



**TOWN OF LOCKPORT  
COUNCIL MEETING  
FRIDAY JUNE 26, 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 26, 2026, meeting with the following additions/deletions.

**4. Conflict of Interest**

**5. Approval of Minutes**

- Regular Council Meeting Minutes May 8, 2026

Staff Suggested Motion – That Council approve the Regular Council Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of June 12, 2026.

**6. Business arising from Previous Minutes**

- Shelburne & Area Chamber of Commerce

Staff Suggested Motion: That Council agree to become a member of the Shelburne & Area Chamber of Commerce at a cost of \$150.00 per year.

- MDS Letter & MFR Support (Page 1)

Staff Suggested Motion: That Council withdraw their former letter to the Municipality of the District of Shelburne regarding funding for the Lockport & Area Medical First Responders and have support included in an updated service agreement.

## **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**

There are no presentations scheduled for this meeting

## **9. Finance**

- List of invoices already paid in the amount of \$131,389.56 (Page 2-3)

## **10. Department Reports**

- Administration Report (Page 4-5)
- Public Works Report (Page 6)

## **11. Committee Reports**

- Request for Mary Meagher to be appointed to the Heritage & Tourism Committee

Staff suggested Motion: That Council approve the appointment of Mary Meagher to the Lockport Heritage & Tourism Committee.

- Canada Day Committee Minutes – June 11, 2026 (Page 7 – 9)

- Recreation Committee Minutes – June 15, 2026 (10 – 11)

Notice of Motion – Presented by Connie Lamm, Make Your Move Coordinator (Page 12-13)

Staff suggested motion: That Council make a motion to approve Connie Lamm to apply for the New Horizons for Seniors Grant to help support Senior Programming.

## **12. Other Business**

## **13. Correspondence**

- Letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding notice of upcoming changes (Page 14 – 16)
- Letter of Concern from resident, Bill Crosby (Page 17 – 18)

## **14. Information Only**

- Email from NSFPM regarding the Provincial Municipal Joint Rural Roads Committee (Page 19)

## **15. Date of next meeting**

- July 10, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

## **16. “In Camera”**

## **17. Adjournment**

**June Harding**

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**From:** Derek Amalfa <derekamalfalockeport@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** June 1, 2026 2:50 PM  
**To:** Anna Chetwynd; Craig Hillen; Candace Malik; kevin Chetwynd; June Harding  
**Subject:** Response to MDS Letter re: MFR Support

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

I had a conversation with CAO Warren MacLeod regarding the letter we sent to the Municipality of Shelburne Council requesting support for Lockeport & Area First Responders.

The Municipality is currently undertaking a significant review and update of its agreements with local EMO providers. MDS currently provides support to other volunteer MFR units in other communities and expressed its continued support for this important service.

It was suggested that support for Lockeport’s Medical First Responders be included in a new agreement between Lockeport and MDS, this is similar to how they support other MFR units. Historically, this topic has been met with some pushback at their Council table, and it was suggested that this may be the easier way to address our request.

That said, I am not sure how Council wishes to proceed. Are we comfortable relying on this agreement process to address the issue? Are we looking for funding for the current year? Do we want to continue the conversation directly with MDS Council before the agreement is created and put in place?

I do not want to make any assumptions on behalf of Council and have advised Mr. MacLeod that we will discuss and provide direction on next steps regarding the letter. If Council wished to withdraw the letter, we would need to do so by motion.

I did not want to drop this on everyone without some advance notice and would appreciate everyone’s thoughts. If you would prefer to send a response directly to me, that is perfectly fine.

