

**TOWN OF LOCKEPORT
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2020
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Mayor Cory Nickerson, Deputy Mayor Dawn DeMings-Taylor, Councillor Dayle Eshelby, Councillor Kent Balish, Councillor Mary Meagher, Town Clerk/Treasurer – Joyce Young and Recording Secretary – June Harding

1. Call to order

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

2. Silence Electronic Devices

All electronic devices were silenced at this time.

3. Approval of Agenda

11-09-20-01

**It was duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as presented/with the following addition under Other Business – Lobster Dispute Regional Meeting.
Motion Passed**

4. Approval of minutes

- *Regular Council Minutes October 26, 2020*

11-09-20-02

It was duly moved and seconded that the Council Minutes from October 26, 2020 be approved.

Motion Passed

5. Finance

- *List of invoices already paid in the amount of \$131,120.98*

The list of invoices already paid was reviewed with no questions arising.

- *Municipal Borrowing Resolution – 2020/2021*

11-09-20-03

It was duly moved and seconded that that the Town of Lockeport execute the Municipal Corporation Borrowing Resolution 2020/2021, allowing the Town to borrow for current expenditures until such time as the taxes to be levied can be collected.

Motion Passed

At this time Mayor Nickerson informed Council that he will be having office hours at the Town Hall on Tuesdays and he has forwarded calls from his office to his cell phone so he can be reached at any time at 902-656-2209.

6. Other Business

- *New Councillor Orientation/Training dates & schedule*

The Town Clerk/Treasurer received the final schedule for the Council orientation training today and distributed it to Council at this time.

- *Town Committee and outside Board appointments*

- o *Finance Committee*

The Town Clerk/Treasurer suggested that the Finance Committee should meet annually in November, January and March after the budget is set.

- o *Audit Committee*

The Town Clerk/Treasurer suggested that the Audit Committee should meet once prior to the Audit and again after the Audit is complete.

The Audit Committee requires two members of the public. This Committee needs members with a financial background.

- o *Recreation Committee*

11-09-20-04

It was duly moved and seconded that Deputy Mayor DeMings-Taylor and Councillor Eshelby be appointed to the Recreation Committee.

Motion Passed

- o *Canada Day Committee*

11-09-20-05

It was duly moved and seconded that Mayor Nickerson and Councillor Eshelby be appointed to the Canada Day Committee.

Motion Passed

- o *Police Advisory Committee*

11-09-20-06

It was duly moved and seconded that Deputy Mayor DeMings-Taylor and Councillor Balish be appointed to the Police Advisory Committee.

Motion Passed

- o *Town of Lockeport EMO Committee*

It was decided that the Town EMO Committee will meet in January, March, June and September each year on the fourth Monday of the month immediately following the regularly scheduled Council Meeting.

- o *Heritage Advisory Committee*

11-09-20-07

It was duly moved and seconded that Councillor Eshelby be appointed to the Heritage Advisory Committee.

Motion Passed

- *Property Management Team (Town Owned Properties)*

11-09-20-08

It was duly moved and seconded that because we now have an Asset Management Committee which makes the Property Management Team redundant, this Committee will be struck from the list.

Motion Passed

- *Property Condition Assessment Team (Dangerous & Unsightly Premises)*

It was decided that all Council will be involved in this and it will be placed on the Council Meeting agenda when necessary.

- *Asset Management Committee*

11-09-20-09

It was duly moved and seconded that Mayor Nickerson, Councillor Balish and George Harding be appointed to the Asset Management Committee.

Motion Passed

- *Dog Park Committee*

11-09-20-10

It was duly moved and seconded that the Dog Park Committee be struck from the list because the project has been completed.

Motion Passed

- *Region 6 Steering Committee*

11-09-20-11

It was duly moved and seconded that Mayor Nickerson be appointed to the Region 6 Steering Committee with Councillor Meagher as alternate.

Motion Passed

- *Western Counties Regional Housing Authority*

This position requires a community member so Council will put some thought into possible representatives to fill this position.

- *Regional Library Board*

11-09-20-12

It was duly moved and seconded that Councillor Balish be appointed to the Regional Library Board.

Motion Passed

- *School Advisory Board*

11-09-20-13

It was duly moved and seconded that Councillor Balish be appointed to the School Advisory Committee.

Motion Passed

- *Town's Caucus*

11-09-20-14

It was duly moved and seconded that Mayor Nickerson be appointed to the Town's Caucus.

Motion Passed

- *Early Childhood Development Committee*

11-09-20-15

It was duly moved and seconded that this Committee be struck from the list and if in the future they request a representative from the Town of Lockeport one will be picked at that time.

Motion Passed

- *Shelburne County Housing Coalition*

11-09-20-16

It was duly moved and seconded that Deputy Mayor DeMings-Taylor be appointed to the Shelburne County Housing Coalition.

Motion Passed

- *Roseway Manor Board*

11-09-20-17

It was duly moved and seconded that Mayor Nickerson, Councillor Eshelby and George Harding be appointed to the Roseway Manor Board.

