

**TOWN OF LOCKPORT
COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY MAY 23, 2023 AT 1:00 P.M.
AGENDA**

- 1. Call to order**
- 2. Silence Electronic Devices**
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
- 4. Approval of Minutes**
 - Regular Council Meeting Minutes May 8, 2023
- 5. Department Reports**
 - Community Coordinator Report (Page 1-5)
 - Administration Report (Page 6-13-)
 - o Municipal Notice Act
 - o Capital Investment Plan
- 6. Finance**
 - List of invoices already paid in the amount of \$47,619.47 (Page 14-15)
- 7. Other Business**
 - Lighthouse Stage water use
 - Notice for ARO Policy
 - Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities update for Town of Lockport
 - RCMP Retroactive Costs
- 8. Committee Reports**
 - Canada Day Report (Mayor Nickerson)
 - Recreation Report (Deputy Mayor DeMings-Taylor)
- 9. Information Only**
 - Southwestern Shore Region NSFM structure (Page 16)
 - Letter from the Municipality of Barrington to the Department of Justice RE: RCMP Retroactive costs. (Page 17-18)
- 10. Date of next meeting**
 - June 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
- 11. Adjournment**

Community Coordinator Report to Council
for May 23, 2023 meeting

Canada Day Celebrations – In light of Canada Day Committee plan to have promotional materials out by the beginning of June, my work will become intensely focused on this task over the next week. From there, the work of making sure we can provide what we are promoting will become a dominant feature of my work for the month of June. (This will involve a great deal of resource management, supply purchases, facility preparations and countless other small tasks.)

Make Your Move Lockport - Feedback from both the general public and our partner organizations indicates our launch week and Grand Launch event went very well. Our public engagement and the number of partner organizations continues to grow, which will undoubtedly prove to be crucial to our achieving success as we implement the pilot over the next two and a half years.

Accessibility Coordinator - The deadline to apply for funding under the provincial Community Works program is coming up on June 7, 2023. This program offers 50% of a project cost up to \$25,000 and is one of our best chances to access support to employ an Accessibility Coordinator as a one year pilot project. We should discuss where we stand with our ability to commit to this initiative.

Summer staffing – Our two Clean Internships have now been filled and the 15-week position is underway. Our 15-week Sustainable Transportation intern is a young woman named Grace Barry and the 9 week Trails Technician position will be carried out by a young woman named Megan Vaillencourt. There are currently four additional positions being advertised: an 8-week Events Coordinator to support Canada Day activities; two 8-week Leisure Activities Counsellors to work in recreation; and a 16-week Inclusion Worker. These competitions are slated to close on May 25 and we anticipate carrying out interviews shortly thereafter.

Tennis Court update – On May 11, I received email notification from the NS Dept. of Communities, Culture, Tourism & Heritage, that we have been approved for \$23,000 funding toward our court upgrades under their Recreation Facility Development program. This approval means we should be able to complete all the recommended upgrades, including both the resurfacing and fencing. On May 15, I

met with representatives of Maritime Tennis (Nova Fencing) to discuss the overall project. Over the next two days they carried out the first step in the resurfacing process by pressure washing the courts. We owe a debt of gratitude to Mark Williams, whose well we ran dry on May 15 and to Bob Baker, who stepped up as soon as we asked to provide water from his plant for them to complete this step by late afternoon on May 16. The fence mesh has been ordered by the company and the next stage of the work will be carried out as soon the fence arrives. In the meantime, the actual resurfacing will need to wait until overnight temperatures have risen high enough for the surface to harden properly. It should also be noted that Bill Crosby has been very helpful throughout this process and made regular visits to the courts over the two days work to make sure everything was proceeding well and making me aware of the issues with water supply in a timely manner.

AT lane update – Aberdeen Paving has subcontracted Dexter Construction to complete the unfinished rumble strip we have already paid them for. On May 15, I met with two Dexter employees to help them establish markings to be used in positioning the rumble strip. Once the rumble strip is completed, Aberdeen will be coming in to paint the four inch white line required to provide additional definition of the paved lane.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances H. Scott
Community Coordinator

November 28, 2022 meeting

- Accessibility Advisory Committee (Councillor Kent Balish) (see attached) The Eastern Shelburne County Accessibility Advisory Committee is proposing to hire an Accessibility Coordinator for a one year term. Grant opportunities are being researched.

