

11-18-13-22

It was moved by Councillor Eshelby and seconded by Deputy Mayor Townsend that Mark A. Williams be contracted by the Town of Lockeport to deliver our road salt at the cost of \$50.00 per tonne per the Town of Lockeport's purchasing policy.

Motion Passed

9/ **Council Reports**

- *Deputy Mayor Townsend*
- *Councillor Eshelby (Attached as Schedule "C")*
 - *NS Commission on building a new Economy*
 - *Roseway Manor*

Councillor Eshelby informed Council that Roseway Manor is having a rough time financially.

- *Healthy Eating in Municipal and Recreation Settings*
- *Lockeport Schools*
- *UNSM Annual Conference*
- *Councillor Swimm*
 - *NS Commission on building our new Economy (Attached as Schedule "D")*

10/ **Correspondence**

11-18-13-23

It was moved by Councillor Williams and seconded by Deputy Mayor Townsend that the correspondence be accepted.

Motion Passed

- *Email from Exchange Student*
- *Letter from NS Herpetoculture Society*
- *Letter from Ursula D. Goetzberger*

11/ **Date of next meeting**

- *Regular Council Meeting - Monday, December 9, 2013*

12/ **"In Camera"**

13/ **Adjournment**

11-18-13-24

There being no further business to discuss it was moved by Deputy Mayor Townsend and seconded by Councillor Swim that the meeting be adjourned. Time: 9:00 p.m.

Motion Passed

**Darian Huskilon,
Mayor**

**Joyce Young,
Town Clerk/Treasurer**