

**TOWN OF LOCKEPORT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

PRESENT: MAYOR GEORGE R. HARDING, DEPUTY MAYOR JOANN SWIMM, COUNCILLOR DAYLE ESHELBY, COUNCILLOR DAWN DEMINGS-TAYLOR, COUNCILLOR KENT BALISH, TOWN CLERK/TREASURER, JOYCE YOUNG AND RECORDING SECRETARY, JUNE HARDING

1. Call to order

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

2. Silence Electronic Devices

All electronic devices were silenced at this time.

3. Approval of Agenda

12-11-17-01

**It was duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as presented.
Motion Passed**

4. Approval of previous minutes

- *Regular Council Meeting Minutes, November 14, 2017*

12-11-17-02

It was duly moved and seconded that the Regular Council Meeting minutes from November 14, 2017 be approved.

Motion Passed

- *Special Council Meeting Minutes, November 22, 2017*

12-11-17-03

It was duly moved and seconded that the Special Council Minutes from November 22, 2017 be approved.

Motion Passed

Council intends to follow up on the concerns presented at the Special Council Meeting by the students of Lockeport Elementary School. In the Spring of 2018 Council will let the Class know that their concerns have been discussed and addressed.

5. Open Mic

- ½ hour Maximum time allowed
- Each person is allowed a maximum of 5 minutes
- The individual 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

6. Presentations

There were no presentations scheduled for this evening.

7. Recommendations from Other Committees

- *Committee of the Whole, November 27, 2017*

- *Repairs to the water tank on the yellow pumper truck*

12-11-17-04

It was duly moved and seconded that that as recommended by the Committee of the Whole, Fire Chief Chetwynd take the yellow pumper truck to Lou Acker's to have the water tank fixed at a cost of up to \$3000.00.

Motion Passed

- *Tax Sale date for 2018*

12-11-17-05

It was duly moved and seconded that as recommended by the Committee of the Whole, January 10, 2018 be established for the upcoming tax sale.

Motion Passed

Deputy Mayor Swimm asked if the notice that is posted on the tax sale property is ours. It is signed by Joyce Young, Town Clerk/Treasurer. Joyce gave a bit of background on the property at 17 North Street and the events that have led to the property going up for Tax Sale.

- *2017 Committee*

12-11-17-06

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the request for restricting traffic on December 30, 2017 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. around the following parade route for the Mummer's Parade:

Hall Street from Beech Street to Spruce Street; Spruce Street from Hall Street to North Street; North Street from Spruce Street to Beech Street; Beech Street from North Street to Hall Street.

Motion Passed

After a short discussion it was noted that the Streets are being restricted, not closed, so traffic will have access to the Streets if the need is there. Mayor Harding would like for citizens to be aware that this event is taking place so traffic will be at a minimum in this area during the specified time frame for the parade.

Councillor Demings-Taylor asked if the parade could go to Surf Lodge Nursing Home as well. Mayor Harding will discuss it with the parade participants.

8. Finance

- *Request from Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation*

Mayor Harding expressed his thoughts on this request. More and more responsibility is being passed down to the Municipal Units if they agree to take it on. The Municipal Government Act states clearly what services that Municipal Units are responsible for and Health Care is not one of them. Several suggestions were made for what should be included in a letter to the Nova Scotia Health Authority and the following motion was made:

12-11-17-07

It was duly moved and seconded that Mayor Harding write a letter to the Nova Scotia Health Authority, carbon copied to the Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation, expressing Council's concerns. Health Care is the responsibility of the Province of Nova Scotia and Charitable organizations should not be responsible for asking Municipal Units for money for Health Care.

Motion Passed

A discussion was held regarding the possible need for a Town Policy that deals with requests that come to the Town of Lockeport for financing services that the Town is not mandated to provide and is in fact the responsibility of the Province of Nova Scotia or the Federal Government of Canada.

Joyce will draft a policy to address this concern and bring it back to Council.

9. Other Business

- *Email from Robert Legere, Chairperson of the Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation*

Councillor DeMings-Taylor will contact Robert Legere, Chair of the Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation to find out what being a member of this Board entails and then decide if she can do it.

- *Letter from the Honorable Kelly Regan, Minister of Community Services regarding a representative for the Board of the Western Counties Regional Housing Authority*

A discussion was held regarding the representation for the Town of Lockeport on the Western Regional Housing Authority. It is uncertain whether this representative can be a Council Member or what the exact criteria is. Councillor Eshelby feels she would be a good choice for this Board because she is currently representing the Town of Lockeport on the Board for the Shelburne County Housing Coalition. Joyce and Councillor Eshelby will investigate further.

- *Proclamation Policy*

Joyce read the Policy aloud and the following motion was made:

12-11-17-08

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the adoption of the proposed Proclamation Policy.

Motion Passed

- *Amendments to the Committee of the Whole Policy*

After making a few additional changes the following motion was made:

12-11-17-09

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the proposed Committee of the Whole Policy with the following amendments:

Number 5 becomes – All meeting material including all staff Committee reports must be delivered to the Town Office by 4:00 p.m. on the Tuesday preceding the scheduled meeting; Number 6 becomes – Meeting packages will be distributed by noon on the Wednesday preceding the scheduled meeting and Number 7 becomes – The Committee of the Whole will meet for the purposes of discussion and possible recommendation to Council and no formal decisions will be made when Councillors meet as a Committee of the Whole. On the Committee of the Whole agenda Number 5 b) becomes Community Co-Ordinator (maximum 15 minutes).

Motion Passed

- *Note and agenda from Loren Race – Shelburne & Area Chamber of Commerce*

Joyce told the Committee that Loren has informed her that some of the old dilapidated signs are being removed from along the 103 Highway.

10. For Information

- *Western Counties Regional Library Board Meeting Minutes, November 21, 2017*
- *UNSM Board Report*
- *Letter to Mr. Geoff Steward, President, UNSM from Warden Michael Mosher, Municipality of the District of St. Mary's regarding the acronym change of UNSM to FNSM*
- *Email from UNSM regarding a review of the CAP Program*
- *Letter from Geoff Stewart, President UNSM to the Editor of the Chronicle Herald regarding "Stable Property Taxes"*

11. Council Reports

- *Councillor Dayle Eshelby*
 - *Shelburne County Housing Coalition*

Councillor Eshelby reported that there is a second part to the housing survey coming up and she will be unable to attend the next Early Childhood Intervention Meeting.

12. Correspondence

12-11-17-10

It was duly moved and seconded that the correspondence be accepted.

Motion Passed

- *Letter to Bernadette Jordan, MP South Shore-St Margaret's from Kim Masland, MLA, Queens – Shelburne regarding a Doplar Radar site for Southwestern Nova Scotia*

13. Date of next meeting

Monday, January 8, 2018

14. "In Camera"

15. Adjournment

12-11-17-11

There being no further business to discuss, the Meeting was adjourned. Time 7:24 p.m.

Motion Passed

**George R. Harding,
Mayor**

**Joyce Young,
Town Clerk/Treasurer**