11-28-22-03 It was duly moved and seconded that Council endorse the concept of pursuing a one-year project to jointly hire an Accessibility Coordinator pending the endorsement of the other two units. Motion Passed

March 27, 2023 meeting

The Community Coordinator was inquiring about the status of hiring a one year term position for an Accessibility Coordinator to work on activating the Accessibility Plans for Eastern Shelburne County. The Community Works grant is due to be closed soon that will cover half of the costs for this position. This position will be put on the budget request list.

Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday November 2nd, 2022
Start time: 6:00 pm
(In Person Meeting)

In Attendance: Adam Dedrick, Robin Smith, Frances Scott, Sylvia Snow, Holly Perry, Terry Stacey, Bill Atwood, Kent Balish

Regrets: Ben Nickerson, Wanda Buchanan, Penny Smith

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Adam Dedrick at 6:00pm

Agenda Approval: Meeting Agenda was reviewed aloud. Approval of this agenda was moved by Terry and 2nd by Sylvia.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Meeting minutes from June 16th, 2022 were reviewed and approved electronically. This was moved by Sylvia, 2nd by Terry

Business:

- a) **Sub Committee Update:** a meeting was held by the Sub Committee in July. Lots of good discussion took place on how to move forward with raising awareness in the community and at community events however due to timeline restraints a booth has not been set up at events as of yet
- b) **Accessibility Coordinator Position:** the proposal/terms around this position were reviewed. Funding for this position could have the potential to be grant based. It was agreed by all that creating a focus that is project based for the first year would allow for more grant opportunities and also better accommodate budget commitments. This position needs one person to commit to a full time one year pilot project. Several grant options were discussed and Adam will continue to look into these. A formal job description will be created for units to present to their councils for review/ approval. A discussion was held highlighting what all committee members would like to see as a main focus for the first year of this pilot project. These areas of focus were as follows ...

- Built environments audits
- Community/ council/ staff education and training
- Federal mandates/ discussions being held at federal level (Kent is following this)



Meeting Adjourned at 7:15pm

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kent and 2nd by Sylvia.

Next Meeting Date: December 1st, 2022 at 6pm in Shelburne

a) There is no other business

Other Business:

A motion was made to make a recommendation to councils that they endorse the concept of pursuing a one-year pilot project to jointly hire an Accessibility Coordinator in light of the mandate to move these plans. This motion was moved by Sylvia and 2nd by Bill

- Community education and awareness
- Resources inventory
- Communication and information (within municipal units)

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The auditors will begin their field work the week beginning June 5th.

Annual Audit

As directed by Council, Anchored Recruiters has been engaged to complete the job search for the Town Clerk/Treasurer position.
Interviews were conducted by Council on May 11, 2023 for the positions of Public Works Labourer and VIC Manager. The opening for the Labourer has been posted again. The successful candidate for the VIC Manager position is Michael Kozak.

Employment Vacancies

I have no update at this time. We are awaiting information from the Province.

Municipal Modernization

The Federal Government is addressing the outstanding taxes owed by tenants occupying crown properties at the North Government Wharf location. I do not have anything to report at this time pertaining to their progress.

The 2023 Interim Tax Bills were issued on April 17, 2023 and due date is May 31, 2023

Total outstanding is \$592,162
2023 = \$510,527
2022 = \$52,155
2021 = \$13,946
2020 & prior = \$15,534

As of May 17, 2023, outstanding taxes are as follows:

TAX COLLECTIONS

To date, there have been two (2) building permits issued for the 2023/2024 fiscal year. (Total permits issued for 2022/2023 was thirteen)

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED 2023/2024 FISCAL YEAR

To date, I have issued four (4) development permits for the 2023/2024 fiscal year. (Total permits issued for 2022/2023 was eight)

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS ISSUED 2022/2023 FISCAL YEAR

