



**TOWN OF LOCKPORT  
COUNCIL MEETING  
FRIDAY JUNE 12, 2026, AT 1:00 P.M.  
AGENDA**

- 1. Call to order**
- 2. Silence Electronic Devices**
- 3. Approval of Agenda, including additions or deletions**

Staff Suggested Motion – That Council approve the agenda for the June 12, 2026, meeting with the following additions/deletions.

- 4. Conflict of Interest**
- 5. Approval of Minutes**

- Regular Council Meeting Minutes May 22, 2026

Staff Suggested Motion – That Council approve the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of May 22, 2026.

- Strategic Planning Minutes May 8, 2026 (Page 1 – 4)

Staff Suggested Motion – That Council approve the Minutes from the Strategic Planning Meeting of May 8, 2026.

- 6. Business arising from Previous Minutes**

## **7. Community Forum (Open Mic)**

- 20 Minutes Maximum
- Each resident is allowed a maximum of five minutes
- The resident is to speak directly to Council
- There will be no interaction by Council at this time
- If questions are posed by residents the question will be recorded to be researched

## **8. Presentations**

- Chamber of Commerce (Page 5 – 7)

## **9. Finance**

- List of invoices already paid in the amount of \$113,520.40 (Page 8 – 10)

## **10. Other Business**

- Follow-up to the PIEVEC (Page 11)
- Roods Head Park Discussion (Page 12 – 15)
- Lockeport Community Hub (Page 16 – 18)
- Summer hours for Council meetings

## **11. Council Reports**

- Mayor Derek Amalfa (Page 19)
  - o Nova Scotia Health Update (Page 20 – 23)
- Deputy Mayor Craig Hillen (Page 24)
  - o Heritage and Tourism draft minutes from May 19, 2026 (Page 25 - 33)
- Councillor Anna Chetwynd (Page 34)
  - o Recreation Committee Minutes May 4, 2026 (Page 35 – 37)
  - o Recreation/Make Your Move Minutes, June 1, 2026 (Page 38 – 40)

- Councillor Candace Malik (Page 41)
  - o Canada Day Committee Minutes – May 27, 2026 (Page 42-45)
  - o Canada Day Committee Minutes – June 2, 2026 (Page 46 - 48)
  - o July 1, schedule of events and Risk Management Measures (Page 49 – 51)
- Councillor Kevin Chetwynd (Page 52)

## **12. Correspondence**

- Response from Minister MacDonald, Minister of Municipal Affairs to letter sent by Mayor Amalfa (Page 53 - 54)
- Letter to Minister Rircey, Minister of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage from the Council of Regional Librarians (Page 55 - 57)
- Letter of support to Minister Barbara Adams, Minister of Seniors and Long-Term Care from Council of the Town of Lockeport (Page 58)
- Letter of Support to the Honourable Joanne Thompson, Department of Fisheries & Oceans Canada from Mayor Amalfa (Page 59 - 57)

## **13. Information Only**

## **14. Date of next meeting**

- June 26, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

## **15. “In Camera”**

- Personnel

## **16. Adjournment**

**Strategic Planning Meeting  
May 8, 2026  
10:00 am  
Minutes**

**Present: Mayor Derek Amalfa, Deputy Mayor Craig Hillen, Councillor Anna Chetwynd, Councillor Kevin Chetwynd, Councillor Candace Malik, Town Clerk/Treasurer June Harding, and Recording Secretary Jill Cassibo.**

**Call to order**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Amalfa at 10:02 a.m.

**Silence of Electronic Devices**

All electronic devices were silenced at this time.

**Approval of Agenda**

**05-08-26-01**

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the agenda for the Strategic Planning Meeting for May 8, 2026.  
Motion Passed.**

**1. Opening and Session Overview**

- Purpose of the session

The purpose of this strategic planning session is to build a shared understanding of Lockeport's current financial, infrastructure, and staffing realities, and to begin identifying the criteria Council will use to evaluate future governance options."

- Review of meeting outcomes

## 2. Current State Overview

- Financial outlook

Mayor Amalfa showed the actual Revenues and Expenditures from 2022 – 2025 and the budget for 2026. He also reviewed projections for 2027 – 2030. Councillor Malik stated that we need to increase the revenues. Councillor A. Chetwynd suggested selling properties that can not be used for revenue. Deputy Mayor Hillen stated the current model of taxes is not working as it is now. Deputy Mayor Hillen also asked if what is in the current 5 – year Capital Plan needs to be completed by 2027. Councillor Malik pointed out that this Council has worked on projects from this report and that a Capital Plan may be needed as a wish list for the Town.

- Infrastructure and asset overview
  - There was a discussion regarding the Annex building at the high school.
  - There have been no decisions made yet on what will take place at Roods Head Park, but it is possible that Make Your Move staff may work on trail clean ups.
  - Council reviewed the Lockeport Municipal Asset Priority Overview document and the following motion was made:

**05-07-26-02**

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council direct staff to identify what Town of Lockeport properties could be used to consolidate services in, and any that could be sold because of this. Motion Passed**

- Staffing capacity and organizational considerations

Ms. Harding went over her report stating that two employees of the Town are at retirement age and one employee will be eligible within three years.

### 3. Council Discussion: What Matters Most

- Identification of priorities and non-negotiables

Deputy Mayor Hillen talked about the difference between amalgamation and dissolution and what that means for the Town. If the Town were to dissolve, Council or the residents of the Town would not have a say in anything that happens. Any decisions from there would be made by the Province of Nova Scotia and the Nova Scotia Utility Review Board.

Deputy Mayor Hillen also talked about tax rates and the fact that everyone is getting the same services but not paying the same amount because of the way the CAP works. Deputy Mayor Hillen suggested that user fees might correct this problem.

Councillor K. Chetwynd stated that as long as, if the Town did go to a user fee model, when the taxes get decreased, that the user fees are consistent with what taxpayers are paying now, to start and then gradually the user fees can increase.

Councillor K. Chetwynd also stated that his non-negotiables are the MFR and Sewer, Councillor K. Chetwynd said that the Volunteer Fire Department in Lockeport would remain here as it is bigger than Little Harbour and Jordan's Fire Department and our Department is centralized.

Councillor Malik would like appropriate representation at the table for Amalgamation, and she also sees a gap in the current tax model. Councillor Malik stated her non-negotiables are the MFR and the schools.

Councillor A. Chetwynd stated that slight increases in user fees may work. Also, the user fees could go into a reserve account to pay for the upkeep of those services. Cost of everything is rising.

- Key considerations for future governance decisions

Council feels it would be essential to keep Committees intact as one of the main components for the Town's identity, as well as keeping the Visitor Information Centre/Museum.

#### 4. Next Steps and Direction

- Identification of information gaps
- Next steps and responsibilities

The next steps are to look at what the Town can sell, different models for taxes/user fees and ways to create revenue for the Town.

**05-08-26-03**

**There being no further business, it was duly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Time 11:38 a.m. Motion Passed.**

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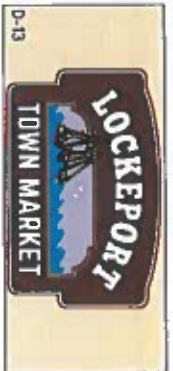
Mayor Derek Amalfa

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Town Clerk/Treasurer June Harding



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## BUSINESS DIRECTORY

### COMMUNITY

- D-13 Post Office . . . . . 656-2360
- 18 Crescent Beach (Visitor Information Centre) . . . . . 656-3123
- C-13 Lillian Benham Library . . . . . 656-2817
- F-12 Lockeport Regional Elementary School . . . . . 656-7100
- F-13 Lockeport Regional High School . . . . . 656-7110
- D-12 Lockeport Volunteer Fire Dept. . . . . 911
- C-13 Town of Lockeport Office . . . . . 656-2216
- J-16 Rood's Head Park . . . . . 656-2565
- D-12 Seacamps Park . . . . . 656-2565
- C-13 Town of Lockeport Recreation Centre . . . . . 656-2642
- D-14 Royal Canadian Legion . . . . . 656-5387
- C-13 Masonic Lodge Taylor . . . . .
- F-15 Lockeport Tennis & Pickleball Club . . . . .
- West Head Nature Conservancy . . . . .

### CHURCHES

- D-12 St. Andrew's United Church . . . . . 656-2073
- C-12 Lockeport Independent Baptist Church . . . . . 656-2500
- D-13 Lockeport Pentecostal Church . . . . .
- D-13 United Baptist Church . . . . .

### RETAIL OUTLETS

- D-13 Lockeport Town Market, Cafe & Take Out . . . . . 656-2514
- E-13 Lockeport PharmaChoice . . . . . 656-2211
- C-13 Finders Keepers@40North . . . . . 874-2581
- D-14 NS Liquor Corporation . . . . . 656-2845
- Lygate Lock Stock & Barrel General Store . . . . .
- Dairy Treats, Deli and Gas Bar . . . . . 656-3005
- The Bayman General Store & Diner . . . . . 656-2948
- D-14 Salty Dogs Barkery . . . . . 307-2492

### FINANCIAL

- D-14 RBC Royal Bank . . . . . 656-2212

### ACCOMMODATIONS

- G-13 Ocean Escape Cottages . . . . . 398-1020
- D-14 Lockeport Inn . . . . . 875-6227
- J-8 Seaside Cottages at Ginger Hill . . . . . 874-0748
- Lockeport Campground & Cottages . . . . . 830-7091

### RESTAURANTS

- D-14 White Gull . . . . . 656-2822
- D-14 Beech Street Kitchen . . . . . 656-2921
- D-13 Lockeport Town Market, Cafe & Take Out . . . . . 656-2514
- The Bayman General Store & Diner . . . . . 656-2948
- Oasis Fish & Chips . . . . . 875-1592

### PROFESSIONAL

- E-15 Allendale Electronics . . . . . 656-2294
- E-15 Mark Williams Excavating . . . . . 875-6107
- E-15 Salty Swabbers Housekeeping . . . . . 319-0026
- The Fox and Hare Daycare . . . . . 656-2847
- Easycare Property Management and Rentals . . . . . 875-6381
- D-12 Giggles & Giggles Learning Center . . . . . 875-6260
- B-11 Macleods Surf Lodge Nursing Home . . . . . 656-2015
- C-14 Clearwater Seafood Ltd. Partnership . . . . . 656-2413
- C-13 Cotters Ocean Products Inc. . . . . 656-2749
- E-15 R. Baker Fisheries Ltd. . . . . 656-3371

### AUTO

- E-13 On Town Auto Services . . . . . 656-2218
- Dimocks Garage . . . . . 656-2708
- Lombard Motoring Ltd. (Hwy 103) . . . . . 874-2774



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April 30, 2026

Dear Anita,

Thank you for your inquiry:

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8.5" x 16", folded to 8.5" x 4",  
both sides full colour printed on 28lb Cougar super smooth