Thank you,

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Derek Amalfa  
Mayor, Town of Lockeport

LIST ON INVOICES ALREADY PAID TO BE PRESENTED AT THE		
JUNE 26 2026 MEETING		
AC BELLIVEAU VEINOTTE INC.	PREP AND COMPILED INFORMATION	855.00
AMALFA, DEREK	MILEAGE FOR JUNE	72.00
AYER, MARY	CLOWN FOR CANADA DAY	200.00
BELL ALIANT	FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR MAY	68.85
BELL MOBILITY	STREETS AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT FOR JUNE	300.81
CROSBY, SUE REIMBURSEMENT	BARBEQUE AND TABLE FOR BIG BEACH MARKET (PD BY PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE)	590.39
HILLEN, CRAIG REIMBURSEMENT	SUPPLIES FOR GRINDING AND PAINTING BOUY ON BOARDWALK (PD BY H & T COMMITTEE)	313.11
JAMIE COTTER	BAND FOR AFTERNOON SOCIAL	600.00
KRC INDUSTRIAL CONTROLS	LIFT STATION SOFTWARE PROGRAM	285.00
LINDSAY CONSTRUCTION	PROGRESS CLAIM	82,120.64
LOCKEPORT TOWN MARKET	MILK AND BLEND FOR SR. BINGO	4.90
MCNEILL, CHRIS	MILEAGE FOR AMAGAMATION MEETING - MODS, TOS AND TOL SPLIT THE COST	243.60
MEBA	INSURANCE FOR FIREFIGHTERS	2,980.00
MERSEY BAND	CANADA DAY ENTERTAINMENT	650.00
NICK STEWART CONCRETE	CONCRETE WORK AT CENOTAPH - PD BY LEGION	3,391.50
NICKERSON, CORY	CANADA DAY SOUND SERVICES, FIREWORKS, TROPHIES	7,650.00
NOVA SCOTIA POWER	STREETLIGHTS, PLAYGROUND AND TREATMENT PLANT FOR JUNE	3,103.48
NOVA SCOTIA POWER	UV SYSTEM FOR JUNE	853.15
PAYROLL	MAY 30 - JUNE 12	16,396.21
PEDRO, AMAMDA	CANADA DAY ENTERTAINMENT	300.00
PETTY CASH/JUNE HARDING	FAMILY BEACH BASH	225.00
PETTY CASH/JUNE HARDING	FLOAT FOR CANADA DAY	4,100.00
PHILIP HARDING	CANADA DAY ENTERTAINMENT	400.00





**ADMINISTRATION REPORT  
COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 26, 2026**

**BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED 2026/2027 FISCAL YEAR**

There has been a total of 3 (Three) building permits issued so far for the 2026/2027 fiscal year.

**TAX COLLECTIONS**

As of June 22, 2026, taxes are as follows:

2022 & prior = \$31,618.03

2023 = \$10,898.07

2024 = \$24,522.90

2025 = \$65,308.77

2026= \$122,457.38

**Total taxes are \$254,805.15**

**Outstanding Sub-Lease account**

I am still waiting for confirmation of payment on this account.

The total outstanding taxes on the gear shed accounts is now down to \$839.93 plus \$719.76 interest on one Gear Shed. The owner is the same as Lockeport Welding.

**Audit 2025/2026**

The auditors were here on the week of June 8, 2026, and back for one day on June 17, 2026. The current plan is for the presentation of the audit to be on August 14, 2026.

**Meetings**

Amalgamation Steering Committee Meeting – June 3, 2026

Council Meeting – June 12, 2026

Climate resilience Meeting, Shelburne, June 22, 2026

CBDC Annual General Meeting – June 23, 2026

## **Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades Project – New Discharge Location**

The new discharge location project has now been completed. I am waiting on one invoice from Lindsay Construction so I can invoice CBCL for reimbursement.

## **Canada Summer Jobs**

The Town of Lockeport has hired the following students for the Canada Summer jobs positions:

Gabriel Buchanan - Special Events Coordinator Starting June 15, 2026

Tayah Scott - Youth Recreational & Leisure Activities Counsellor – Starting June 30, 2026

Olivia Swansburg – Tourist Information Counsellor – Starting June 30, 2026

## **Playpark Phase 2**

Phase 2 of the Playpark Project will be delayed until after the Canada Day celebrations.