**ADMINISTRATION REPORT
COUNCIL MEETING
May 23, 2023**

Joyce Young
Town Clerk/Treasurer

Access Road Upgrades \$204,200
Wastewater Surge Tank Project \$567,000
Wastewater Lift Station Pumps \$25,800

projects outlined are as follows:

See attached Year 1 outline for capital projects forecasted for 2023/24 fiscal year. The three capital

Capital Investment Plan

See attached notice from the Province of Nova Scotia. As outlined in the Municipal Government Act, Municipal Affairs must provide municipalities with 12 month written notice of decreasing revenues or increasing expenditures. The attached letter gives notice of changes coming pertaining to costs related to DNA analysis, Construction & Demolition Debris disposal and the Coastal Protection Act. Attached as an appendix is a listing of other related initiatives that Provincial Departments feel municipalities should be made aware of.

Provincial 12 month notice

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If any of the above content is unclear or should you have any questions regarding the provided information, please do not hesitate to contact the corresponding department for clarification.

The Biological Casework Analysis Agreement provides Nova Scotia's municipalities with DNA analysis arising from criminal investigations. DNA analysis is an important and affordable service that helps solve crimes. The 2023-24 financial cost of this program is expected to be \$845,000 however the proration of the cost to municipalities will be reassessed upon the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing's release of the "Uniform Assessment" for 2023-24.

Biological Casework Analysis Agreement

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Additionally, you will find as an appendix to this notice a listing of other related initiatives that departments feel municipalities should be made aware.

The Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing (DMAH) canvassed all other provincial departments to seek information on plans for legislative, regulatory, and policy changes in the coming fiscal year. Below you will find a summary of the results of that process.

Under the provisions of the *Municipal Government Act*, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing must provide to the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) 12-months' notice of any provincial legislation, regulation, or administrative actions that could have the effect of decreasing revenues or increasing the required expenditures of municipalities. This letter is intended to provide notice of such changes for fiscal year 2024-2025 and beyond.

Dear President Chisholm-Beaton,

Mayor Brenda Chisholm-Beaton
President, Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities
Suite 1106, 1809 Barrington Street
Halifax, Nova Scotia
B3J 2K8

May 15, 2023

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**Municipal Affairs and Housing
Office of the Minister**



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In addition, facilities storing, transferring, or processing C&D debris will now require an operating approval from ECC. Previously, only C&D debris required an operating approval. Amending approvals to include C&D transfer, process and storage will be required by July 5, 2023, but any significant terms and conditions will have staged timelines to allow for one year notice. Please note that any new facilities (brand new sites; not currently operating) and expansions of current disposal sites would be subject to requirements starting July 5, 2023.

The proposed amended guidelines include an implementation timeline for the ban on treated wood. The implementation of the ban will be staged by having education compliance during the first year to reduce costs associated with adhering to the ban. Municipalities were engaged on this approach during the fall targeted engagement sessions.

The guidelines outline details on siting, design, and operational requirements to prevent environmental impacts. Terms and conditions of approvals will outline further site-specific details, which will be developed case-by-case with the facility's respective ECC regional office.

- Solid Waste Management Facility Guidelines for Construction and Demolition Debris Storage, Transfer, Process and Disposal;
- Solid Waste Management Facility Guidelines for Municipal Waste Transfer.

As well, this fall, ECC engaged stakeholders on proposed amendments to the following guidelines:

Amendments to the Activities Designation Regulations and the Solid Waste Resource Management Regulations mean that, starting on July 5, 2023, chemically treated wood will no longer be accepted for disposal at C&D debris facilities. Instead, these materials can be reused, repurposed, or disposed of in municipal solid waste landfills. Storage, transfer, and processing will continue to be permitted for treated wood.

These new measures are designed to ensure that C&D debris management (including disposal, storage, transfer, and processing) does not cause adverse environmental impacts. ECC completed a review of C&D debris management in response to fires and groundwater impacts that occurred at existing C&D debris disposal facilities, as well as community concerns about facilities that store, transfer, and process these materials. The review included engagement and consultation with municipalities, construction industry stakeholders, environmental groups, waste management stakeholders, and provincial government departments.