1,000 brochures = \$ 750.00 + HST

2,000 brochures = \$ 1,214.00 + HST

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LIST ON INVOICES ALREADY PAID TO BE PRESENTED AT THE		
JUNE 12, 2026 MEETING		
A & A FIRE EXTINGUISHERS	ANNUAL INSPECTION FO FIRE EXTINGUISHERS	785.46
BELL ALIANT	BEACH CENTRE FOR MAY	113.86
BELL ALIANT	OFFICES AND ELEVATOR FOR MAY	170.58
BELL ALIANT	FAX, FIREHALL KITCHEN	593.9
BELL MOBILITY	STREETS AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT FOR MARCH	197.06
CANADA POST	600 STAMPS	848.16
CHETWYND, ANNA REIMBURSEMENT	SR. BINGO PRIZES	33.88
CULLIGAN	DRINKING WATER	93.78
HARDING, JUNE	MEDICAL INSURANCE	27.20
HILLEN, CRAIG	MILEAGE FOR APRIL	111.36
I.B.E.W.	UNION DUES FOR APRIL	269.40
LAVENDER HILL NURSERY	PLANTS FOR POTS AROUND TOWN	150.52
LESTER SWANSBURG ELECTRIC	REPLACE OUTSIDE LIGHT FIXTURE AT ROODS HEAD PARK	171.00
LINDSAY CONSTRUCTION	PROGRESS CLAIM	8,105.40
LOCKEPORT PHARMACHOICE	BATTERIES	15.94
LYDGATE LOCK STOCK AND BARREL	SUPPLIES FOR SHOWERS AT BEACH CENTRE, CANADA DAY TREATS	445.51
MANULIFE	EMPLOYEE'S PENSION FOR MAY	2,211.36
MARITIME TENNIS COURT BUILDERS AND REFIISHERS	TENNIS COURT REPAIRS - REIMBURSED BY PICKLEBALL CLUB	3,990.00
MBW COURIER	COURIER SERVICE	41.78
MUNICIPALITY OF SHELBURNE	C & D SITE - OLD DISPLAY UNIT FROM BEACH CENTRE	46.47
MUNICIPALITY OF SHELBURNE	SHARED SERVICES	29,597.76
NICKERSON, CORY	TECH SERVICES FOR APRIL AND MAY, 8 SECURITY CAMERA SIGNS	616.66
NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION OF MUNICIPALITIES	2026/2027 MEMBERSHIP FEE	1,484.55
NOVA SCOTIA POWER	UV SYSTEM FOR MAY	791.29

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NOVA SCOTIA POWER	LIFT STATIONS 6, 7, 8, 9, AND 10 FOR MAY	908.71
NOVA SCOTIA POWER	FIRE HALL, POINT ST AND MEDICAL CENTRE FOR MAY	2,754.23
NOVA SCOTIA POWER	STREETLIGHTS, PLAYGROUND AND TREATMENT PLANT FOR MAY	1,447.00
NOVA SCOTIA POWER	BOARDWALK FOR MAY	130.12
NOVA SCOTIA POWER	LIFT STATIONS 11 AND 12 FOR MAY	97.04
NOVA SCOTIA POWER	LIFT STATIONS 1, 2, 3, 4, AND 5 FOR MAY (WITH A CREDIT)	1,140.94
NOVA SCOTIA POWER	LIGHTHOUSE STAGE AND MFR FOR MAY	856.04
NOVA SCOTIA POWER	TOWN HALL AND REC CENTRE FOR MAY	1,818.28
NOVA SCOTIA POWER	TRANSPORTATION BUILDING AND LIBRARY	710.08
PAYROLL	MAY 2 - 15	14,540.28
PAYROLL	MAY 16 - 29	16,655.07
PETTY CASH/JUNE HARDING	FLOAT FOR BEACH CENTRE	30.00
RBC VISA TOWN CLERK/TREASURER	MAILING FOR MYM EVENT, TOILET SEAT FOR BEACH CENTRE	231.01
SEEBLICK PRINTING	LEGACT MURAL - PD BY PLAYPARK GROUP	1,618.80
TELUS	EMPLOYEE'S MEDICAL AND LIFE INSURANCE FOR MAY	1,314.71
TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL CENTRE FOR EDUCATION	EDUCATION TAX FOR JUNE	11,727.15
WESTERN COUNTIES REGIONAL LIBRARY	2ND QUARTER GRANT	1,175.00
WINCHESTER DISPOSAL	PORTA POTTIES AT BALLFIELD AND SEWER PLANT	902.88
WOODWORKERS HOME HARDWARE	CEMENT AND WOOD FOR INTREPRETATIVE SIGNS, STUFF FOR WHIPPER SNIPPER	1,024.95
WORKERS COMPENSATION	MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATIONS	593.49

WORKERS COMPENSATION	OPERATIONS, CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE	594.74
XEROX	LEASE 42 OF 60	246.13
XEROX	SERVICE INVOICE	273.14
XTR FOSS NATIONAL LEASING	GAS FOR TOWN OWNED VEHICLES FOR MARCH	1,068.10
XTR FOSS NATIONAL LEASING	GAS FOR TOWN OWNED VEHICLES FOR APRIL	749.63
	TOTAL	113,520.40

## **FOLLOW-UP TO PIEVC REPORT – BRIGHTON RD CULVERTS**

### Purpose:

To seek Council direction to apply for funding through the Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund (SCCF) and to obtain technical support related to the Brighton Road culverts.

### Background:

The recently completed PIEVC (Public Infrastructure Engineering Vulnerability Committee) climate risk screening identified the Brighton Road culverts as a priority area for further investigation and future replacement planning.

The report notes that stormwater infrastructure is one of the Town's highest climate-related infrastructure risks and recommends that the Brighton Road culverts be assessed and ultimately replaced using updated climate data and design standards to ensure they remain functional under future rainfall conditions.

Following receipt of the report, Public Works completed a visual inspection of the culverts. Initial observations suggest that at least one culvert may be approaching the point where replacement should be considered.

The Clean Foundation has recommended that the Town pursue funding through the Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund (SCCF). The application deadline is June 25, 2026. The program can provide funding of up to 80% of eligible project costs, to a maximum contribution of \$250,000.

At the same time, staff have requested assistance from Clean Foundation in identifying qualified professionals to undertake a hydraulic capacity assessment of the culverts. This work would evaluate whether the existing culverts have sufficient capacity under current and projected climate conditions and provide recommendations for replacement sizing and design if required.

### Recommendation

That Council:

1. Authorize staff to prepare and submit an application to the Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund (SCCF) for the replacement of the Brighton Road culverts; and
2. Direct staff to obtain quotations for:
  - a. Replacement of the Brighton Road culverts; and
  - b. Technical consulting services to assess the hydraulic capacity and future climate resilience of the culverts.

## Rood's Head Park - Council Update & Discussion

### Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the current condition of Rood's Head Park, identify emerging safety and liability concerns, outline recent discussions with potential project partners, and seek direction regarding possible next steps.

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### Current State of the Park

Rood's Head Park remains open to the public and continues to be used by residents and visitors. However, the overall condition of the park has declined due to the absence of a dedicated maintenance program and limited municipal capacity.

### Key observations include:

- overgrown and narrowing trail
- accumulation of deadfall and brush
- hanging and leaning trees
- wildfire risk associated with accumulated vegetation and fuel loads; and
- accessibility and navigation challenges within portions of the trail network.

While the park remains usable in some areas, and some portions of the trail system are increasingly difficult to access. The current condition of the park exceeds what could reasonably be addressed through routine municipal maintenance or volunteer efforts alone.

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### Safety & Liability Considerations

Wildfire risk is of particular concern. During the 2025 wildfire season, Rood's Head Park was closed for significant periods due to provincial fire restrictions and elevated wildfire conditions. While future conditions cannot be predicted with certainty, periods of restricted access remain a realistic possibility should wildfire conditions warrant additional precautions over the next 4 months.

### The primary concerns include:

- elevated wildfire risk
- hanging and hazardous trees
- accumulated deadfall and woody debris
- unrestricted access to portions of the coastal cliff edge
- difficult trail conditions

The Town is not aware of any reported injuries or incidents within the park. However, concerns regarding the condition of the park and lack of ongoing maintenance have been raised through both committees and resident conversations.

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### Potential Path Forward

The Town has recently begun discussions with several organizations regarding potential support, funding opportunities, and project development.

Discussions with the Clean Foundation have identified the **Rapid Adaptation Fund** as a potential funding opportunity. The fund is intended to support municipalities in addressing climate-related risks and implementing practical adaptation measures that improve community resilience. Eligible projects may include initiatives related to wildfire risk reduction, natural asset management, hazard mitigation, climate adaptation planning, and community resilience.

Given the safety, hazard reduction, and wildfire concerns identified throughout the park, the project appears to align well with the objectives of the program. The **Rapid Adaptation Fund** provides grants of up to \$75,000 and may fund up to 70% of eligible project costs. The current application deadline is June 23, 2026 and is delivered through **NSFM** with support from the **Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Green Municipal Fund**.

The Town has initiated discussions with **Western Woodlot Services Co-operative** to better understand the current forest conditions, cleanup requirements, and wildfire risk reduction opportunities at Rood's Head Park.

Western Woodlot Services is a Nova Scotia-based not-for-profit forestry organization specializing in forest management planning, forest assessments, stewardship, and woodland improvement projects. Through its network of forestry professionals, technicians, and contractors, the organization provides expertise in forest health, hazard identification, ecological management, and wildfire mitigation.

Their involvement will help the Town better define the scope of work required, identify potential contractors and technical resources, and develop preliminary cost estimates to support future funding applications and Council decision-making.

These discussions are intended to determine whether external funding and professional support can assist the Town in addressing identified safety, wildfire, and maintenance concerns.

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### Long-Term Stewardship Considerations

Current discussions have highlighted a broader issue regarding the long-term stewardship and management of Rood's Head Park. At present, the park remains a municipal asset and, in the absence of a formal stewardship framework, responsibility for its management ultimately rests with the Town.

Several community-led stewardship opportunities have been identified, including volunteer trail maintenance initiatives established through the Make Your Move program, along with the Heritage, & Tourism Committee have expressed an interest in supporting and organizing community clean up initiatives.

The current condition of the park exceeds what could reasonably be addressed through routine municipal maintenance or volunteer efforts alone. Significant cleanup, hazard reduction, and wildfire mitigation work will likely be required before a long-term stewardship model can be successfully implemented.

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#### Governance & Access Considerations

Current discussions have also identified the need for greater clarity regarding the use, access and management of Rood's Head Park.

At present, the Town does not have any formal policy, bylaw, or Council direction governing Roods Head Park, more specifically related to:

- camping
- overnight use
- fires
- operating hours
- trail access restrictions
- temporary closures during hazardous conditions.

As discussions continue, Council may wish to consider whether additional policies, signage, access controls, or governance measures are required to support the long-term management of the park.

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#### Items for Discussion

##### **1) Rapid Adaptation Fund Opportunity**

Does Council wish to continue exploring and potentially pursuing an application to the Rapid Adaptation Fund prior to the June 23, 2026 deadline?

##### **2) Project Scope, Costing & Municipal Contribution**

Council is asked to consider whether it wishes to continue working with Western Woodlot Services Co-operative to further define the scope of work, identify priorities, obtain preliminary cost estimates, and determine any municipal contribution requirements associated with future funding applications.

##### **3) Access Management & Gate Installation**

Given the current condition of the park, identified safety concerns, ongoing wildfire risk, and the potential for future cleanup activities, Council is asked to discuss whether

access management measures should be explored, including the installation of a gate at the park entrance.