## **Vacation**

I will be taking vacation from July 13 to July 24, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted by:

June Harding-Town Clerk/Treasurer  
Town of Lockeport

## Public Works Report for June

- PUT POSTS IF FOR INTREPRETIVE SIGNS
- GOT WATER GOING IN OUTSIDE WASHROOMS AT BEACH CENTRE
- CHECKED CULVERTS ON BRIGHTON RD. THE BIG CEMENT CULVERTS (WHICH 80% ARE CEMENT CULVERTS) SEEM TO BE IN GOOD SHAPE
- THE GALVANISED STEEL CULVERTS (24") BY BOBBY AND ALMA COTTER'S IS IN HARD SHAPE, BOTTOM IS ROTTED OUT. IT IS EVIDENT BY THE CRACKED PAVEMENT OVER THE TOP OF IT THAT THERE IS A PROBLEM WITH THE CULVERT.
- WORK HAS BEEN ONGOING FOR TWO WEEKS AT THE SEWER PLANT ON PERMANENT FIX FOR TREATED SEWER OFF PIPE
- WADE NICKERSON HAS BEEN DOWN AND MARKED SPOTS FOR PATCH PAVING AND WILL SEND QUOTE
- PUT UP BARRICADE AT ROODS HEAD
- PAINTED CROSSWALKS AND SIDEWALK LINES
- ASSEMBLED PLYWOOD FOR NEW INTREPRETIVE SIGNS

# Lockeport and Area Canada Day Celebration Committee

## Lockeport N.S.

Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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

### **Regrets:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:8 p.m.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of June 2, 2026 as circulated were approved on motion by Nancy Williams and seconded by Candace Malik. 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** – Derek confirmed the RCMP would be available for the Flag Raising, Children’s Parade and Grand Street Parade.

**Brochure** – The brochures have been printed and are ready to be mailed. The Sandwich Board signs have also been printed.

**Craft Fair Vendors** – Danielle Joyce from Dreamy Desserts has requested one table.

**Park Layout** – Emily is still working on the park layout.

**Talent Show** – It was noted that for this event a tent, chairs, water will have to be transported to the Cultural Park. The PA will be plugged into Emily’s building.

**Traffic Control – SRVFD & Little Harbour VFD** –Sable River Fire Department has agreed to provide traffic control.

**Carnival** – Ellen still has to complete the worker’s schedule.

Coupons for Charlie’s Treasure Chest have been designed, they just need to be printed and laminated.

Nancy filled three candy jars for the guessing games.

**National Indigenous People’s Day.** - Jeanette Nickerson will provide some bannock for people to sample. An iced blueberry tea will also be served.

**Multicultural Day** – Emily will provide some information boards on Italy. Lemon Gelato, pasta and Espresso pods will be served as well as having an interactive language booth. Students who recently went on a trip to Italy will be asked to participate in this demonstration explaining what they discovered different between the Canadian and the Italian cultures.

## **New Business**

**Parade Forms** – After discussion it was decided that we would put the parade entry form out on social media as well as leaving some forms at the Town Office.

**Family Beach Bash** – This event is being hosted by Make Your Move and they are in the process of planning games, etc. This will be held on June 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Cory Nickerson** - Cory's final bill for all services provided is \$7,600.00.

**Report to Town Council** – Candace will report on the need for street closures, barriers provided, white tent erected in SeaCaps Park as well as bleachers moved to front of pavilion.

There being no further business, Candace Malik moved the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

**Next meeting** – June 24th, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at Beach Center

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Suttle

## **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 – Family Beach Bash – Make Your Move organizing 11 a.m. – 2.p.m.  
Multicultural Share Fair - Show case the culture of Italy Emily (Ellen)  
6 – 8 p.m.

June 28 – Seaman’s Memorial Service - Pastor Tim Garron 2:00 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.

Talent Show – Cultural Park 1:00-2:00 p.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.

# Town of Lockeport Recreation/ Make Your Move Special Meeting Minutes

## June 15, 2026



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

This meeting was called to address time sensitive items that were held over from our regular meeting and to finalize the Family Beach Bash scheduled for June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Attending: Councilor Anna Chetwynd, William Chetwynd, Sue Crosby, MPAL Coordinator Benn Himmelman , Rhiannon Hinerman, MYM Navigator Connie Lamm.

Regrets: Dawn DeMings-Taylor, Mayor Derek Amalfa, Janice Fiske, Mary Meagher

### Approval of Agenda:

- Add gardening to the agenda.