As noted in the letter to the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities on January 4, 2023 (which was a supplement to the notice for fiscal year 2023-24), the Province has approved changes to the construction and demolition (C&D) debris management in Nova Scotia.

Construction and Demolition Debris Regulation and Guideline Changes

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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Coastal Protection Act

As indicated in last year's letter, it is possible municipalities will incur incremental costs related to implementation of the *Coastal Protection Act* and *Coastal Protection Regulations* in the coming fiscal year. Nova Scotia Environment and Climate Change (ECC) is providing notice of changes which will be required in building permit approval and compliance processes once the *Coastal Protection Act* is proclaimed. This legislation will provide consistent, province-wide protection for our coast by restricting development and related activity where structures will be at risk from coastal flooding and coastal erosion, or where they will cause unnecessary interference with or damage to coastal ecosystems.

Once proclaimed into law, this legislation would create a Coastal Protection Zone, within which the regulations apply. Municipalities would be allowed to issue a building permit for structures within the Coastal Protection Zone if the proposed location of the construction is above a minimum building elevation specified in the regulations and is situated upland of a site-specific horizontal setback certified by a designated professional. This will require modifications to municipal administrative processes for building permits.

Subject to the final form of the regulations, it is anticipated that the municipality will be expected to determine whether the proposed location of the construction is located within the Coastal Protection Zone and whether the regulations apply to the general type of construction and/or the type of structure to be built or expanded. If the regulations apply, the municipality may be required to determine whether the proposed location is above the minimum building elevation prescribed in the regulations and upland of the horizontal setback certified by the designated professional in a coastal erosion risk factor assessment report accompanying the permit application. They also may be required to ensure the designated professional is a member in good standing of the relevant professional body at the time the report was signed.

It is expected that the responsibility for competent, accurate and objective certification of the horizontal setback will rest with the designated professional, with forms and a standard methodology for determining the setback prescribed by regulation and provided by ECC.

Specifics regarding which professional groups will qualify to provide the certification, standards, forms to be used, and other administrative details will be set out in regulations. ECC expects to support municipal officials with training, support materials and digital mapping resources to help interpret the regulations and where they apply.

Sincerely,



Honourable John Lohr
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

DEPARTMENT OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Procurement

Every two years, Global Affairs Canada updates its thresholds for covered procurements under the Canada-Europe Trade Agreement (CETA), the Canada-UK Trade Continuity Agreement (TCA) and the Canada Free Trade Agreement (CFTA), which covers internal trade within Canada. Municipal procurements are covered under these obligations. All procurements above the thresholds must be publicly tendered unless subject to an exemption.

Thresholds were last updated on January 1, 2022, and are as follows:

CETA Thresholds	TCA	CFTA Thresholds
\$366,800	\$366,800	\$121,200
\$366,800	\$366,800	\$121,200
\$9.1M	\$9.1M	\$302,900
Construction		
Goods		
Services		
Construction		

The next update will be posted in December 2023 for calendar years 2024 and 2025. These thresholds are calculated based on data that will not be available until the end of next year, so at this time, the scope for municipal involvement is not known. We will advise as soon as we receive updated information.

Municipal officials may contact Intergovernmental Affairs, Trade Policy, with any questions related to municipal procurement obligations under trade agreements.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

RCMP Collective Bargaining Agreements

The RCMP National Police Federation's collective bargaining agreement with the federal government will expire on March 31, 2023, and new contract negotiations are expected to begin. In addition, labour contract negotiations are ongoing for RCMP telecom operators and intercept monitoring employees for the period April 1, 2016, to March 31, 2023. The cost implications and its future impacts cannot be determined until these negotiations have settled. We will monitor the situation closely and keep municipalities up to date as the process moves forward.

The Accessibility Act

Work is underway on the development of the accessibility standard for the built environment. There will be an opportunity for municipalities, villages, and Nova Scotians to provide feedback or input once the standard has been drafted. The goal is to make the regulations effective in 2024. A compliance and enforcement framework has been approved. At a minimum, one-year notice will be given to municipalities and villages of any policy and regulation change related to obligations under the Accessibility Act and standards that impact revenue or expenditures.

