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Our Mission Statement: My Town

Lockeport- where we partner to build a prosperous future with services that provide value and a quality of life in which we take pride.

Creating a Business and Services Directory

I am working on a business and services directory for Lockeport and the immediate area. This would include businesses and services such as: carpenters, plumbers, mechanics, printers, crafters, photographers, handyman, etc. This directory would be on the Town's website as a quick reference for residents in need of services. I will be contacting business and service providers (whom I am aware of) over the next month to ask if you wish to be listed. You may also email me at: mayoroflockeport@gmail.com with your information. I hope there will be a high participation rate. Thank you.

We are on the web: www.lockeport.ns.ca

Looking Down the Road to Our Future

If you think about what will Lockeport's future look like, what do you see?

Is our cup half full or half empty?

I see it is half full and look forward to the next three and a half years to see the cup begin to top up. Is this just wishful thinking? Maybe. It really depends on thinking "outside the box", making incremental changes, creating partnerships, and working collectively. One person cannot do it all. Collectively good things can happen.

We are small but that doesn't count us out. Creating a thriving business climate is important. Small businesses can produce world-class products. We have people capable of doing this right here in Lockeport. Just look at Allendale Electronics. The company has won a Provincial award for innovation with their

FizzWizz invention.

Last year was our best tourism year. I believe it will grow provided we seriously provide visitors with a pleasant, hometown experience. Many of these tourists want a relaxed, slow-paced experience with some options of things to do. What would we need to do to meet this demand and create a destination experience in partnership with Shelburne County?

What else do you see?



Collectively we can see further down the road. "If you build it, they will come."

Spring Newsletter 2017

From the Mayor's Office



March 2017

Town of Lockeport

Message from the Mayor

Your new Council is in its 5th month. We are working well as a team and Council is dealing effectively with the daily business of our community.

It has been a steep learning curve for Councillor DeMings-Taylor and myself since holding public office is a new experience for us. We have been at training sessions where the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities (UNSM) provided workshops on the Municipal Government Act and all things pertaining to being a member of a council from finance to freedom of information law. We also have the support and help

of council and Ms. Joyce Young, Town Clerk/Treasurer, to guide us.

2017 is a great year for Lockeport. It is Canada's 150th birthday and Lockeport's 110th. Please see page 2 for more information about events throughout the year.

Over the next couple of years council will be revising Town by-laws and creating some new ones. When we start working on these council will be seeking public input particularly with new by-laws. Some revisions will just be a matter of housekeeping to bring them into

the 21st century and some will need to be removed because they are completely outdated.

Lockeport is a beautiful seaside community and others are beginning to discover us. As a community we need to embrace change and be welcoming. Small regular improvements over time can pay big dividends.

Mayor George R. Harding

PS: When the Canada 150 tulips bloom at the Post Office this spring think of Vicki Huskison. She gave me the bulbs. The tulip is white with a red flame or maple leaf up the side of the petal. Enjoy.

Your Council

- * Mayor George R. Harding
- * Deputy Mayor Lonnie Townsend
- * Councillor Joann Swimm
- * Councillor Dayle Eshelby
- * Councillor Dawn DeMings-Taylor

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Making Council Meetings Transparent and Efficient

There have been changes in the way we conduct all meetings including Committee and Council meetings.

You will receive a hardcopy of the agenda and all the information being conducted will be displayed on the television

screen. Therefore you will have the same information that Councillors have. Previously only Council had the package in hardcopy and anyone in the gallery did not and were hard pressed to understand fully what business was being

conducted.

This is an important change. Council is also making more of an effort to go paperless to save costs.

The Council agenda is posted on the town's website prior to the meeting for your information.

Canada 150 Lockeport 110

Did you know that the Lockeport 2017 Sub-committee of the town's Economic Development and Planning Advisory Committee applied for a Canada 150 grant and received \$40,000.00 to fund events throughout the year in celebration of Canada's 150th Birthday?

We held a Levee on January 1st that was very successful. The Fire Hall was crowded. People from all over Shelburne County joined Lockeport residents in welcoming in the new year. 2017 is going to be a good year for Lockeport and Shelburne County.

The next event was National Flag Day on February 15th. Children were delighted with the performance by Razzmatazz. The Fire Hall was awash with flags and the story of how Canada obtained its own flag in 1965 was told via video news clips from that year and also from 2015 on the flag's 50th birthday. There was a much smaller crowd for the adult portion of the event, perhaps it was

the weather. Our local Legion carried the flags as they were piped in by Pat Melanson. A rousing sight.