Motion Passed

- *Eastern Shelburne County Accessibility Advisory Committee*

11-09-20-18

It was duly moved and seconded that Councillor Balish be appointed to the Eastern Shelburne County Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Motion Passed

- *Shelburne Community/Nova Scotia Health Authority Stakeholder Group*

11-09-20-19

It was duly moved and seconded that Councillor Meagher be appointed to the Shelburne Community/Nova Scotia Health Authority Stakeholder Group with Councillor Eshelby as alternate.

Motion Passed

- *Little School Museum*

There was a discussion regarding the need to have a mature person working at the Museum when we re-open to the public and how nice it would be if there were a group of volunteers interested enough to take over managing the Museum. Mayor Nickerson agreed to oversee the Museum and the following motion was made:

11-09-20-20

It was duly moved and seconded that Mayor Nickerson take on the role of overseeing the Little School Museum.

Motion Passed

- *Tree Removal – corner of Beech and Hall Streets*

Mayor Nickerson expressed concern about the overgrown state of the large spruce tree that is located at the corner of Beech and Hall Streets and is currently used as the annual Christmas tree. Not only is the tree in jeopardy of blowing down but it has become increasingly difficult and dangerous for the Public Works Department to string lights on each December. The tree is too tall to be manageable for them.

Mayor Nickerson is suggesting that the tree be brought down and a new more manageable tree be planted to replace it in the same vicinity. The roots of the existing tree, emotional attachment to the tree and placement of the new tree were all discussed.

The Town Clerk/Treasurer has spoken to the Public Works Department to see if they would be able to bring the tree down and they have agreed that they can manage the task. The following motion was made;

11-09-20-21

It was duly moved and seconded that the spruce tree at the corner of Beech and Hall Streets be removed with the intention of replacing it with a new tree in the same vicinity early in the new year. In the interim the Town will buy a cultivated tree annually until the newly planted tree matures.

Motion Passed.

- *Lobster Dispute Regional Meeting*

The Town Clerk/Treasurer has received a letter from Chris Frotten, CAO for the Municipality of the District of Barrington requesting that the Town of Lockeport participates in Regional discussions regarding the Lobster Dispute.

It was agreed that Security of the people and supporting the economic development in the area are the two most important factors. The following motion was made:

11-09-20-22

It was duly moved and seconded that the Town Clerk/Treasurer participates in the Regional discussions regarding the Lobster Dispute.

Motion Passed

7. Council Reports

- *Councillor Dayle Eshelby*

October 10, 2020 – Recreation Barbecue in the Park – Lockeport

October 13, 2020 – Council Meeting – Lockeport

October 19 – Recreation Committee Meeting – Lockeport

October 21, 2020 – Roseway Manor Board meeting – Shelburne

October 24, 2020 – Rood's Head Park Cleanup – Lockeport

October 26, 2020 – Council Meeting – Lockeport

October 29, 2020 – Trails Committee Meeting - Lockeport

- *Deputy Mayor Dawn DeMings-Taylor*

October 13, 2020 – Council Meeting – Lockeport

October 19, 2020 – Recreation Committee Meeting – Lockeport

October 26, 2020 – Council Meeting – Lockeport

October 31, 2020 – Trick or Trunk event – Lockeport

- *Councillor Kent Balish*

October 13, 2020 – Council Meeting – Lockeport
October 15, 2020 – School Advisory Committee (No Quorum) - Lockeport
October 26, 2020 – Council Meeting - Lockeport

- *Councillor Mary Meagher*

October 10, 2020 – Recreation Barbecue in the Park – Lockeport
October 26, 2020 – Council Meeting – Lockeport
October 29, 2020 – Trails Committee Meeting - Lockeport

- *Mayor Cory Nickerson*

October 8, 2020 – July 1st Meeting – Lockeport
October 10, 2020 – “Locketoberfest”- Lockeport
October 13, 2020 – Council Meeting – Lockeport
October 21, 2020 – Roseway Manor Board Meeting – Shelburne
October 22, 2020 – July 1st Meeting – Lockeport
October 24, 2020 – Rood’s Head Park Cleanup – Lockeport
October 26, 2020 – Council Meeting – Lockeport
October 29, 2020 – Senior’s Bingo (Caller) – Lockeport
October 30, 2020 – Meeting re: Fisheries – Lockeport
October 31, 2020 – Trick or Trunk event - Lockeport

8. Correspondence

There was no correspondence this evening.

9. Information Only

There was nothing for information only this evening.

10. Date of next meeting

- *November 23, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.*

11. “In Camera”

There was nothing for “In Camera” this evening.

12. Adjournment

11-09-20-23

There being no further business to discuss it was duly moved and seconded that the Meeting be adjourned. Time 7:25 p.m.

Motion Passed

**Cory Nickerson,
Mayor**

**Joyce Young,
Town Clerk/Treasurer**