The Attorney General and Minister of Justice's Mandate Letter of September 14, 2021 directs the Minister to [a]mend the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act to give order-making ability to the Privacy Commissioner. These amendments, as well as other amendments aimed at modernizing the act are anticipated to be brought forward by government at a future sitting of the House of Assembly. To ensure consistency in access and privacy legislation, Part XX of the Municipal Government Act will be updated at the same time.

Amendments to the Part XX of the Municipal Government Act

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Peggy's Cove Commission Act

A review is seeking to modernize the role and administration of the Peggy's Cove Commission. While it is too early to speculate on the outcomes of the review, given the location of Peggy's Cove within the boundaries of HRM, any proposed changes to the Act, or to the administration of it, could have an impact on the municipality, for example shifting responsibility for planning approvals.

Community Economic Development

The Department's mandated review of structures and mechanisms to support economic development includes reviewing the current structure and function of the Regional Enterprise Networks (RENS). Over the past several months, the Department has been engaging with the RENs, municipalities, sector and business leaders in communities across Nova Scotia to ensure the best model for community economic development in Nova Scotia. The outcome of this review has the potential to impact the existing REN model, and therefore our municipal funding partners.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND RENEWABLES

Feeding Wildlife

The department is currently undertaking consultations on regulations pertaining to the feeding of wildlife, with a goal of introducing regulations in 2023. It is possible there will be impacts on municipalities in relation to green bins and garbage handling, but it is too early to say definitively, and the actions may be limited to supporting NRR's public education efforts. As we complete consultations and move into the regulation writing phase, municipalities will be kept informed.

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**CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN
 SCHEDULE 1 - PROJECT DETAILS - YEAR 1
 Town of Lockport
 2023-24 Fiscal Year**

Project #	Project Name	Estimated Total Project Cost	Expenditure Code	Current Year Project Cost	Municipal Source		Provincial Grant		Federal Grant		Other Sources		Long-Term Borrowing		Cumulative Project Cost to Date
					Amount	Code	Amount	Code	Amount	Code	Amount	Code	Amount	Code	
CIP - 43	Access Road Upgrades	204,200	314 - Roads / Streets	204,200	125,475	04			78,725	21					
CIP - 42	WW - Surge Tank	567,000	418 - Wastewater Collection Systems	567,000			189,000	16	226,800	24			151,200	42	
CIP - 17	WW - Lift Station Pumps	25,800	419 - Wastewater Lift Stations and Force Mains	25,800					25,800	21					
Total				797,000	125,475		189,000		331,325				151,200		-

