

**TOWN OF LOCKEPORT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

PRESENT: DEPUTY MAYOR JOANN SWIMM, COUNCILLOR DAYLE ESHELBY, COUNCILLOR DAWN DEMINGS-TAYLOR, COUNCILLOR KENT BALISH AND RECORDING SECRETARY, JUNE HARDING

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: MAYOR GEORGE R. HARDING

1. Call to order

The Meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor Joann Swimm at 6:00 p.m.

2. Silence Electronic Devices

All electronic devices were silenced at this time.

3. Approval of Agenda

01-08-08-01

It was duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved with the following additions under Other Business: (1) Sustainability Workshop and (2) Nova Scotia Power.

Motion Passed

4. Approval of previous minutes

- Regular Council Meeting Minutes, December 11, 2017

01-08-18-02

It was duly moved and seconded that the Regular Council Minutes from December 11, 2017 be approved.

Motion Passed

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

Terry Stacey was in attendance this evening and brought forward concerns regarding the recent power outages that particularly affected the residences on Church and John Streets in the Town of Lockeport. Terry feels that Town Officials should address this situation with Nova Scotia Power and have the problem corrected. Deputy Mayor Swimm thanked Terry for coming in and expressing his concerns.

6. Presentations

There were no presentations scheduled for this evening.

7. Recommendations from Other Committees

There were no recommendations from other Committees this evening.

8. Finance

- *Region 6 Solid Waste Budget for 2018/2019*

There was a short discussion regarding the amount of salary and benefits in this budget for the Coordinator. Council wishes Mayor Harding to question the high cost of salary and benefits at the next Region 6 Meeting.

01-08-18-03

It was duly moved and seconded that Council of the Town of Lockeport recommend approval of the 2018/2019 Region 6 Inter-Municipal Committee Budget in the amount of \$782,160.00.

Motion Passed

- *Revision to 2017/2018 budget*

01-08-18-04

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the required amendment to the Town of Lockeport 2017/2018 Operating Budget, recognizing the deficit of \$17,097.00 from the 2016/2017 fiscal year. This results in a reduction of transfer to the Operation Reserve by \$16,605.00.

Motion Passed

9. Other Business

- *Conversation on Municipal Modernization*

01-08-18-05

It was duly moved and seconded that Mayor Harding and Town Clerk/Treasurer, Joyce Young attend the session regarding “Conversation on Municipal Modernization” being held at the Westin in Halifax on January 31, 2018.

Motion Passed

- *National Volunteer Week nomination request*

Nominations for Volunteer Week will be forwarded to the Recreation Committee and recommendations will be brought to Council from there.

- *Sustainability Workshop*

Councillor Eshelby feels that someone should attend this workshop on January 11th and 12th in Halifax. Deputy Mayor Swimm suggested that Council may want to look at allowing money in the upcoming budget for workshops such as this.

- *Nova Scotia Power*

Councillor Eshelby suggested that maybe Lockeport could be recognized as a test Community to have underground electrical wires installed, have one way traffic etc. The old equipment belonging to Nova Scotia Power definitely needs to be overhauled. Concerns regarding the sewage treatment plant being without power were also discussed and the following motion was made:

01-08-18-06

It was duly moved and seconded that a letter be sent to Nova Scotia Power (Emera) expressing Council’s concerns regarding the recent outages that have affected the sewage treatment plant, John Street and Church Street residents in particular, as it seems that the equipment that operates these areas needs to be replaced. This letter will also request an audience with representatives from Nova Scotia Power (Emera) to meet with Council of the Town of Lockeport to discuss Council’s concerns.

Motion Passed

Council feels that it is important that an EMO meeting be scheduled as soon as possible to address such issues as Second Level Training and an updated Volunteer Roster.

10. For Information

- *Shelburne RCMP – proposed headquarters tour*
- *Update on the Accessibility Act*

This is a subject to be added to an agenda for a future Joint Council Meeting.

- *911 Cost Recovery Fund*

11. Council Reports

There were no Council Reports this evening.

12. Correspondence

01-08-18-07

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

Motion Passed

- *Letter from Claudia Chender on behalf of the NS NDP Caucus*

13. Date of next meeting

Monday, February 12, 2018

14. “In Camera”

14. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the Meeting was adjourned. Time 6:40 p.m.

Motion Passed

**Joann Swimm,
Deputy Mayor**

**Joyce Young,
Town Clerk/Treasurer**