

**TOWN OF LOCKEPORT
COUNCIL MEETING
VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS
MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2022
MINUTES**

Present: Mayor Cory Nickerson, Deputy Mayor Dawn DeMings - Taylor, Councillor Dayle Eshelby, Councillor Kent Balish, Councillor Mary Meagher, Town Clerk/Treasurer - Joyce Young, Community Coordinator - Frances Scott, Working Streets Foreman - Kevin Snow and Recording Secretary - Jill Cassibo.

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nickerson at 1:09 P.M.

2. Silence Electronic Devices

All electronic devices were silenced at this time.

3. Approval of Agenda

01-24-22-01

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

4. Approval of Minutes

- Regular Council Minutes January 10, 2022

01-24-22-02

**It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of
January 10, 2022 be approved as circulated.**

Motion Passed

5. Department Reports

- Public Works

The Working Streets Foreman presented his report and there was some discussion about widening the corner on Church Street. They had previously picked up rocks that had fallen onto the street from the retaining wall. A discussion will need to be had with the property owner.

Nova Scotia Power repaired some electrical issues at the pumping station at the corner of Hall and South Streets, but in doing so, did some damage to the station. They will be coming in late next week to permanently fix the problem.

- Community Co-ordinator Report

The Community Co-ordinator reviewed her report and is looking into Future Grant Projects. Nova Scotia Communities on the Move Pilot is a three year pilot program and Council agreed for Fran to complete the Expression of Interest for this program. There is also the Community Access-Ability Program Grant that she is looking into for maybe a sidewalk at Seacaps Park to the bathrooms and/or railings on the stairs at the Park. This grant pays 2/3 of eligible costs.

01-24-22-03

It was duly moved and seconded that Council authorize Frances Scott to make application to the Community Access-Ability Program for a grant.

Motion Passed

The play box as the athletic fields is going to be replaced with a wooden one as the plastic one does not hold up in the wind and the contents blow all over the field. Frances is also asking people to send in pictures to her of their favourite places to do physical activity around Lockeport and why you like that particular spot.

- Administration Report

The Town Clerk/Treasurer reviewed her report. There is now only one property remaining in Tax Sale position out of the four notices issued. If not paid by the due date, it will be put out for tender online, due to COVID.

The new Union Contract has not been signed by the Union and sent to the Town as of this date. There is talk of a District RCMP Policing Unit where there would be one Sergeant and satellite offices, but nothing substantiated.

The new Fire truck should be here this week and the old one can be stored at Rob Harlow's Excavating Ltd. pending sale.

6. Finance

- List of invoices already paid in the amount of \$56,733.96

There were no questions or concerns regarding this list of invoices.

- Tender TOL2021-003 – AT Trail Improvement along Brighton Road

01-24-22-04

It was duly moved and seconded that TOL2021-003 be awarded to Mark A. Williams Excavating Ltd. in the amount of \$16,339.00 plus HST.

Motion Passed

- Tender TOL2021-004 – AT Lane Prep Work Initiative

01-24-22-05

It was duly moved and seconded that TOL2021-004 be awarded to Tyler Harris Excavating Ltd. in the amount of \$42,930.00 plus HST.

Motion Passed

7. Other Business

- Titan Maritime request Re: Letter of Support

01-24-22-06

It was duly moved and seconded to send a letter of support for the continuance of the Federal Ghost Gear Fund to the Honourable Joyce Murray, Federal Fisheries Minister.

Motion Passed

- Future Proofing Lockeport

Councillor Eshelby gave a brief discussion on Future Proofing Lockeport.

01-24-22-07

It was duly moved and seconded that Council of the Town of Lockeport hereby provides support in principle to the efforts of the organization known as “Future Proofing Lockeport” established under the “Centre for Local Prosperity” as it pertains to future projects benefitting the Town of Lockeport. The Town will endeavor to cooperate with Future Proofing Lockeport by providing support and assistance, when possible, in project development and management; and in turn, receiving the same support from Future Proofing Lockeport.

Motion Passed

- Board Resignation letter

01-24-22-08

It was duly moved and seconded that Council accept the letter of resignation from George Harding, with regrets, as the Community member representing the Town of Lockeport on the Roseway Manor Board.

Motion Passed

01-24-22-09

It was duly moved and seconded that Council actively seek a Community member to represent the Town of Lockeport on the Roseway Manor Board.

Motion Passed

8. Committee Reports

- Canada Day Committee (Mayor Nickerson)

The Canada Day Report was reviewed and the theme this year for Canada Day will be “Island Treasures”. This year Canada Day falls on a Friday so there will hopefully be activities going on all weekend, depending on COVID.

- Recreation Committee (Deputy Mayor DeMings-Taylor)

The recreation report was reviewed.

9. Correspondence

- Georges Bank Moratorium

Letter from Alison Tracy, Director Strategic Priorities, Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources and Renewables regarding the Georges Bank Moratorium

10. Information Only

There was nothing under “Information Only”

11. Date of next meeting

- Monday, February 14, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

12. “In Camera”

- Personnel Matters

01-24-22-10

It was duly moved and seconded that Council proceed “In Camera” to discuss personnel matters.

Motion Passed

Council proceeded in regular session.

13. Adjournment

01-24-22-11

There being no further business to discuss, **it was duly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Time 3:30.**

Motion Passed

**Cory Nickerson,
Mayor**

**Joyce Young
Town Clerk/Treasurer**