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LIST OF INVOICES ALREADY PAID TO BE PRESENTED AT THE COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 23, 2023	
AGAT	446.78
AMALFA, VICTORIA	15.00
AYER, MARY	100.00
BELL ALIANT	738.26
BELL ALIANT	69.44
BLADES, NATHAN	400.00
BOND, ELLA	15.00
BOND-GOYETCHE, CHLOE	20.00
BURBINE, DAVID	400.00
CHETWYND, WAYNE	400.00
EASTERN OFFICE SUPPLIES	767.36
GLOW THE EVENT STORE	1,773.30
HILLEN, NORAH	15.00
LOCKEPORT PHARMACHOICE	67.82
LOCKEPORT TOWN MARKET	17.79
LYDGATE LOCK STOCK AND BARREL	251.17
MACNEIL, TERRI	250.00
MBW COURIER	34.62
MORASH, PIPER	15.00
MORNEAU SHEPELL	862.62
MUNICIPALITY OF DISTRICT OF SHELBURNE	8.40
MUNICIPALITY OF DISTRICT OF SHELBURNE	5,000.00
NICKERSON, CORY	163.87
NICKERSON, CORY	800.00
NOVA SCOTIA POWER	3,864.75
NOVA SCOTIA POWER	2,521.57
NOVA SCOTIA POWER	767.76
WATER SAMPLES FROM TREATMENT PLANT	
HONORARIUM FOR DISTRIBUTING FLYERS	
MAY 6, 2023	
CLOWN WHISTLER WITH BUBBLES FOR MAKE	
YOUR MOVE GRAND LAUNCH	
REC. OFFICE, FAX, FIRE KIT, LIBRARY, SEWER,	
REC. CENTRE, EMO	
FIRE DEPT.	
PERFORMANCE FEE FOR MAKE YOUR MOVE	
GRAND LAUNCH	
HONORARIUM FOR DISTRIBUTING FLYERS	
MAY 6, 2023	
HONORARIUM FOR DISTRIBUTING FLYERS	
MAY 6, 2023	
BOND-GOYETCHE, CHLOE	
PERFORMANCE FEE FOR MAKE YOUR MOVE	
GRAND LAUNCH	
CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	
CALCULATOR PRINTER AND RIBBON	
2 GAMES AND 1 INFLATABLE FOR JULY 1ST	
CELEBRATIONS	
HONORARIUM FOR DISTRIBUTING FLYERS	
MAY 6, 2023	
USB STICK, NITRILE GLOVES	
RCMP MEETING, COMPOST BAGS	
VARIOUS SUPPLIES	
PERFORMANCE FEE FOR MAKE YOUR MOVE	
GRAND LAUNCH	
COURIER SERVICE	
HONORARIUM FOR DISTRIBUTING FLYERS	
MAY 6, 2023	
LIFE INSURANCE	
C & D SITE - WOOD FROM SMALL BEACH	
CLEAN UP	
SOLAR PROJECT 2023/24 EXPENSE RECOVERY	
MILEAGE FOR APRIL 2023	
TECH SERVICES FOR "MAKE YOUR MOVE"	
GRAND LAUNCH	
STREET LIGHTS, PLAYGROUND, TREATMENT	
PLANT	
FIRE HALL, POINT ST. (LIGHT), MEDICAL	
CENTRE	
LIFT STATIONS	

TOWN HALL, HEAT PUMP (PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST), REC. CENTRE, HEAT PUMP (PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST)	3,036.87	
NOVA SCOTIA POWER	775.35	LIFT STATIONS
NOVA SCOTIA POWER	617.76	TRANSPORTATION, LIBRARY
NOVA SCOTIA POWER	646.96	LIGHTHOUSE STAGE, MFR
NOVA SCOTIA POWER	152.61	BOARDWALK
NOVA SCOTIA POWER	422.80	UV SYSTEM
PAYROLL	13,941.14	APR. 22 - MAY 10
RBC VISA - MAYOR	963.87	JULY 1ST ITEMS
RBC VISA - TOWN CLERK/TREASURER	12.00	ANNUAL FEE
REGION OF QUEENS MUNICIPALITY	3,153.23	GARBAGE SERVICE
ROACHE, JAYDEN	25.00	HONORARIUM FOR DISTRIBUTING FLYERS MAY 6, 2023
SCOTIA BUSINESS CENTRE	431.48	MAY FIRE/MFR DISPATCH, ELEVATOR MONITORING
SCOTT, TAYAH	15.00	HONORARIUM FOR DISTRIBUTING FLYERS MAY 6, 2023
SEEBLICK PRINTING	235.75	300 MAKE YOUR MOVE GRAND LAUNCH BROCHURES
SHIRLEY JACKSON MUSIC	1,500.00	PERFORMANCE FEE FOR MAKE YOUR MOVE GRAND LAUNCH
SNOW, KEVIN	400.00	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE
SOBEYS	20.11	APPLES FOR REC. DEPARTMENT HONORARIUM FOR DISTRIBUTING FLYERS MAY 6, 2023
SPERRY, ALEXIS	20.00	HONORARIUM FOR DISTRIBUTING FLYERS MAY 6, 2023
WINCHESTER DISPOSAL	423.78	PLAY PARK PORTA-POTTY
WORKERS COMPENSATION	448.65	MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATIONS
WORKERS COMPENSATION	225.33	OPERATIONS, CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE
XEROX	329.34	LEASE AND SERVICE #5 OF 60
YOUNG, JOYCE	36.93	MILEAGE FOR APRIL
	47,619.47	