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

### Approval of previous minutes:

This will be done at our regularly scheduled meeting.

### Presentations/guests:

There were no guests in attendance. There were no scheduled presentations.

### Old Business:

- N/A

### Reports/Updates:

- N/A

### NEW BUSINESS:

- **Request from Harmony Bazaar to MYM Lockeport-** Anna and Connie spoke to a request received from Harmony Bazaar around funding a Make Your Move Component to the Harmony Bazaar festival. After lengthy discussion the following motions were made:

**Motion 1:** Moved that the Committee respectfully decline the request, from Harmony Bazaar, for financial support as the request was received after the committee's budget had already been finalized and approved. The Committee appreciates the work of the festival organizers, and wishes them success with their event. Moved by Sue... Second by Will. (Connie abstained from voting) *Motion Carried.*

**Motion 2:** Moved that the Committee respectfully decline the request, from Harmony Bazaar, for Make Your Move Navigator support for the festival at this time, recognizing that the Navigator's current responsibilities and workload, including the supervision and coordination of summer staff and other program commitments, require her attention during this period. The Committee acknowledges we are pleased to see groups, such as Harmony Bazaar looking at ways to incorporate movement into their planning. Moved by Will... Second by Sue. (Connie abstained from voting) *Motion Carried.*

- **New Horizons Grant-** The Committee had a discussion around the New Horizons Grant opportunity. The grant is 100% funded with no cost sharing required by the Town. If successful this grant would be used to better support senior programming.

**Motion:** Recommend to Council, that they approve an application to the New Horizons Grant to help support senior programming.

Moved by Rhiannon... Second by Ben. *Motion Carried*

- **Gardening:** Anna advised the committee of a conversation with a resident around the flower gardening. It was agreed that Connie would reach out and ensure any miscommunication was rectified. It is not the intention of the Rec/MYM Committee to displace anyone or to make them feel displaced in any way. The hope is that we

can reach an understanding where the committee can assist the current efforts and help where help is needed. Anyone wishing to assist with gardening is asked to reach out to Connie as the lead contact.

- **Family Beach Bash-** June 27<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am- 2:00 pm The remainder of the meeting was devoted to finalizing the details around the Family Beach Bash. Plans include:

**Sand Sculpture Contest:**

Sue has secured Judges for this event. Sue will create a Judges score cards, and a simple registration form. It was agreed prizes would be awarded as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> \$100, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$75, and 3<sup>rd</sup> \$50 money to come from the Make Your Move Budget. Team Captains will also receive 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> place medals

**Other events:**

Treasure Hunt – Rhiannon will make a sign and be in charge of burying the prizes and run this event.

Sack Races- Connie will provide feed bags, there will be several categories (Child, Teen, Adult) with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> place medals for each category. Connie will run this event assisted by Summer staff.

Water Relay- Connie will provide feed buckets, Anna will provide sand pails. There will be several categories (Child, Teen, Adult) with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> place medals for each category. Anna will run this event.

Bean Bag Toss- Connie will provide feed buckets. There will be several categories (Child, Teen, Adult) with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> place medals for each category. Connie will ask summer staff to run this event.

Tug of War- Rope is available at the beach center. There will be several categories (Child, Teen, Adult, Family) Winners get Bragging Rights!! Sue will run this event.

Horseshoes- Connie will bring the horseshoes from the lending library for free play.

Lawn Darts- Connie will bring the lawn darts from the lending library for free play.

Beach Volleyball- We will set up the beach volleyball for free play (provided we can find a good area that does not impact the plovers)

Hula hoops- Rhiannon will check with the school about use of the hula-hoops over the summer, the recreation hula-hoops got mixed up at one point. If available for use, we may have a hula-hoop contest for fun.

BBQ- Alma Cotter will run the BBQ as a fundraiser for Phase 2 of the Playground. We have received a generous donation of hotdogs and buns from Holy Cross Anglican Church to help with this fundraiser.

Music & Announcements- Cory Nick Entertainment will provide fun music and will assist with announcements of events throughout the day.

The Family Beach Bash is a FREE event, open to anyone who wishes to attend, from near or far. We hope the entire community comes out for this fun event sponsored by the Town of Lockeport and Make Your Move Lockeport.