A gate may assist with:

- public safety
- wildfire-related closures
- construction and maintenance activities
- and future park management

#### **4) Camping, Overnight Use & Permitted Activities**

Council is asked to clarify its position regarding camping, overnight use, fires, and other permitted activities within Rood's Head Park. Currently, the Town does not have any formal policy governing these activities.

Should Council determine that camping is not permitted, consideration should be given to appropriate signage, public communication, and development of future policy or bylaw requirements.

#### **5) Long-Term Stewardship & Governance**

Current discussions have identified the need to consider a long-term stewardship and governance approach for Rood's Head Park. At this stage, this item is intended to place the issue on Council's radar rather than establish a final model.

Future governance considerations may include:

- the role of the Town in ongoing park oversight and management
- opportunities for community-led stewardship
- volunteer and committee involvement
- future maintenance expectations and responsibilities
- access management and public use
- permitted and prohibited activities; and
- the development of policies, procedures, or bylaws to support long-term park management

# Lockeport Community Hub

Prepared by: Mayor Derek Amalfa

Date: June 5, 2026

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## Purpose

The purpose of this report is to introduce the **Lockeport Community Hub** as an exploratory direction for the Town of Lockeport. The concept is primarily about exploring better use of Town-owned assets to reduce long-term costs, reduce building-related risk, and improve efficiency.

The request is to support further exploration of how existing municipal spaces could be used more intentionally to support and expand community services & programming, social connection, and better use of Town assets.

This is a concept for exploration only; any future costs, renovations, operational changes, or commitments would return to Council for consideration.

## Background

Council has identified an opportunity to reduce annual operating costs, improve efficiency, and make better use of Town-owned buildings and spaces. This includes spaces such as the medical centre, library, museum, recreation centre, Town office space, and other community-serving spaces. Presently, these spaces are used sparingly, while still incurring ongoing costs for heat, insurance, maintenance, repairs, and accessibility.

The Town Hall building is the Town's largest municipal building and has significant unused space. It is centrally located, has ample parking, and accessibility features such as ground-level access, ramp, and an elevator. While upgrades may be required, it may provide an opportunity to bring compatible services and community uses together under one roof.

The Lockeport Community Hub concept is about exploring whether this approach could reduce long-term costs, maintenance risks, improve efficiency, and create a more active and useful public space.

## The Concept

The **Lockeport Community Hub** would explore whether compatible community services, programs, and uses could be brought together within the Town Hall building. The focus is to

explore whether Town Hall can serve as a more active, efficient, and accessible location for compatible services and community uses.

Priority areas for exploration could include the medical centre, library services, and museum, as these are among the Town's higher-cost assets and may be better supported in a shared, accessible location. Town Hall already has several spaces that could be reviewed for improved use, including the ground-floor recreation centre, upstairs office space, storage areas, recreation office space, and the existing kitchen. Town office operations, staff work areas, records, and Council Chambers would remain protected as core municipal functions.

By bringing compatible services and community uses into a more active central space, the Town may be able to reduce long-term building risks, improve efficiency, and create more value from assets it already owns. This approach could also support stronger community programming, better access for residents, more partner-delivered services, and new opportunities for remote learning, local work, small business support, meetings, and workshops.

A key opportunity at this stage is to initiate conversations with potential community partners to better understand potential interest, needs, and possible roles and space requirements. These conversations would help determine what services or programming may fit within the concept, whether partners may be able to provide letters of support, and whether future funding, grant, or in-kind support may be possible. This allows partners to help shape the concept, so future planning is based on real interest and community need.

The goal is to explore whether bringing compatible uses under one roof could reduce duplication, improve access, create a more active building, and support better long-term use of Town assets.

Potential uses could include:

- Medical or health-related services
- Library services
- Food bank or food-related programming
- Museum artifact display space
- Recreation, seniors, and youth programming
- Meeting, workshop, and shared community group use

## Budget and Efficiency

The Lockeport Community Hub concept should be explored through a cost-conscious lens.

The Town already carries costs for multiple buildings, including utilities, insurance, maintenance, repairs, accessibility needs, and general upkeep. These costs continue whether the buildings are used daily, weekly, or only occasionally. Maintenance of underused buildings also creates long-term financial risk. Each building brings its own exposure to unexpected repairs, mechanical issues, roof or plumbing failures, and future accessibility upgrades.

This type of project may also align with potential grant opportunities related to accessibility, upgrades to community facilities, seniors programming, recreation, learning, rural development, and economic development. These opportunities would need to be reviewed in more detail as the concept develops.

At this stage, Council is not being asked to approve new spending, renovations, asset sales, relocations, or changes to building operations. Any future costs, upgrades, asset decisions, relocations, or operational changes would return to Council with clear information, options, partner input, and potential funding sources.

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## Next Steps

If Council supports the Lockeport Community Hub as an exploratory direction, the next step would be to gather the information needed to determine whether the concept is viable and worth further development.

This would include:

- Speaking with potential community partners
- Gathering feedback from residents and users
- Reviewing building logistics and space requirements
- Identifying possible pilot programming
- Reviewing accessibility, operational, and risk considerations
- Exploring grant and funding opportunities
- Considering whether any underused assets could be repurposed, leased, sold, or managed differently in the future
- Returning to Council with findings, options, and recommended next steps

This process would allow the Town to assess the concept before making any financial, operational, or facility-related commitments.

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## Suggested Motion

*That Council endorse the Lockeport Community Hub as an exploratory direction and authorize the Town to engage with community partners, residents, and potential funding bodies to assess interest, feasibility, programming opportunities, and future options, with no financial, staffing, renovation, asset disposal, relocation, or operational commitment at this stage.*

**Council Status Report: May 2026**  
*Mayor Derek Amalfa*

**Meetings Attended:**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Committee</i>
May 4	Recreation Committee
May 5	Sou West Nova Transit Board Meeting
May 5	Clean Foundation - Thriving Forest Initiative
May 8	Town of Lockeport Strategic Planning Session
May 8	Town of Lockeport Regular Council
May 9	Make Your Move Day
May 13	Make Your Move Grand Walk
May 14	Sou West Nova Transit Board Meeting
May 17	Legion Breakfast
May 19	Clean Foundation - Check In
May 19	Heritage & Tourism Committee
May 20	Shelburne County Leadership Meeting
May 20	RCMP Billing Mechanism
May 21	Lockeport / Shelburne Co EMO
May 22	AIM Presentation - PIEVC Results
May 22	Town of Lockeport Regular Council
May 27	Shelburne Co Events Committee

## Shelburne Community Partners / Nova Scotia Health Update

June 2026

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### Ultrasound Unit now operational and serving patients

- Roseway Hospital Ultrasound service is now fully operational. Tests are currently being performed one to two days per week with an average of 10 patients seen per day. This is helping to provide more healthcare services close to home for many residents of Shelburne and Shelburne County who will not have to travel to Yarmouth or Bridgewater for service.
- Congratulations to the Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation on reaching your fundraising goal. We are so grateful to the Foundation and all the community donors who have done so much to make this a reality.



### Bedside inpatient room telephones discontinued

- Bedside telephones have been phased out by Bell Aliant at Nova Scotia Health facilities, including Roseway Hospital as of May 31, 2026. Bell Aliant ended the service due to aging infrastructure and dropping demand for the service.
- To stay in touch with family and friends, hospital patients are encouraged to bring a cell phone or other personal communication device along with charging equipment for any hospital stay. Many inpatient medical units will have a mobile phone available for patients to use if they do not have a personal device. Patients or family members are encouraged to talk to a member of their care team.
- This change does not affect hospital operations or emergency services. More information about [changes to inpatient bedside telephone service is online.](#)

### Virtual Urgent Care now LPN led at Roseway

Virtual Urgent Care open daily from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. (patients registered up to 7 p.m.)

- Earlier this spring, Virtual Urgent Care at Roseway Hospital transitioned to be led by a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), as opposed to a clerical support person.
- This new model is working well and means patients that require some nursing intervention can still receive care if they meet the Virtual Urgent Care criteria.
- On-site, in-person staff are always available to help patients use Virtual Urgent Care.

### Have you heard? Virtual Urgent Care radio advertising sees growth in use

- Earlier this year, Nova Scotia Health launched a public awareness campaign to increase understanding and appropriate use of Virtual Urgent Care at hospitals like Roseway, by helping residents recognize it as a faster, supported, and accessible option for urgent but non-life-threatening health concerns.
- Radio advertising was a major part of the campaign, and ads ran across the province, including CKBW and Y95-CJLS.
- As the awareness campaign gained steam, Virtual Urgent Care utilization in western zone grew to its highest levels since the service was introduced.
- Roseway Hospital continues to be a leader in Western Zone in patient use of Virtual Urgent Care, while the Western Zone consistently leads the province.



### Staffing highlights - welcome to new team members

- Roseway Hospital is welcoming another three new graduate Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) who will be joining the team on the Medical Unit in mid-June. Welcome aboard and best of luck as you start your careers at Roseway.
- We are also pleased to welcome a Registered Nurse (RN) who will be relocating to our area from the United States to work full time on the Medical Unit. Another RN will be joining us from British Columbia who will work in our Emergency Department. We expect the new team members will be on board in July-August.
- Two new Continuing Care Assistants (CCAs) have joined the team on the Medical Unit, with a new Ward Clerk being hired as well.
- We are looking forward to Dr. Fatokun returning to do some occasional hospitalist work with us. We also hope to report some more good news about potential new physicians joining the inpatient hospitalist schedule in the future.

### Discover Careers in Health Fair another great success

- Roseway Hospital staff and Nova Scotia Health teams were pleased to share their experiences with close to 100 high school students from Shelburne, Barrington, Lockeport, North Queens and Liverpool at the third annual Discover Careers in Health Fair. Nova Scotia Health joined community partners such as Nova Scotia Works, the Office of Healthcare Professionals Recruitment and the Municipality of Shelburne to provide a chance for people to meet professionals and ask questions. Thank you to our community partners for hosting an outstanding opportunity for young people.  
(photo credit: Municipality of Shelburne)





## Primary Health Update: Recruitment Continues

- The number of family physicians at the Shelburne Family Practice is now at four with Dr. Balogun, Dr. Khan, Dr. Alenabi and Dr. Onwubuariri.
- Dr. Alenabi is now working at the Barrington Clinic three days each week and one day each week at the Harbour South Medical Clinic. She is continuing to provide care for all of her patients, however is working to transition approximately half of her patients to another provider as appropriate.
- The Physician Assistant (PA) that was noted in our last report has started with the family practice team as of April. The Physician Assistant is working with Dr. Balogun and Dr. Khan. Over time, it is expected the introduction of the PA will help reduce the wait time for an appointment for patients of these physicians.
- The renovations to the Barrington Community Health Clinic are now complete. The work was done to construct two additional patient exam rooms. The more appropriate clinical space will help support recruitment in the area and also provide an exam room for Dr. Alenabi and her patients.