On February 26th, Lockeport's 110th birthday saw the Fire Hall crowded to the seams. Our preschoolers sang two songs to the delight of the audience. Adults and children enjoyed playing the "Lockeport Walks" game. Winners received gift certificates from local businesses: Town Market, Lockeport PharmaChoice, New Town and Country Diner, Lock, Stock & Barrel, Becky's Knit and Yarn, NSLC; Cotter's Ocean Product, Aly Kat Lounge and Beech Street Studio.

The next Canada 150 event is on May 22nd, Victoria Day. This will be a fun event. Did you know that it was Queen Victoria who brought the Christmas tree tradition into our homes?

The Lockeport 2017 committee members:

Janice Fiske, Mary Meagher, Kevin Grant (Tech Support), Fran Scott (Staff Liaison), and George Harding

August 12th is our Canada 150 Beach Day as we celebrate all things ocean. Crescent Beach is a beautiful beach and as you know was once on the back of the Canadian 50 dollar bill. We are planning a big beach party on the 12th during the annual Lockeport Sea Derby weekend. There will be beach activities, a live band and a BBQ.

On Labour Day weekend we will celebrate our workers and families. Come out and acknowledge those who make our country, county and community thrive. There will be a camp-out: tenting and RVs, etc. in the community with campfire songs led by

local musicians.

The last Canada 150 event will be a Mummer's Parade on December 30th. We hope to make this an annual Lockeport event. Dress up as a Mummer; invite friends from other communities to join us. The parade will end at the Fire Hall. Refreshments will be served and musicians playing in case you want to kick up your heels. This is a family event.

Market at the Pavilion

A Market will be at the Pavilion at Seacaps Park this coming summer.

The Town is pleased that this popular event on Fridays will once again bring people to the park.

The committee organizing the Market at the Pavilion consists of: Mayor George Harding (Chair), Councillor Swimm, Councillor Eshelby, and we are looking for more members.

Walkable Town

Some new signage will be placed at some critical locations to direct tourists to our loop/trestle walking trail.

Other trails are being discussed to enhance the "Walkable Town" motto. Roods Head is one location and extending over Chetwynd's Beach to join John Street.

If you have other suggestions please let us know.



Let's not tug and pull but work together.

Input Welcomed

You don't have to live in Lockeport to feel free to offer me your opinion on improving the town. I may not be your Mayor but good ideas don't have boundaries.

Emergency Preparedness

You should be prepared for emergencies. Be aware of storm warnings. You should be prepared to take care of yourself and your family for a minimum of 72 hours. This is a Canada-wide requirement. If you no longer have the booklet outlining what you need to do, please pick up a copy at the Town Office.

If the power is out, call NS Power 1-877-428-6004. A power outage has nothing to do with the Town Council.

If the Fire Hall "Comfort Centre" is open the number is 902-656-2927.

Bits and Pieces



Our minds like to wonder about things!

Snow Plowing Costs

2014/15— \$47,500.00

2015/16—\$19,707.00

2016/17—\$28,151.00 as of March 13, 2017.

Shop locally as much as possible. It is what keeps our community alive.

House Sales

Between April 2016-March 2017 there have been 17 properties sold in the Town. This is a record high within one budget year for Lockeport. This has generated \$29,563.00 in deed transfer tax.

Census Data

Shelburne County Population

	2011	2016	
Lockeport	588 (4.1%)	531 (3.8%)	-57 PEOPLE
Shelburne	1686 (11.6%)	1743 (12.5%)	+57 PEOPLE
MD Shelb..	4408 (30.7%)	4288 (30.7)	-120 PEOPLE
MD Barrington	6994 (48.2%)	6646 (47.6%)	-348
Clark's Hbr.	820 (5.7%)	758 (5.4%)	-62 PEOPLE

Open Burning

Open burning regulations and guidelines for the Town of Lockeport presently fall under the jurisdiction of the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources and the Nova Scotia Department of Environment.

However, at no time should you burn waste materials, painted wood, plastic, etc. This burning is prohibited by both provincial and federal environmental law.

Contact NS Department of Natural Resources 902-875-2501 (Shelburne) or NS Department of Environment 1-902-742-8985 to find out when and what you can burn on your property, also to report illegal burning. Novascotia.ca/natr/forestprotection/wildfire/burnsafe 1-800-565-2224

Keep informed about events by going to the town website. Click on "Events" and also check out the Lockeport/Shelburne link.

Outstanding Taxes

As of February 22, 2017:

2014 and Prior = \$4,563.00

2015 = \$35,611.00

2016 = \$80,094.00

Total outstanding is \$120,268.00

Income Tax Seniors & Residents

Free low income tax program—March 1st to April 30th Drop off only, 26 North Street, Lockeport Town Office. Monday to Friday 8:30-4:00. To make a special appointment with one of our volunteers please call 1-800-565-0397. The "low income threshold" is as follows: Single person \$30,000; Couple and family \$40,000; One adult with dependent \$35,000.

Presently this service is being well used.