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

**Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 19:32**

## Town of Lockeport - Notice of Motion

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Title: Active, Connected, & Engaged Seniors

Prepared by: Connie Lamm & Anna Chetwynd

Date: June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

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**Motion:**

Given that the New Horizons grant has NO institutional match and is specifically focused on combating social isolation in seniors in rural communities, we are asking council to approve MYM/recreation to apply to this granting mechanism and the proposed budget, due July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**Status: For Decision**

**Purpose:**

To facilitate seniors to develop their own programming. With the help of the recreation committee, seniors will develop a schedule of weekly activities, including educational (e.g., financial scam avoidance) and social (e.g., cooking classes and chair yoga).

**Background:**

Combating social isolation is a key contributing factor to healthy aging. Given that our population is roughly 70% seniors, it is important that opportunities are provided for seniors to engage with the larger community. This grant funding is only for one year, so the goal is to establish structure and infrastructure to allow continuity of this programming in the future. The grant is up to \$50,000 and allows for a part-time/hourly staff, consultant fees (e.g., hire someone to run weekly chair yoga or run cooking classes), infrastructure (e.g., renovation of recreation centre, e.g., kitchen and the purchase of new furniture, specifically designed for senior comfort), administration fees (e.g., print outs for advertisement around town). The grant mechanism focuses on combating seniors' social isolation in rural communities; thus, it is a good match to our situation. *As it takes some time to finesse a grant application, we are asking council to vote on it today.*

**Financial Considerations:**

*As there is no institutional match required, there is no financial burden to the town. Please see proposed budget below.*

# Town of Lockeport - Notice of Motion

Date: June 23, 2026		Budget Total:	\$50,000
<b>Items</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Comments</b>	
<b>Wages</b>			
Seniors Navigator	\$15,000.00	Hourly part-time person + MERC	
<b>Capital Expenditure</b>			
Renovation to recreation centre	\$20,000.00	e.g., renovate kitchen for cooking classes	
<b>Administration Support</b>			
Office supplies	\$2,500.00	up to 25% allowed	
<b>Consultants &amp; Transportation</b>			
Educational consultants	\$10,000.00	e.g., income tax expert for seniors	
Sou'West Nova Transit Association	\$2,500.00	For transportation to events	
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>		



Municipal Affairs  
Office of the Minister

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June 9, 2026

Mayors and Wardens  
Via Email

Dear Mayors and Wardens:

Under Section 519 (1) of the *Municipal Government Act* (Requirement to notify Union)  
*The Minister shall notify the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities (NSFM) at least one year prior to the effective date of any legislation, regulation or administrative action undertaken by or on behalf of the Government of the Province that would have the effect of decreasing the revenue received by municipalities in Nova Scotia or increasing the required expenditures of municipalities in Nova Scotia.*

*(2) Subsection (1) does not apply with respect to any legislation, regulation or administrative action applying to the Province generally and not mainly to municipalities.*

This letter is intended to provide notice of such changes for fiscal year 2027-2028 and beyond.

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

#### Department of Emergency Management

- 1) The Department acknowledges that elements of ongoing work to strengthen fire services in Nova Scotia may have a financial impact on some municipal units.

With the introduction of the *Act to Provide Support for Fire Protection Services*, the Department is providing one-year notice that all municipalities – whether they oversee fire services or not – will be required to:

- o conduct a fire protection service review in order to ensure municipalities and fire service providers make evidence-based decisions about the services they provide to their community,
- o ensure that local firefighter competencies, training, and personal protective equipment meet the service standard required by the fire protection service review, and
- o participate in a common records management system.

The possible impacts of these new requirements, which will be further detailed through regulations and standards, may vary significantly based on local context, including existing governance and collaboration models, levels of municipal readiness, and voluntary fire service provider capacity.

This legislation is part of an ongoing commitment to strengthening the fire service sector through:

- o access to specialized firefighter training and the certification process,
- o education/training for municipal elected officials,
- o procurement support,
- o mutual aid and service agreement templates,
- o the new Fire Records Management System, and
- o a risk-based assessment tool to facilitate council decision-making around fire protection service levels.