## New patients continue to be accepted by Shelburne Family Practice

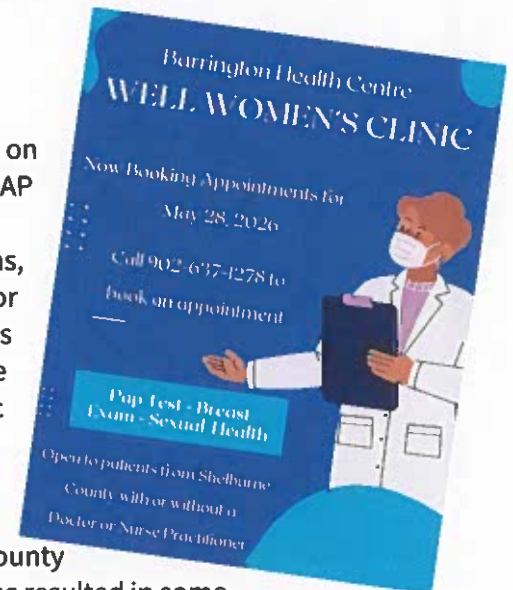
- **269 patients** have been rostered to a nurse practitioner or family physician with Shelburne Family Practice since last report (from Feb. to April 2026).

## Well Women Clinics well attended

- Well Women Clinic held at Barrington Community Health Clinic on February 10 and April 21 with 12 patients seen at each clinic. PAP appointments are available in Shelburne on an as needed basis.
- Clinics offer services such as pap tests, breast exams, contraceptive counselling, and sexual health care services for patients with or without a provider by appointment. Screening is completed by nurse prior to booking. Check the Shelburne Family Practice Facebook page for updates -OR- call the clinic **902-637-1278**.

## Primary Care Clinics - February - April, 2026

- The Primary Care Clinic (PCC) is for people living in Shelburne County who do not have a regular family provider. A leave of absence has resulted in some reduced appointment availability in the PCC in Shelburne, with Lockport Clinics temporarily on hold.
  - 132 Shelburne Primary Care Clinic visits (Feb.-April)
  - 34 Lockport Clinic visits-Thursdays (Feb.-April)
  - 91 Clarks Harbour Clinic visits-Mondays (Feb.-April)



### Shelburne Same Day Clinic

- The Shelburne Same Day Clinic continues to operate 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.
- There are 18 appointments available with an average of 16.6 patient visits each clinic and a range of 15-18 visits per clinic from February 1 to April 30, 2026.
- Clinic continues to be well received by community. Data indicates the majority of patients seen at each clinic are attached to a primary care provider (approximately 70% attached)
- People with a primary care provider should always contact their provider first when seeking care. Other options in the area include:
  - [Virtual Urgent Care](#) at Roseway Hospital, **Monday to Sunday, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.** (patients accepted up to 60 minutes before closing)
  - Community pharmacy primary care clinic at TLC Pharmasave in Shelburne: <https://pans.ns.ca/CPGCC>
  - Shelburne Primary Care Clinic: 902-875-2321 to ask about available appointments
  - [VirtualCareNS | Nova Scotia Health](#)
  - YourHealthNS can help people in Shelburne / Shelburne County navigate the different options to access care. Download the app on a mobile device, or visit on computer: <https://www.yourhealthns.ca/>

### “THANK YOU” to our Community Partners

- In the past few months, we have celebrated Doctor’s Day, Nurses Week, Physiotherapy Month, Pharmacy Appreciation, National Social Workers month, and a number of other special recognition events to acknowledge our many healthcare professions. Everyone at Roseway Hospital and Shelburne Family Practice is deeply grateful for the support demonstrated by our community partners. For example the Municipality of Shelburne is always generous with gifts, treats and special events, such as the recent “Paint Night” which was well-attended and enjoyed by all.
- Our Staff Recognition Event is coming up on June 22, where staff will be honoured for milestone years of service. We are very much looking forward to celebrating with staff.

### In the news...

#### How palliative care nurses support patients and families when it matters most (May 1, 2026)



When people hear the words palliative care, many think only of the last days of life. But palliative care is so much more. It is about living well, even as life changes. Palliative care teams help manage symptoms and work closely with other healthcare providers. Palliative care consult nurse, Tracy Smith, describes her role as being a support person: “Many people feel lost when facing a serious illness, and the health system can be confusing, especially for people in rural areas where services may not be close by or for people who haven’t had much interaction with the health system.” Originally from New York, Tracy moved to Cape Sable Island where she also has a small portrait photography business she started about 10 years ago. Read more about Tracy and palliative care services online: <https://www.nshealth.ca/news-and-notice/how-palliative-care-nurses-support-patients-and-families-when-it-matters-most>

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Meeting Reports C. Hillen, Deputy Mayor  
May 2026

May 8, 2026	Regular Council Meeting
May 19, 2026	Heritage & Tourism Committee
May 22, 2026	AIM Presentation
May 22, 2026	Regular Council Meeting

**Town of Lockeport Heritage and Tourism Advisory Committee**

**Tuesday, May 19th, 2026**

**Lockeport Town Council Chambers at 6PM**

Present: Craig Hillen, Connie Lamm, George Benham, Gabe Buchanan, Tim Rhyno, Jeff Wood, Emily Swim, Derek Amalfa and Rudy Sommer

Regrets: Nicole Stephens

Audience: Mary Meagher, Eva Romanczak, Gerry Romanczak, Pam Williams

Call to Order at 6:03 pm

**Jeff Wood moved to approve the May 19, 2026 agenda; Connie Lamm seconded; All in favour**

**Jeff Wood moved to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2026 committee meeting; Gabe Buchanan seconded; All in favour.**

**Public Presentation**

***Floyds Little Harbour Boats*** - Gerry Romanczak gave a presentation to the committee about the local tourist attraction of Floyds Little Harbour located next to Calf Island. Gerry and his wife Eva have lived in Lockeport for the last 10 years and have been friends with Floyd ever since they noticed that he had one of his little boats named 'Eva' in his harbour and they struck up a friendship from there.

Floyd's Little Harbour started with Floyd and his grandson and has been here for over 25 years, bringing people from all over the world to check it out, since most visitors sign the guestbook located at the top of the dock for the Little Harbour.

Floyd is 93 years old and it has been hard for him to keep up the harbour by himself as it is identified as being a lot of work to upkeep and paint the boats and then get them in for the winter as well as putting them in the water when the weather is right. Thankfully with the help of his sister Althea and Gerry, the three of them paint the boats, which are made from styrofoam and are typically 1.5 - 2.5 inches in thickness. Jeff Wood suggested reaching out to Jase Insulfoam to see if any of his off spray could be utilized to carve into boats.

Gerry proposal included the idea of building an observation deck that all could enjoy, since the current set up of the dock is just planks that you walk down to get to the wharf and they do pose difficulty for some people wanting to access them. Gerry also suggested the need of a working group to help maintain this local attraction for future years so we will always have it for people to enjoy.

The committee suggested creating a community-based working group to help support and maintain this attraction. Key points to consider would be people to help with upkeep and painting of the boats; someone with a point or rowboat to help place/remove the little boats and then potentially creating a public access lookout. Craig Hillen offered to help with the painting of the boats and Tim Rhyno offered to help with supplies. Gerry did comment that everything is set for this year, but the purpose of his presentation was to get things rolling proactively for future years so that the project does not go by the wayside.

Pam Williams also spoke about the importance of Floyds Boats and the joy it brings to many and reiterated many of the previous suggestions.

Emily Swim commented that there may be potential for kids to get involved with making or painting some of the boats if we collaborate with the high school and students.

### **Outstanding Business**

Connie Lamm gave an update about Make You Move Lockeport and the Wellnify App that is the current initiative with the MYM project to track community movement. Anyone is welcome to take part and download the app. Connie reported that Lockeport is currently in last place for steps but is in second place for consistency points.

### **Recognition and Appreciation Award**

The committee was looking for June and July nominations for local businesses and groups; the following were nominated and accepted by the committee:

#### ***Nominations for June 2026***

**Salty Swabbers** - Derek Amalfa moved to accept, Jeff Wood seconded.

**White Gull Restaurant** - Jeff Wood moved to accept, Tim Rhyno seconded.

#### ***Nominations for July 2026***

**Crescent Beach Centre** - Jeff Wood moved to accept, Rudy Sommer seconded.

**Masonic Lodge** - Jeff Wood moved to accept, Gabe Buchanan seconded.

#### ***Nominations for August 2026***

**Salty Dog Barkery** - Connie Lamm moved to accept, Jeff Wood seconded.

**All committee members were in favour of the above mentioned nominations.**

### **Lobster Crawl Events (Lockeport Lobster Sea Catch Festival)**

Craig Hillen has offered to purchase, take care of filling out the cards with appreciation from the committee. Thank you cards were purchased from Braden Chetwynd.

The following were identified as recipients of 'Thank You' cards or 'Thank You' emails:

Cotter's Ocean Products, Rhyno Fisheries, Hailmar Fisheries, Pierce Fisheries, Independent Fisheries, UGO Fisheries, R. Baker Fisheries, Becky Williams, Natasha Amalfa, Shelia Young, Town of Lockeport (June, Jill & Public Works), Municipality of Barrington (Suzy Powley Atwood, Lucy the Lobster), the Kilted Chef, Kalin O'Brien, South Shore Tourism.

### **Nautical Buoys Re-painting**

Craig Hillen reported that council approved the requested \$800 budget for this project. There was discussion around which buoy to focus work on right now and it was identified that the buoy located on the boardwalk be completed first since it is located at the main entrance into the town. It will take 1 day to sand, another to prep with primer and then 1 to 2 days dependent on coats to complete with rust paint (Tremclad).

Jeff Wood will speak with Kevin and Barb Taylor and ask for the use of their paint sprayer if possible. Tim Rhyno will make a list of supplies and equipment needed for this project. It was also suggested that a drop cloth/tarp be laid around the base of the buoy to catch in debris/paint.

Suggested start date in June depending on the weather as to try and finish by July 1st. If this cannot be organized or completed within this time frame. Then later dates and processes will need to be considered.

### **District 33/34 Lobster Season/Christmas Lights & Sign Decoration at Beach Centre Lobster Trap**

Town council approved the budget for the purchase of lights and decorations for the Lobster Trap during the District 33/34 Lobster & Christmas season at the Beach Centre. Craig brought a sample light sign to the show committee and said they are very affordable; the sign he brought as an example was around \$40 to purchase.

Tim Rhyno mentioned again the possibility of creating lobster trap xmas tree.

### **Red Petticoat Interpretive Sign**

The HTC request to move the Red Petticoat Interpretive sign to a more accessible friendly location was accepted by council and it will be moved closer to the widows walk entrance making it easier and safer access for people to see and read.

### **Crescent Beach Visitor Information Centre**

Craig Hillen reported that the \$500 budget request was approved by Council for upgrades to the Cabana. This can include the possibility of the beginnings of a refit including an electrical upgrade, reorganization, painting for future use other than for storage.

Jeff Wood suggested a proposal to the government for funding to run the cabana as a business and source of revenue. Derek Amalfa said that CBDC has had past initiatives for this idea and it would include a youth business proposal.

Emily Swim who is the VIC Manager has presented proposals to the Town and Council for various suggested uses of the Beach Centre and outbuildings including the Little School House Museum and Marine Room. In addition to providing a strategy and assistance with historic artifact management. These facilities are important for the heritage and tourism for Lockeport.

Jeff Wood wanted to discuss the annual issue of campers using the turn around spot that is owned by Katherine Slack for the purpose of unauthorized overnight camping. He wanted to know if Council had discussed a plan for the upcoming season to deal with this issue. Derek Amalfa reiterated that since the property is not owned by the Town of Lockeport, the current owner, Katherine Slack, would have to address this issue on her property if she so wanted to. Derek did suggest that if people feel this is an issue then a proposal would have to be brought to council on the possibility of creating a reservation system to deter people just showing up and to possibly generate revenue.