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NOVA SCOTIA
FEDERATION OF
MUNICIPALITIES

May 10, 2023

PRESIDENT:
Brenda Chisholm-Beaton
Town of Port Hawkesbury

VICE-PRESIDENT:
Carolyn Bolivar-Getson
Town of Lockeport

Joyce Y. Young
Town Clerk, Treasurer
Town of Lockeport
PO Box 189, NS, B0T 1L0

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Lunenburg

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Cape Breton Regional Municipality

REGIONAL CAUCUS CHAIR:
Paul Russell
Halifax Regional Municipality

RURAL CAUCUS CHAIR:
Bruce Morrison
Victoria County

TOWN CAUCUS CHAIR:
Lenie White
Town of Westville

Thank you for your electronic message to the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) dated February 28, 2023. On behalf of your municipal council, you requested that the Town of Lockeport be included in the Southwestern Shore Region for purposes of NSFM's newly established electoral regions. After discussion, the Board of Directors would like to confirm its support of this change. The Town of Lockeport will now be included in the Southwestern Shore Region with the following municipalities:

- District of Argyle
- District of Barrington
- District of Digby
- District of Shelburne
- District of Yarmouth
- Town of Yarmouth
- Town of Digby
- Town of Clark's Harbour
- Town of Shelburne

We look forward to engaging with the Town of Lockeport on upcoming NSFM initiatives including Advisory Committees and elections to the Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

Juanita Spencer, CEO
Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities

cc. Mayor Cory Nickerson

Delivered via email

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That said, the decision to pass unbudgeted and unaccounted-for RCMP costs on to municipalities, without consulting or engaging local governments in the discussions and negotiations, will have a serious impact on municipal finances. For this reason, if the federal government does not change its decision, we respectfully request that the Province of Nova Scotia fully absorb the retroactive costs.

We share the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities' disappointment that the only relief offered to municipalities is a slightly extended timeline for repayment and are aware that FCM and other municipal associations are set on expressing our disappointment with this decision by issuing a joint statement.

This confirms that communities across Canada that are dependent on RCMP services for local policing, such as us and many others in Nova Scotia, will be expected to cover these costs.

Despite months of municipal advocacy led by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), provincial-territorial associations and local leaders across Canada, the federal government has indicated in the most recent federal budget that it will not be meeting the request to absorb the retroactive costs associated with the latest RCMP collective bargaining agreement.

I am writing to you to express our concerns and profound disappointment in the federal government's decision to not absorb retroactive costs associated with the latest RCMP collective bargaining agreement.

Dear Minister,

Re: RCMP Retroactive Costs

The Honourable Brad Johns
Attorney General and Minister of Justice
Department of Justice
1690 Hollis Street
P.O. Box 7
Halifax, NS
B3J 2L6

May 2, 2023

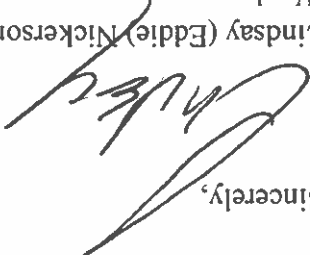
2447 Highway 3, P.O. Box 100, Barrington, Nova Scotia B0W 1E0



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cc: The Honourable Tim Houston, Premier of Nova Scotia
 The Honourable John Lohr, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 Mr. Nolan Young, M.L.A. for Shelburne
 Mayor Chisholm-Beaton, President of the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities
 All Nova Scotia Municipalities and Towns

Sincerely,

 Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson
 Warden

We realize that this request is substantial, but it is not being made lightly. As your colleague the Honourable John Lohr can attest, municipalities and towns are under increasing pressure to provide high-quality services at the lowest possible cost, all while managing the challenges relating to inflation and financial uncertainty. We are paying a growing share of policing costs and we cannot run deficits and have limited revenue tools, thus having a significant impact on our ability to maintain services as they are and adequately invest in our future.

We will continue to draw attention to this challenge, to help ensure municipalities are properly consulted on issues related to community policing and well-being going forward.

I thank you in advance for your serious consideration to this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have any questions or would like to discuss this further.

2447 Highway 3, P.O. Box 100, Barrington, Nova Scotia B0W 1E0