**Department of Justice**

- 1) The Nova Scotia Comprehensive Policing Review was released in June 2025. Since that time, the Department of Justice has met with all municipalities to discuss implementation of the six foundational changes and the expanded role of the provincial police service. These foundational changes are designed to strengthen public safety across the province and support more effective, consistent, and sustainable outcomes. As part of implementation:
  - o Municipalities are required to meet established provincial policing standards. Municipalities that are unable to meet these standards independently will be required to contract with the provincial police service for the delivery of those services and, effective April 1, 2027, will be required to purchase those services on a fee basis. While these changes are intended to enhance public safety and ensure greater consistency across jurisdictions, they may result in increased costs for some municipalities. At this time, the specific nature and extent of any financial impacts cannot be determined for any individual municipality.
  - o The Province will continue to enhance and modernize its policing standards over time. The creation or expansion of standards may result in additional costs for municipalities.
  - o The Province will procure a province-wide records management system (RMS) in fiscal year 2026–27. The Province will fund the acquisition and associated start-up costs. It is anticipated that beginning in 2027–28, as part of implementation, municipalities with their own police agencies will be required to contribute annual licensing fees associated with the RMS. For municipalities policed by the RCMP under the provincial policing model, RMS-related costs will be incorporated into the provincial billing model.
  - o The Province will continue to work toward the development of a new municipal billing model for provincial police services during fiscal year 2026–27. Municipalities will continue to be engaged throughout this process. The specific structure of the model and the extent of any financial impacts cannot be determined at this time for any individual municipality; however, changes to the billing model could result in increased costs for some municipalities beginning in 2027–28.

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- 2) The National Police Federation is the certified union representing regular members and reservists of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) below the rank of Inspector. The current Collective Agreement expired on March 31, 2025, and labour negotiations between the National Police Federation and Treasury Board Secretariate Canada are ongoing. The cost implications cannot be determined at this time.
- 3) The 'H' Division (Nova Scotia) Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) have provided the Department of Justice with the annual Multi-Year Financial Plan (MYFP), that reflects the organization's budget requests for the next fiscal year, and strategic planning for subsequent years. The cost implications cannot be determined at this time.

**Department of Public Works**

- 1) The recoverable cost to municipalities for adjustments to catch basins, manholes, and water valves during construction work will increase June 1, 2027. Manhole and catch basin adjustments will increase from \$600 to \$1200, and water valve adjustments will increase from \$300 to \$600.

**Department of Service Nova Scotia**

- 1) Nova Scotia's new FOIPOP Act will come into effect on April 1, 2027, and regulations are currently under development to support the new Act. The legislation requires municipalities to adopt new privacy policies and practices, requires mandatory reporting of significant privacy breaches to affected individuals and the Information and Privacy Commissioner, and gives the Information and Privacy Commissioner oversight over municipal privacy programs for the first time. It is anticipated that these changes will require municipal resources in the form of personnel to undertake privacy assessments for any new projects or programs where personal information is being collected, for mandatory privacy breach notifications when there are significant privacy breaches, and for responding to privacy complaints filed with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner (OIPC). The Province will support municipalities through creation of templates, training materials, and education campaigns to help mitigate some of these impacts.

Yours truly,



Honourable John A. MacDonald  
Minister of Municipal Affairs

c: CAOs  
David Mitchell, President, NSFM  
Juanita Spencer, Chief Executive Officer, NSFM

June 22, 2026

Mayor Derek Amalfa  
Town Clerk June Harding  
Town of Lockeport

Dear Mayor Amalfa and Ms. Harding,

For the past several months, I have followed the Town of Lockeport's Tourism and Heritage Committee and have observed a number of issues that I can no longer ignore as a taxpayer and former tourism owner/operator. According to Policy GG-026, depending on who serves as administrators of the Tourism Facebook page, there may be either a perceived conflict of interest or an actual conflict of interest that warrants immediate review. There also appears to be a pattern of promotion that raises concerns about fairness and impartiality.