Gabe Buchanan suggested that camping would be a good use of Rood's Head park as it has tried to be used for this in the past.

#### **Tourist / Art Site- Little Mermaid**

The committee has confirmed continued support for the artistic mermaid sculpture that will be created by Sam Nickerson. Tim Rhyno provided an update to the committee from his conversation with Mr. Nickerson regarding the location as well as his conversation with the local family for the memorial dedication of the sculpture. Once all information is gathered a presentation will be made to council by the committee before proceeding.

#### **Fisherman's Memorial Restoration**

Nicole Stephens has taken the lead on this project and since we were unable to attend the meeting this evening this item will be added to the agenda for the next committee meeting in June for an update.

#### **Use for Former Directory Sign**

Derek Amalfa discussed the old business directory sign that is currently located at the turnaround spot on the back of Crescent Beach and presented some ideas with what should be done with it. Derek suggested that we open this discussion up to the community to get them involved and create a contest for people to submit art areas for it. Craig did suggest that whatever is decided it would be a good reflection on the Towns's history to include the date the community was founded in 1762. The committee discussed ideas around using QR codes on the signage as well as highlighting it with solar lights and traps

and buoys and creating a type of 'Welcome to Lockeport' sign. We could also open it up to a community vote once we have some ideas to help decide.

### **Roods Head Strategy**

Derek Amalfa provided the committee with videos and pictures of the current state of Rood's Head park for discussion. Fire Chief, Wayne Chetwynd, has stated that the current condition of the park poses a serious fire hazard as there is so much tinder and dead trees and underbrush all throughout the park. It has been seriously neglected and very overgrown. Derek has reached out to Western Woodlot Owners of Lunenburg for some accessible direction of what can be done in the park. Derek did report that the Town explored potential through the Clean Foundation for this initiative but the park was not eligible based on the location and the current condition.

The HTC committee discussed all the challenges that Rood's Head is facing and what can be done for stewardship going forward. There was a suggestion that the HTC possibly create a subcommittee to spearhead getting the ball rolling on park improvements. Emily Swim questioned when the Town of Lockeport stopped caring for the condition of Roods Head park as in previous years it was Public Works and a summer student that would help with upkeeping the trails and tidying the park up.

After much discussion the committee were in agreement that the Town of Lockeport should be responsible to establish an initial clean up with the Public Works team since it has been left too long and is a huge project. It was suggested that a regular maintenance schedule could be worked in with Public Works. After these initial steps have taken place then maybe a volunteer 'Friend's of Rood's Head' group could be established to help with upkeep in the future.

**Jeff Wood made a motion that the HTC recommends to Council that the Town Clerk directs the Public Work staff to start the initial clean up of Roods Head park and then work it into a regular maintenance schedule. Connie Lamm seconded; All in Favour.**

### **New Business**

#### **Shelburne Chamber of Commerce June Presentation**

Connie Lamm reported that Ms. Anita Goodfellow and David Chute have graciously accepted an invite to give a presentation to the Heritage & Tourism Committee in June. This would be a great opportunity for both groups to introduce ourselves to one another, build positive relationships and network. Committee members were asked to consider any questions they would like to ask and or anything you feel would be important to share from this committee with Anita and David.

The committee agreed it would be a great opportunity to also invite the Shelburne County Arts Council to attend a future HTC Meeting. This would give the committee the

opportunity to introduce ourselves to one another and possibly partner and support future initiatives and projects. It would be nice to invite local artists as well.

### **Dedicated Historical Advisor for the Heritage & Tourism Committee**

It will be presented to the committee for discussion about the need and importance to create a dedicated Local Historian Advisor Member position for the HTC. This addition will require a modification to the HTC Terms of Reference and would be subject to approval from the Town Council.

**Gabe Buchanan made the motion to accept the terms of reference for the Heritage and Tourism Committee and have a dedicated advisor to the committee. Connie Lamm seconded; All in Favour.**

**Derek Amalfa made a motion to the committee to accept his resignation from the Heritage & Tourism Committee but he will still attend meetings as the ex-officio. Connie Lamm seconded; All in favour.**

Now that Derek Amalfa has resigned from the committee there is now a vacant seat.

### **Directional Sign Post at the Beach Centre**

Craig Hillen presented to the committee the idea of creating directional beach sign (direction & distance) at the Beach Centre of different places in the world. Jeff Wood commented that this would be similar to the directional sign that they also have at Seaside Cottages. All agreed it was a great idea and would add a new visual attraction near the Beach Centre. Emily Swim commented that there are also similar ones at Cape Forchu Lighthouse in Yarmouth and in Clark's Harbour and some that have been made with drift wood pieces.

It was suggested we establish a future meeting for beautification initiatives for the town.

### **Paved Parking with Accessible Designated spaces at Crescent Beach Centre**

Craig Hill spoke about the possibility of finding grants help with getting the parking lot area in front of the Beach Centre paved to increase accessibility.

**Derek Amalfa made the recommendation that we explore accessibility of the Beach Centre parking area with funding opportunities to support this. Jeff Wood seconded; All in favour.**

### **Public Engagement**

Rudy Sommer asked about the amount of tourism surveys completed, Connie Lamm reported 22 people had completed the survey to date.

**Adjournment at 8:34pm**

**Next meeting will take place on Monday, June 15th, 2026 at 6pm in Lockeport Town Council Chambers**

## Heritage & Tourism Committee Minutes May 19, 2026

### (Recommendations to Council)

#### Recommendations

The Heritage & Tourism Committee makes the following recommendations:

#### 1.) ROODS HEAD PARK-

It has been so moved and recommended by the HTC Committee that Council develop and approve a future plan for Roods Head. This plan may include a continuation or discontinuation of the lease agreement. Public input is strongly recommended. In the interim, the Town shall be responsible for initial cleanup and development of a regular maintenance schedule.

#### 2.) LOVE LOCKEPORT AWARDS- ( June, July and August) \* *Note HTC does not meet in July*

It has been so moved and recommended by the HTC Committee that Council approve the following as recipients for the Love Lockeport Award.

Salty Swabbers- June

White Gull Restaurant- June

Crescent Beach Visitor Information Centre- July

Taylor Lodge No.62 Masonic Lodge - July

Salty Dogs Barkery – August

#### 3.) PAVING OF PARKING LOT AT CRESCENT BEACH CENTRE

It has been so moved and recommended by the HTC Committee that Council direct the Town to explore grant funding through Accessibility, ACOA or others to pave the Crescent Beach Parking lot. This will greatly assist with accessibility as the current car park does not meet standards. It will also assist as an additional enhancement to a key tourist location for Lockeport and area.

#### 4.) NEW TOWN OF LOCKEPORT WELCOME SIGN ( former old directory sign)

It has been so moved and recommended by the HTC that Council approve the repurposing of the old directory sign and replace it with a new Welcome to Lockeport sign.

HTC will collaborate with the Town & Mayor to develop a community engagement strategy to solicit public input in creating a unique and welcoming sign for the town with the aid of local artists, AI and contractors. It is recommended that council direct the Town, Mayor and HTC to establish an estimate cost for the sign that council will need to review and approve before proceeding.

May Meetings/Events Councillor A Chetwynd

- May 04- Rec/MYM Committee Meeting (Council Chambers)
- May 05- COM Check-in (online)
- May 08- Strategic Planning Meeting (Council Chambers)
- May 08- Regular Council Meeting (Council Chambers)
- May 9- MYM Day/ Wellnify.ai Challenge kick off (Seacaps Park)
- May 09- Attended Friends of the Library Plant & Bake Sale (Lillian Benham Library)
- May 13- Grand Walk (LES)
- MAY 14- Legacy Mural Draft Review (Jan's)
- May 14- Our House Visit for potential program (Seacaps Playground)
- May 18- Legacy Mural Final Draft Review and Park Planning (Seacaps Playground)
- May 19- Sr Bingo (Recreation Center)
- May 22- AIM Presentation (Council Chambers)
- May 22- Regular Council (Council Chambers)
- May 25- Playground Phase 2 Meeting (Green Room)
- May 26- COM Check-in (online)

**Town of Lockeport Recreation/MYM Minutes  
May 4, 2026**

**Present:** Mayor Derek Amalfa, Councilor Anna Chetwynd, MYM Coordinator Connie Lamm, Benn Himmelman, Jan Fiske, Sue Crosby via phone and Recording Secretary Mary Meagher.

**Regrets:** Will Chetwynd, Dawn DeMings-Taylor and Rhiannon Hinerman

**Meeting called to order** at 6:03 by Anna

**Approval of Agenda** moved by Derek, seconded by Jan with additions: 1) Emily Swim’s resignation 2) Park Inspection and 3) Mary Meagher’s resignation as Secretary **Motion carried**

**Approval of March 30<sup>th</sup> minutes** moved by Derek, seconded by Benn. **Motion carried**

There were no presentations or guests tonight.

**Old Business:** Park Policy will need to be addressed.

**Reports/Updates:**

**MYM Day** – May 9<sup>th</sup> 10-11:30, postings are up, QR code set up, no social media postings yet. Pop up event planned with numerous small games with kickoff of senior lending library. Connie will add Friends of the Library Plant & Bake sale to the postings, same day, same time. Connie organized a meeting with George Harding, Bonnie Nickerson and Rhiannon Hinerman this Wednesday at 6 p.m. concerning a gardening club. She is also looking for assistance in putting the raised beds together.

**Grand Walk:** May 13<sup>th</sup> Route same as past years with the start time approximately 1:30. Motion to allow Connie to get a cake for a short social after the walk, moved by Jan, seconded by Benn.

**Motion carried**

**Lockeport Sign Project:** Derek updated us that the signs should be going to the printers very soon, hoping to get them out now that the weather is clearing.

**Summer Planning/Canada Summer Jobs:** Connie provided a sheet with the list of programs and activities that are planned for the three positions we were awarded with their roles and responsibilities. MYM will pay 50% of two positions, TOL 50% of the third. The start date is still to be determined at this time with Emily and Connie finalizing the details. The plan is to keep the employees busy and visible to the town. Connie asked Sue if MYM could have a table occasionally at the Big Beach Market to market MYM.

**Bike Camp:** Benn reported that he hopes to have a Pop-up Rodeo/Bike Ride to be held at the Seacaps Park. He and Connie will inspect the bikes in the shed and any bikes needing repair donate them to the SRHS group doing bike repairs.

**Recreation – Playground Phase 2:** Sue spoke to Turf Masters today. The turf needs to go in first, then the swings and lastly the fencing. Eastern Fence is fully qualified to install the swings. Looking at mid June timeline with the funds very close to the amounts required with most of the final project already paid. Anna had meant with the park inspector on Easter Monday which went very well. There are a few minor items that needed attention and most have been addressed already. The inspector recommended having a checklist and Anna showed the committee two samples.

**Tennis Court:** Mid May maintenance to be held on the court. The invoice for the job will go to the TOL initially with the Pickleball/Tennis Group reimbursing the town.

**Ball Field Grant:** The Town Clerk/Treasurer June Harding has gotten an extension on the project. Mark Williams will do the work in the fall. He will replace Tyler Harris as the latter has been busy and unable to complete the job. The Sport Grant is now available again, Benn will speak to Candice as she was looking for funding for nets.