Recent posts, including a short video on April 26 and posts on May 12, May 19, and June 6, have highlighted businesses located outside the Town's tax base, including Seaside Cottages at Ginger Hill and Lockeport Campground & Cottages, while overlooking one of the Town's largest taxpayers, Ocean Escape Cottages. Initially, I assumed this may have been an oversight; however, no effort appears to have been made to address the imbalance. If the owners of Seaside Cottages are administrators of the page, the repeated promotion of their property raises concerns regarding a conflict of interest and whether a Town-affiliated platform is being used to provide preferential exposure to a private business.

I would also like to raise concerns regarding what appear to be significant omissions in the Committee's promotional activities. Recently, I had the opportunity to discuss with the Mayor the importance of day visitors and the impact they have on our local economy. Historically, both cottage operations located on Crescent Beach have maintained strong occupancy levels throughout the summer and into September. Because that accommodation revenue is relatively stable, increasing day visitation is particularly important to supporting local shops, restaurants, and other businesses.

With that in mind, I find it concerning that the Tourism and Heritage Committee has not promoted the new Seacaps Park Playground, which is generating increased interest and visitation to Lockeport. Similarly, there has been little or no promotion of The Big Beach Market, which attracts visitors and shoppers every Thursday, and only limited mention of the local Artisans' Co-op, which contributes revenue to the Town through its rental arrangement. Both initiatives provide important opportunities for local residents and taxpayers to showcase and sell their products and services.

Can either of you explain why these initiatives have not received more attention from a Committee of Council whose mandate includes tourism promotion and community heritage? Given their contribution to local economic activity, their omission is difficult to understand.

After reviewing the page's content over the past several months, I am concerned that the promotion of businesses, events, and community assets has not been balanced or equitable. If the Lockeport Tourism and Heritage Committee is to continue operating under an appropriate mandate, the promotion of local businesses, events, attractions, and facilities should be conducted fairly and consistently so that the full range of what Lockeport has to offer is represented, rather than only those initiatives associated with particular individuals or committee members.

I respectfully request that Council review the administration of the Tourism Facebook page, determine whether any real or perceived conflicts of interest exist, and ensure that future promotional activities are conducted in a fair, transparent, and equitable manner.

Respectfully yours,

Bill Crosby

**June Harding**

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**From:** NSFM Communications <communications@nsfm.ca>  
**Sent:** June 15, 2026 9:30 AM  
**Subject:** Update: Provincial-Municipal Joint Rural Roads Committee

Dear Mayors, Wardens and CAOs,

The Provincial-Municipal Joint Rural Roads Committee, which held its first meeting on Monday, May 11, 2026, has been established to advance good-faith discussions about the “Roads Program for G, H, I, and J class roads” item in Schedule A of the MOU, with a view to clarifying responsibilities, to make recommendations to ensure responsibilities and resources are fairly distributed, and to prioritize transportation issues and opportunities, as well as make recommendations to improve the transportation network.

The Committee consists of representatives from NSFM, AMANS, and the Department of Public Works. The following elected officials are currently serving on the Committee:

- Cecil Clarke, Mayor, Cape Breton Regional Municipality
- Carl MacPhee, Councillor, Municipality of East Hants
- Scott Christian, Mayor, Regional Municipality of Queens
- Yvon LeBlanc, Warden, Municipality of Clare

In addition, the AMANS Board recently appointed Scott Conrod (CAO, Municipality of the County of Kings) and Danny Jackson (Project Coordinator, Asset Management and Capital, Municipality of the District of Yarmouth) to serve on the Committee. The Department of Public Works is represented by Troy Webb, Guy Deveau, and Mark Peachey.

The Committee has committed to meeting monthly to ensure that discussions on rural roads continue throughout the summer. The next Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2026.

If you have any questions about the Committee, please reach out to Evan Lanni, Director of Advocacy and Policy ([elanni@nsfm.ca](mailto:elanni@nsfm.ca)).

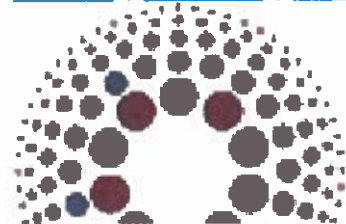
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