**Playground Fundraising Group:** Sue and Bill will organize a hockey pool. The Fundraising Group will run a Chance Auction over the summer. The Legacy Mural has had another donor, the mural is coming along with Jan continuing to meet with Ulrich.

**School Update:** Track and Field has started practicing.

## **New Business**

**Family Beach Bash Activities:** Connie and Anna need to finalize the details. Event to take place July 4<sup>th</sup>, rain date July 11<sup>th</sup>.

**July 1<sup>st</sup> Update:** Plans are moving along, with more details to follow.

**Review of Committee Mandates:** Anna and Sue have sent Derek a few thoughts they had. If anyone else has any suggestions they can send them on to Derek.

**Volunteer of the Month Nominations:** There were no nominations made this month. The committee accepted Emily's resignation with regrets and would like to acknowledge and thank her for all of her volunteer work that she does in the community.

**Future Minutes:** A short discussion on how to proceed with the future minutes now that Mary has resigned from the position. A few suggestions were made but we will see how things develop. Anna has noted that she will take the minutes at least initially.

**Next meeting** June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 at 6 p.m.

**Meeting adjourned** moved by Jan, seconded by Connie

**Motion carried**

Town of Lockeport Recreation/ Make Your Move Meeting Minutes  
June 01, 2026

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Councilor A Chetwynd called the meeting to order at 18:04

Attending: Councilor Anna Chetwynd, William Chetwynd, Sue Crosby, Janice Fiske, Mary Meagher, Rhiannon Hinerman

Regrets: Dawn DeMings-Taylor, MPAL Coordinator Benn Himmelman, Mayor Derek Amalfa, MYM Navigator Connie Lamm

**Approval of Agenda:**

- Add Big Beach Bash vendor request under New Business
- Add Peace Hut discussion to Playground update.

**Motion: Agenda to be approved with additions. Moved by Janice, Second by Will. Motion Carried**

**Approval of previous minutes May 04, 2026:**

**Motion: Minutes to be approved as circulated. Moved by Sue, Second by Will. Motion carried.**

**Presentations/guests:**

There was one guest who arrived late and left early in attendance. There were no scheduled presentations.

**Old Business:**

- Anna give a brief update around the LES Pad Project. The committee is anxious to see this project proceed so it can present the \$10,000 pledged from the Make Your Move Lockeport account. Anna has been advised that the tenders for this project close on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Once work begins, we will be able to release this amount. It does not appear that the RBC Barrier Buster Grant was awarded so we encourage everyone to get behind this project so the teachers and children have a safe place to work and play.

**Reports/Updates:**

- **MYM Day May 9<sup>th</sup>**- There wasn't a large turnout for this event, however those who attended had a great time and utilizing the outdoor games is definitely something we hope to see incorporated in other events.
- **Grand Walk May 13<sup>th</sup>**- This event was very well attended and the committee would like to thank LES and LRHS for their participation and partnership. This annual event is open to the whole community for a fun walk with the children.
- **Community Challenge Update & Prize Draw:** Anna advised that there are currently two prize draws happening. Connie will do a draw, with the assistance of the Welnify.ai team, for one male and one female MYM Sweatshirt. To be entered into the draw you only have to be participating in the challenge. The other draw will be conducted by the Welnify.ai team for a \$50 grocery gift card. To be entered in this second draw you only need to complete one daily challenge on the app each day from June 1<sup>st</sup> to June 4<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned to the Make Your Move Lockeport Facebook page for other contests, ways to interact, and information on the Challenge. Anna noted that to date Lockeport has logged over 2 million steps. Way to Go Lockeport!!
- **Lockeport Interpretive Sign Project-** Neither Connie nor Derek were able to be in attendance so Anna will reach out to them for information. Sue advised that Braden Chetwynd did an amazing job on the design and information for the signs, and the committee would like to acknowledge their appreciation of this work.
- **Veggie Beds** – Rhiannon advised that the raised beds have been assembled and we hope to have them in place soon. Anna advised of a conversation she and Connie had regarding congestion on the corner of Beech St and Hall Street (an originally planned location). Anna and Connie will meet to determine if a location closer to the Lighthouse stage can be used as it is also close to a water source. The committee felt this would be worth exploring.
- **Summer Staff** - Connie and Anna are working on a Google Sheet of ideas for summer programming. We have three summer students (two of which will be cost shared under Make Your Move Lockeport program). Connie will work closely with the students doing MYM activities this year.
- **Bike Camp** – this was moved out to next meeting but Anna mentioned a conversation she had with Ruth-Marie who is anxious to help with small pop-up events as have been discussed at committee in the past. The committee welcomes Ruth-Marie's involvement if/when she is able. Best wishes to her.

- **Playground Updates:** Sue is in regular communication with Turf Masters, who are coordinating all contractors for Phase 2 (swing installation). A discussion was had regarding the future use of the current "Peace Hut". It was generally agreed that the current location poses a safety risk as children climb on it and could potentially get hurt. It was also determined that it no longer fits the design of the modern park and had not been used for its intended purpose. Sue advised that the Playground Fundraising Group would cover the cost of moving it, and she has spoken to Mark Williams to ensure it was possible. As such the following motion was made:

***Motion:*** Recommend to Council that the "Peace Hut", currently located at SeaCaps Playground, be relocated to the Beach Center, as per one of the suggestions from the Beach Center Manager, for storage or other uses. And that the moving be done during Phase 2 of the playground project with the cost to be added to the cost of excavation and paid for by the Playground Fundraising Group. Moved by Will, Second by Rhiannon.  
***Motion Carried.***

- **Tennis/Pickleball** – Sue advised the repairs to the court surface has been completed at a cost of \$3500 + tax and was paid for by the Lockeport Tennis and Pickleball Club. There were some cracks/splits that require routine maintenance. Sue advised that this will need to be done again in a few years and expects costs to rise (possibly even double). The committee would like to acknowledge their gratitude to the Lockeport Tennis and Pickleball Club for their commitment to the care and maintenance of this valuable community asset. Anna read a note from Mayor Amalfa regarding usage questions for the Tennis / Pickleball court from a resident of Shelburne. Sue advised the courts are open for public use and the Club encourages everyone to come and play. Drop in play is also encouraged during scheduled times. To ensure the rules are followed and the courts are kept in ideal condition people wishing to use the courts, **on non scheduled times**, are asked to call Sue or Bill at **902-874-1012** for a list of rules and the access code. Once they are familiar with the rules and have the code they are able to use the courts as often as they wish. It was noted that the contact number at the courts will be updated to reflect this new number. Sue advised there is no charge to play tennis however if using the club purchased Pickleball equipment there is a \$2.00 fee OR you can pay \$25.00 for a full year, which also includes gym usage during the winter months. Sue will do a post to make people aware of regularly scheduled times, where they can drop in, and this information will be on the Lockeport Tennis & Pickleball Club page which can be shared on the MYM Lockeport and possibly the Town of Lockeport pages. There is a rule around monopolizing the courts to ensure fair access for everyone and which courts to use if both tennis and pickle ball are being played at the same time.
- **Playground Fundraising Group** - Hockey tickets are almost sold out and hope to do this draw soon. The Chance Auction Tickets will be sold up until June 18<sup>th</sup> where they will be drawn for at the Big Beach Market on that date. The Legacy Mural for the park has arrived and looks fabulous. This will acknowledge the substantial contributions made by the Legacy Donors. We are currently working on the Partnership Recognition Mural/Sign to acknowledge the grants received toward this project. Since this is a grant requirement, this will come to Council for final approval but will be paid for by the Playgound Fundraising Group. The committee would like to acknowledge and thank all who so generously contributed to this project.
- **Big Beach Market Request from MYM-** The MYM Navigator has requested a table at the June 04 Big Beach Market to talk about MYM and the Welnyfy Challenge. It was noted that the Market hopes to attract more information booths like this and that the MYM Navigator is welcomed to attend as often as she wishes.
- **School Update** – Will advised the Girls Softball team will be going to Provincials in Cape Breton this weekend June 5-6th. Congratulation Girls!! There will be a Pep Rally for them on Thursday June 4<sup>th</sup>. The Boys came in 3<sup>rd</sup> in their division. Congratulations to the Boy also. The Greenwave Club have had their annual trip, this is for students with high achievement academically, we are so proud of our students. The school was able to utilize the Pickleball court for physical education on June 1<sup>st</sup>, and on June 2<sup>nd</sup> were traveling to River Hills Golf & Country Club to learn to play golf. What a great way to Make Your Move!! Prom is scheduled for June 20<sup>th</sup>, Graduation is June 29<sup>th</sup>, and the last day of School is June 30<sup>th</sup>. The committee would like to congratulate all students for another successful year at LRHS 😊

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Family Beach Bash** - Dates were tentatively set for July 4<sup>th</sup> (with a rain date of July 11<sup>th</sup>) both on a Saturday due to schedules. **It was agreed that we should check the tide charts to ensure these dates would work.** Upon investigation the tide is not ideal on those dates so Anna sent an e-mail for feedback. Majority confirmed that **June 27<sup>th</sup> would work better (11:00 am -2:00 pm) with a rain date of July 4<sup>th</sup> (2:30 pm – 5:30 pm).** Anna advised

she has confirmed these dates with Alma, who has agreed to do the BBQ and Cory who has agreed to do the Music and sound. Anna asked each committee member to run one activity... so everyone gets to enjoy the day. We will require a special meeting to finalize the event.

- **Touch a Truck-** Anna advised that the RCMP have asked the Fire Department to partner with this event. Potential date of July 11<sup>th</sup>. This is a public relations event that the RCMP does. They will organize emergency vehicles (Police, Fire, MFR), and possibly heavy equipment like loaders, excavators, 18 wheelers, etc. The community will be invited to come out and explore the vehicles. Kids love these events and it adds another activity for the community to enjoy. There was a request of the MYM team to possibly provide/set up/run the outdoor games at SeaCaps park and possibly a BBQ from the Playground Fundraising Group. More to follow.
- **Big Beach Bash - Aug 1<sup>st</sup> with One Meter Up:** Anna confirmed with Emily that Sugar Hut was still interested in attending. The Playground Fundraising/ Tennis & Pickball group will do the BBQ again this year. Playground Fundraising group will also do a 50/50 draw. Emily advised she will reach out again regarding the surfing sessions during the Big Beach Bash, this is on a user fee basis. A request from Tanya Snow was circulated and approved. They wish to sell cold drinks and snacks during the Big Beach Bash, proceeds to go to LRHS sports teams they coach. To date we have confirmed sponsorship for this event from Tim Rhyno and Ocean Escape Cottages. The committee would like to thank them both for their ongoing support and generosity.
- **Request from Harmony Bazaar to MYM Lockeport-** this was deferred to the upcoming special meeting when Connie is available to speak to it.
- **Brighton Road Trail Repair-** Anna was looking for an updated timeline. This will be deferred to the next meeting.
- **50+ Food for Thought Potluck launch-** Connie is currently exploring a Seniors Grant which is expected to be available soon. If approved by Council to apply, this grant may assist with getting a Seniors group operational or help fund Senior programs. Connie has started to meet with some current groups to see what programming they might be interested in. Having established programs is a benefit so Connie and Anna are organizing a **FREE 50+ Potluck supper** with a guest speaker called **“Food for Thought” on June 15<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-5:00 pm**. This is open to everyone aged 50+ (please bring a dish for the pot luck) and Anna will lead a talk on **“What to expect when you call 911 & Medical First Response in our community”**. If successful we will reach out to other community leaders/businesses to speak at these events in the future.
- **Volunteer of the Month-** the committee received an email with a recommendation to name Dave Holdaway/Legion President as Volunteer of the Month for June 2026.

**Motion: The Recreation Committee would like to recommend to Council that Dave Holdaway be recognized as Volunteer of the Month for June 2026. Moved by Will Second by Sue Motion Carried.**

**Next Regular Meeting July 06, 2026 at 18:03**

**Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 19:28**

Candace Malik report and expenses for May 2026:

May 5th - SAC

May 8th - Strategic Planning in chambers

May 8th - Council

May 13th - Participated in Annual Grand Walk

May 13th - July 1st

May 17th - Attended Legion breakfast

May 20th - RCMP virtual meeting re: new billing model expected to be rolled out late 2026

May 22nd - AIM meeting re: climate

May 22nd - Council

May 26th - July 1st (regrets)

## **Lockeport and Area Canada Day Celebration Committee**

**Lockeport N.S.**

**Wednesday, May 27th, 2026**

**Present were:** Emily Swim in the Chair, Ellen Suttle, Nancy Williams, Connie Lamm, Steven Williams

**Regrets:** Candace Malik

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of May 13, 2026 as circulated were approved on motion by Nancy Williams and seconded by Connie Lamm. Motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

**Flag Raising** – Tabled until next meeting --Candace will ask Nicole Stephens if Quinn and Ivy would sing O'Canada at the flag raising. We will contact the Town Office to see if they would ask the RCMP and Legion Member Dave Holdaway to attend the flag raising.

**Brochure** – Emily and Ellen met with Cory to go over the brochure that he will be formatting for us. Further additions to be additions are:

Baked Bean Supper starting at 4 p.m. at the United Baptist Church

Celebrate with Giggles and Grins 10 a.m.-6 p.m. hotdogs, art, bake sale and raffle draw.

Masonic Lodge – Open house and chili cook off 2-4 p.m.

Beach Bash – July 4<sup>th</sup>, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Rain date July 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Craft Fair Vendors** – Connie is sending a registration form to all vendors .

**Park Layout** – Emily supplied us with a map of Seacaps Park. A discussion ensued regarding the placement of various attractions and vendors throughout the park. Emily will revise the map and present it at the next meeting.

**Talent Show** – The Talent Show is to be held at the Cultural Park so that it is away from the noise of various generators.

### **New Business:**

**Traffic Control – SRVFD & Little Harbour VFD** – Ground Search and Rescue are unable to provide traffic control so Emily spoke to SRVFD. They may provide traffic control in partnership with Little Harbour Volunteer Fire Department.

**Final Additions to Brochure** – All items to be placed in the brochure has to be submitted by May 30th and then the brochure will be sent out to the Committee for proof reading before going to print which will be the week of June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Giggles and Grins** – Giggles and Grins Day Care have asked for permission to use the Town of Lockeport's BBQ on July 1<sup>st</sup> to sell hotdogs. This was granted and they are to pick up and return the BBQ to the Beach Center.

**Volunteer (or workers) List** – Emily is putting together a list of people who are either working or volunteering for July 1<sup>st</sup> activities.

**Carnival** – 3 games (throwing, kicking, and throwing) – Debbie Williams, Claudia MacLachlan (selling tickets), Connie Lamm, Candace Malik, Gabe, Olivia, Tayah, Grace, Steven, Rian.

**Parade** – Garrett and Jerrica Chetwynd, Steve and (wife) Belazs.

**Raffle Ticket Booth** – Steve and (wife) Belazs

Gary and Deb Hume

Shelley Chetwynd-Swim and Brayden Chetwynd

Alfreda Malone and Eva Bidenost

**Carnival games and workers schedule** – There will be three games at the Carnival, two throwing games and one kicking game. Soccer balls will be placed out in the soccer field so that anybody who would like to take advantage of playing soccer throughout the day may do so. Guessing jars will be displayed at the Carnival ticket booth as well as balloons for the children.

**National Indigenous People's Day** – Tabled until next meeting. To be discussed – language booth.

There being no further business, Nancy Williams moved the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

**Next meeting** – June 2, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at Lockeport Town Council Chambers

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Suttle

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### **July 1<sup>st</sup> Celebration Events - 2026**

June 21 - Indigenous Day - Shon as guest presenter. Candace Malik organizing

12 – 3 p.m.

June 27 – Multicultural Share Fair - Show case the culture of Italy Emily (Ellen) organizing

6 – 8 p.m.

June 28 – Seaman's Memorial Service - Pastor Tim Garron 2:00 p.m.

Little Miss Lockeport Pageant – Kelly Penney 3:00 p.m.

June 30 - Afternoon Social – Nancy Williams organizing 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

July 1<sup>st</sup> – Annual craft fair 10 a.m.– 3 p.m.

Strawberry Festival – Tennis & Pickleball Group/Lockeport Legion Branch 80

11:00 a.m.

Annual grease pole 12:00 p.m.

Flag Raising Ceremony & Cake 11:00 a.m.

Carnival in the Park 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Children's Parade 11:30 a.m.

'Little Mac's" Antique Car Parade 2:15 p.m. ??

Grand Street Parade 2:30 p.m.

Pie Eating Contest 3:45 p.m.

Awards Ceremony & Raffle Draws 4:00 p.m.

Beans and Brown Bread Supper – Lockeport United Baptist Church

Musical Entertainment - The Harding Boys 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Family Dance Party & Free Glow Stuff 9:00 p.m.

Mini Fireworks Display 10:00 p.m.

## Lockeport and Area Canada Day Celebration Committee

### Lockeport N.S.

Wednesday, June 2nd, 2026

**Present were:** Emily Swim in the Chair, Ellen Suttle, Nancy Williams, Connie Lamm, Claudia MacLachlan

**Regrets:** Candace Malik, Steven Williams

The meeting was called to order at 6:14 p.m.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of May 27, 2026 as circulated were approved on motion by Connie Lamm and seconded by Nancy Williams. Motion carried.

#### **Old Business:**

**Beach Bash-** Connie stated that the time for the Beach Bash may be changed to 2-4 p.m. due to the tides. She will confirm this for the brochure.

**Flag Raising –** Quinn and Ivy Stephens will sing O’Canada at the flag raising. Derek was reached out to the RCMP to be available for the Flag Raising, Children’s Parade and the Grand Street Parade and Legion Member Dave Holdaway to attend the flag raising.

**Brochure –** Cory is putting the finishing touches of formatting on the brochure and will go for printing later this week.

**Social Media –** Natasha Amalfa has designed individual posters for various July 1<sup>st</sup> activities and will post them on social media.

It was decided that special mention to Workworkers Home Hardware for donating the BBQ as well as sponsoring the musical entertainment – the Harding Boys- happen on social media as an individual poster.

**Craft Fair Vendors –** Allie Langley has requested one table.

Park Layout – to be completed.

**Talent Show –** This will be held at the Cultural Park from 1-2 p.m.

**Traffic Control – SRVFD & Little Harbour VFD –** Still waiting for confirmation.

**Giggles and Grins –** Mable is aware that the town BBQ needs cleaning before use of which she has agreed to do.

**Volunteer (or workers) List** - Claudia will sell tickets at the Carnival from 12 noon to 3 p.m.

Jill Cassibo has volunteered to help at any site.

**Carnival** – Jolene wants to sell sno-cones at the Carnival so will set up beside the Carnival games.

Charlie’s Treasure Chest will be offering “Stuff a Pal” and the Carnival Games will have \$5.00 coupons as prizes redeemable at Charlie’s Treasure Chest. 80 coupons for this event will be made.

Nancy offered to fill two candy jars for the guessing games.

**National Indigenous People’s Day.** - Jeanette Nickerson has been confirmed to be in attendance. A language booth will be set up to teach some Mi’kmaq words. Emily will also contact Shon to see if he is interested in attending this event.

**Clean Foundations** – A Mustang car and Silverado truck will be in the parade and will be available to be test driven throughout the day.

**Seaman’s Memorial** – It was decided to order a new wreath since the one that was purchased last year had Lockeport’s name spelt wrong.

There being no further business, Connie Lamm moved the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

**Next meeting** – June 11, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at Lockeport Town Council Chambers

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Suttle

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**July 1 st Celebration Events - 2026**

***Sunday, June 21***

National Indigenous People's Day

***Saturday, June 27***

Multicultural Share Fair - Showcasing the culture of Italy

***Sunday, June 28***

Seaman's Memorial Service - Pastor Tim Garron

***Tuesday, June 30***

Afternoon Social with Jamie Cotter & Band - Fire Hall

***Wednesday, July 1***

Annual Craft Fair

Strawberry Festival - (community group organizing)

Annual Grease Pole

Flag Raising Ceremony & Cupcakes

World Cup Soccer Carnival in the Park

Yarmouth Big Bounce - Bounce Castles & Bungee Jumper Stations

Children's Parade

'Little Mac's' Antique Car Parade

Grand Street Parade - 'Candyland'

Pie Eating Contest

Awards Ceremony & Raffle Draws

Music on the Stage - 'The Harding Boys'

Family Dance Party with Free Glow Stuff

Mini Fireworks Display

***Saturday, July 4***

'Make Your Move' Family Beach Bash

## 2026 Lockeport & Area July 1<sup>st</sup> Celebrations Risk Management Measures:

In large part, the events that are planned to take place in 2026 are much the same as those which took place in 2025. The vast majority of the activities take place outside and for the events taking place inside they will be at the Crescent Beach Centre or Lockeport Fire Hall which both are equipped with accessible entrances and washroom facilities.

In the following text “the Committee” refers to the Canada Day Committee for the Town of Lockeport. Listed below are the specific risk management provisions that have been put in place for 2026 events.

**First Aid Stations** – For each event planned by the Committee, there will be a first aid station at the event in case anyone should be injured. For less active events, the station will consist of a first aid kit with a person on hand who is trained in standard first aid procedures. For more active events, specially including the Grease Pole and Awards Ceremony, the Lockeport & Area Medical First Responders will be on hand to deal with first aid issues.

**Supervision** – For each event planned by the Committee, there will be a number of supervisors on hand. This number will vary according to the number of people expected to attend the specific event and will include Canada Day Committee members and volunteers.

**Grease Pole** – This particular event will be held at a wharf over water, and therefore we are taking extra precautions to avoid problems. At all times during the event, there will be a safety boat in the water, near the wharf, a qualified lifeguard with lifesaving equipment on hand on the wharf as well as a member from the Lockeport & Area Medical First Responders will be on hand to deal with first aid issues.. The event has been scheduled to take place when the tide is high so that contestants have a minimal distance to fall before hitting the water. All of these measures are to ensure maximum safety for both participants and spectators.

**Outdoor Concerts & Awards** – These events attract a relatively large group of people. These features include a suitable fire extinguisher on hand in the stage area and the Lockeport & Area Medical First Responders located in the same building if any medical issues should arise. The Committee will be engaging the assistance of volunteer security personnel on site.

**Parades** – The Committee has identified several traffic issues associated with the parade route. In the case of each parade, a lead vehicle will be designated to ensure a clear path for those who follow. The Committee will be engaging the assistance of volunteer traffic management personnel as well as a security company to provide traffic control at the main intersection into town. Personnel will be easily identifiable by use of neon safety vests and shall be engaged in maintaining restricted traffic areas and parking control along public streets. Any one that will be

part of the Grand Street Parade will be requested to not throw candy from their vehicles, if wishing to pass out candy will have to do so with the assistance of a parade walker.

**Children's Carnival** - The Committee have hired Yarmouth Big Bounce to bring two types of bounce castles and, new for 2026, are bungee jumper stations. Yarmouth Big Bounce will be providing the Committee with attendants to supervise the games and a Certificate of Insurance as proof of liability coverage for the equipment involved.

**Street Closures** - During the day of the celebrations we will be asking for street closures on a section of Hall Street, Spruce Street, Howe Street and Beech Street to increase safety around the lineup for the Children's Parade as well as increase the pedestrian space around Seacaps Park where the bulk of the events take place during the day. We also limit the traffic flow that is able to enter the Town at the intersection of Locke and Hall Street during the Antique Car and Grand Street parade route and will be requesting the services of a security company or volunteer fire department to take care of this.

**Parking** - Parking during the celebrations will take place in designated spots about town as outlined in our program to not impede the Grand Street Parade and Street Closures.

**Fireworks** - The annual fireworks display takes place in the soccer field with spectators viewing the display from various locations along the causeway. Our display consists of non-commercial fireworks therefore the range and height is not as great as commercial fireworks and reduces any associated risks. Hired personnel equipped with safety gear set off the fireworks. During this time our Canada Day committee and volunteers are located at all the entrances to the soccer field and along the boardwalk to ensure attendees remain a safe distance away from the display. Locking devices are installed on the soccer field gates entrances to ensure unauthorized personnel from entering the area.



Report for the month of May  
Councilor K Chetwynd.

May 8th strategic planning.

May 8th regular council meeting

May 9th make your move Wellnify event

May 22nd Aim presentation

May 22nd regular council meeting.



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June 2, 2026

Your Worship Derek Amalfa  
Mayor, Town of Lockeport &  
Chair, Eastern Shelburne Amalgamation Steering Committee  
Via Email: derekamalfalockeport@gmail.com

Dear Mayor Amalfa:

Thank you for your letter of March 5, 2026, on behalf of the Eastern Shelburne Amalgamation Steering Committee regarding the potential amalgamation of the Municipality of the District of Shelburne, the Town of Shelburne, and the Town of Lockeport.

As I noted in my correspondence from April 8th, I wanted to have staff with experience from previous amalgamations review your circumstances and assess what is required in this particular scenario. Based on previous experience and established legislation, we would note that it is important that municipalities first determine whether they wish to formally pursue restructuring before any other discussions begin. At this stage, it would be premature for the Province to commit funding in advance of that determination and prior to consideration of the proposal by the Nova Scotia Regulatory and Appeals Board (NSRAB).

Municipal restructuring in Nova Scotia follows an established, independent process through NSRAB. Municipalities interested in pursuing dissolution or amalgamation are required to initiate that process and seek a Preliminary Order from the Board. As part of that process:

**Step 1 – Council Direction**

- Obtain formal approval from each participating municipal council to proceed with an application for restructuring.

**Step 2 – NSRAB Preliminary Order Application**

- Submit an application to NSRAB requesting a Preliminary Order.

The application must include:

- Proposed boundaries of the municipality or municipalities under consideration
- Estimated population
- Total assessed value of taxable property and occupancy assessments
- Audited financial statements for the most recent fiscal year
- A rationale for the proposal
- Any additional relevant supporting information

Your Worship Derek Amalfa  
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**NSRAB Review Process**

- NSRAB will review the application to determine whether it has merit
- Where appropriate, NSRAB will identify any additional studies or analysis required to support a final determination


This process ensures that decisions regarding municipal restructuring are evidence-based and informed by independent review. Following this step, the Board will provide direction on the scope of further analysis required.

At this time, the Province does not have a predetermined position with respect to the restructuring of municipalities in eastern Shelburne County. Decisions regarding local governance structures are appropriately initiated by municipalities and assessed through the established regulatory process.

Department staff are available to support municipalities in understanding the process and requirements for submitting an application to NSRAB but it rests with your individual council to decide if they are prepared to make that commitment. Should you have questions, you may wish to contact Ross MacDonald, Director of Governance and Advisory Services (Ross.MacDonald@novascotia.ca / 902.499.3916), who can provide further guidance on the process.

Again, thank you for your correspondence and for the work being undertaken by the Steering Committee.

Yours truly,



Honourable John A. MacDonald  
Minister of Municipal Affairs

c: Ross MacDonald, Director, Governance & Advisory Services, DMA

PNS-65615/ek

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## **CORL – Council of Regional Librarians**

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**June 3, 2026**

Honourable Dave Ritcey  
Minister of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage  
1741 Brunswick Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
PO Box 456, Station Central, Halifax, NS B3J 2R5

Dear Minister Ritcey,

I am writing to urge the Government of Nova Scotia to take immediate action to address the growing funding crisis facing public libraries across our province.

Nova Scotia's regional libraries are currently facing an estimated funding gap of \$12.78 million. This estimate is based on research completed as part of the department led 2024 Library Funding Review and reflects the impact of inflation over the past two years. Core provincial funding has remained unchanged since 2020, despite years of inflation and steadily rising operational costs. While temporary bridge funding has helped delay the most serious impacts, it has not resolved the underlying issue.

Library regions have worked diligently to manage these pressures responsibly. They have expanded fundraising efforts, coordinated services, shared resources across regions, reduced staffing and service hours, cut programs and collections, postponed maintenance and capital investments, and eliminated expenses wherever possible. These measures have been taken even as libraries across Nova Scotia continue to experience year-over-year growth in visits, circulation, and program attendance.

The strain on library systems is now becoming unsustainable. Reduced staffing levels are contributing to safety concerns, staff burnout, and a diminished capacity to respond to growing community needs. Stagnant wages and limited operational support are also contributing to staff turnover, further reducing the ability of libraries to develop and sustain valuable programs and services.

On June 1, 2026, the Annapolis Valley Regional Library announced that, effective July 20, 2026, it will close five of its eleven branches. Without meaningful provincial investment, other library regions may be forced to make similar decisions within the next one to three years. The consequences of these reductions will extend far beyond library walls and will be felt throughout communities across Nova Scotia.

In difficult times, Nova Scotians rely on public libraries more, not less. Libraries meet people where they are and provide essential services to residents who are often underserved elsewhere. Public libraries provide:

- Seniors with opportunities for social connection and support to remain active and independent within their communities.

- Low-income Nova Scotians with access to computers, internet, printers, and assistance completing taxes, government forms, job applications, and other essential tasks.
- Children and teens with safe after-school spaces, literacy support, and educational programming.
- Newcomers with welcoming community spaces that support integration and belonging.
- Community groups and volunteers with accessible meeting spaces.
- Entrepreneurs and small business owners with places to work, meet, and access information and services.

Every service reduction or branch closure has a ripple effect throughout the community. When a library branch closes, communities often lose one of their last free and inclusive public gathering spaces. In many smaller communities, libraries are the heart of civic life. Their loss deepens social isolation, widens the digital divide, and weakens the social connections that contribute directly to community wellbeing and public safety.

The Mass Casualty Commission's report, *Turning the Tide Together*, emphasizes the importance of strong social infrastructure, trusted local relationships, and connected communities in supporting resilience and public safety. Public libraries are uniquely positioned to help provide exactly these conditions.

For a relatively modest investment, the Government of Nova Scotia can preserve and strengthen a province-wide network that delivers tremendous social and economic value. Public libraries support digital access to government services, workforce readiness, entrepreneurship, newcomer integration, health navigation, mental health, and healthy aging. They also serve as an efficient and trusted distribution network for public programs and services.

This is not simply an investment in libraries. It is an investment in stronger, safer, healthier, and more connected communities across Nova Scotia.

To ensure standards in service delivery across all regions and the long-term sustainability of library services, The Council of Regional Librarians requests an increase to the core provincial operating grant of \$12.78 million, with future funding levels subject to annual indexation to account for inflationary pressures and rising operating costs.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,



Erin Comeau, Chair  
Council of Regional Librarians

**CC:** Premier Tim Houston  
Christopher Shore, Deputy Minister, CCTH  
Sara Halliday, Associate Deputy Minister, CCTH  
Stephanie Smith, Executive Director, Libraries & Museums  
Lynn Somers, Director, NSPL  
Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities



June 2, 2026

Hon. Barbara Adams, Minister of Seniors and Long-Term Care  
Hon. Nolan Young, Minister of Labour, Skills and Immigration  
CUPE Nova Scotia / CUPE Long-Term & Community Care Committee

**Re: Ongoing Labour Dispute Affecting Long-Term Care**

On behalf of the Council of the Town of Lockeport, we are writing to respectfully express our concern regarding the ongoing labour dispute affecting long-term care facilities and specifically the residents, families, workers, and communities connected to them.

We recognize and respect the importance of the collective bargaining process, and we understand that both parties have responsibilities, rights, and difficult matters to work through. At the same time, we respectfully urge all involved to continue working toward a fair and mutually beneficial agreement as quickly as possible.

Our message is to advocate for and support the residents who are feeling the effects of this situation. They are our parents, grandparents, neighbours, friends, and loved ones, and they are among the most cherished and vulnerable members of our communities. We fully value the people who provide care, and we deeply value the residents who depend on that care each day. Their health, comfort, dignity, and wellbeing must remain at the centre of every discussion. While we recognize that care continues to be provided, we are concerned that residents may not be receiving the full level of care, comfort, and consistency they have grown accustomed to and deserve.

The Town of Lockeport respectfully urges both parties to find a path forward that supports workers, protects residents, and restores stability for families and communities across Nova Scotia.

Sincerely,

**Mayor Derek Amalfa**  
Town of Lockeport

**Cc:**  
**Premier Tim Houston**  
**MacLeod Group / MacLeod Cares**  
**MacLeod Cares Surf Lodge Nursing Home**

May 28, 2026

Hon. Joanne Thompson  
Ministers Office  
Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada  
200 Kent St  
Station 15N100  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0E6

Dear Ms. Thompson,

In light of recent Small Craft Harbours funding announcements, the Town of Lockeport commends your recognition of the vital role these harbours play in coastal economies.

The Town of Lockeport Council would like to take this opportunity to share with you our support for the Lockeport Harbour Authority and the commercial fishing sector. The fishing industry is a key economic driver for the sustainability of the town and surrounding area.

Currently, Lockeport supports a significant small-craft fleet, three processing plants including Pierce Fisheries (Clearwater), and regional harvesting and processing activity in the area. The Lockeport Harbour is ideally located for quick ocean access to shipping lanes and fishing grounds.

If the Lockeport Harbour is considered for future upgrades or expansion, the benefits to the community and fishing industry would be significant. Such investment could also help attract new development investors in emerging maritime and energy resource technologies.

The Town would also like to reiterate its full support for any investment in our Small Craft Harbour.

Yours sincerely,

Derek Amalfa, Mayor

c Ms. Jessica Fancy, MP  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON  
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Mr. Mark Carney, PM  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON  
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