

**TOWN OF LOCKEPORT
COUNCIL MEETING
IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2022
MINUTES**

PRESENT: MAYOR CORY NICKERSON, DEPUTY-MAYOR DAWN DEMINGS-TAYLOR, COUNCILLOR DAYLE ESHELBY, COUNCILLOR KENT BALISH, TOWN CLERK/TREASURER JOYCE YOUNG AND COMMUNITY COORDINATOR FRANCES SCOTT.

REGRETS: COUNCILLOR MARY MEAGHER

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nickerson at 1:00 p.m.

2. Silence Electronic Devices

Electronic Devices were silenced at this time.

3. Approval of Agenda

03-28-22-01

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

4. Approval of Minutes

- Regular Council Minutes March 14, 2022

03-28-22-02

**It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 14, 2022 be approved as circulated.
Motion Passed**

5. Presentation

- Kevin McNamara Re: Roseway Manor Status

Mr. McNamara has been engaged by the Province of Nova Scotia to research the status of the current structure and operations of the Municipal Corporation – the Roseway Manor Inc. as well as to research options for moving forward. Due to the sensitive information to be discussed with Council pertaining to Personnel matters, Contract negotiations and legal advice, it was deemed necessary to proceed “In Camera”.

03-28-22-03

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council proceed “In Camera”.
Motion Passed**

03-28-22-04

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council proceed in regular session.
Motion Passed**

Council thanked Mr. McNamara for his services with regards to the current and ongoing operations and structure of the Roseway Manor.

6. Department Reports

- Public Works (Attached)

The Public Works report was reviewed by Council. A question arose pertaining to the paving project scheduled for this Spring along Hall Street. It was pointed out that in addition to the paving of the active transportation lane, repairs will also be done to sections outside the lane area. (See attached)

- Recreation Report (Attached)

The Recreation report was reviewed. An update was given regarding the Accessibility Plan and the Connect 2 project. Fran reported that the Town of Lockeport has been approved as one of four communities in Nova Scotia to host a three year pilot project under the Nova Scotia Communities on the Move Pilot. Also, we have been approved under the Canadian Parks & Recreation Association’s Youth Employment Experience program. Confirmation of participation in this program is required.

03-28-22-05

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the Town’s participation in the Canadian Parks & Recreation Association’s Youth Employment Experience program.
Motion Passed**

- Administration Report (Attached)

The Administration report was reviewed. There was a brief discussion regarding the very good status of outstanding taxes. There has certainly been a strong effort by the taxpayers in the Town of Lockeport.

- Waste Diversion Officers Report (Attached)

As always, Council are very pleased with the quality of the reports and service received by our Waste Diversion Office, Ryan Jamison.

7. Finance

- List of invoices already paid in the amount of \$57,928.05 (Attached)
- Transfers required

03-28-22-06

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the transfer of \$2,075.90 from the General Operating account to the Operating Reserve account which represents residual funds in a deferred revenue account.

Motion Passed

03-28-22-07

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the transfer of 44 cents from the General Operating Account to the Operating reserve account to clear the “due to” account as set up by our Auditor.

Motion Passed

03-28-22-08

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the transfer of \$2,550 from the General Operating account to the Capital Reserve account which represents the proceeds from the sale of the 1982 Mack King Fire truck.

Motion Passed

03-28-22-09

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the transfer of \$225.00 from the General Operating account to the Operating Reserve account which represents donations received for the Library.

Motion Passed

03-28-22-10

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the transfer of \$79.65 from the General Operating account to the Operating Reserve account which represents donations received for the Crescent Beach Centre.

Motion Passed

- Pine St/Brighton Rd drainage

There has been an ongoing concern regarding drainage on Pine Street. In an effort to determine what can be done to rectify this concern, Council discussed the possibility of issuing a Request For Proposal. This will give direction to Council as to how we can address the concern and at what cost.

03-28-22-11

It was duly moved and seconded that Council direct the Clerk/Treasurer to issue a Request For Proposal for addressing the drainage issue on Pine Street.

Motion Passed

- NSFM Spring Conference

The in-person Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities Spring conference is being held at White Point Beach Resort from May 4th to 6th. Council has requested more information before making a decision as to attendance.

8. Other Business

Nothing under “Other Business” today.

9. Committee Reports

- Canada Day Committee - Mayor Nickerson (Attached)

The Canada Day report was reviewed.

- Fund raiser raffle

03-28-22-12

It was duly moved and seconded that as recommended by the Canada Day Committee, Council approve a cash prize of \$500 be authorized for the Canada Day fund raiser raffle.
Motion Passed

- Food Bank Donations

03-28-22-13

It was duly moved and seconded that Council have the Canada Day Committee incorporate Food Bank donation collection in their Canada Day activities.
Motion Passed

- Grand Street Parade Prizes

03-28-22-14

It was duly moved and seconded that as recommended by the Canada Day Committee, Council approve a total of \$450 be allocated for Grand Street Parade cash prizes as follows: \$250 for 1st place, \$100 for 2nd place, \$50 for 3rd place and \$50 for a randomly drawn award.

Motion Passed

- Committee Appointment

03-28-22-15

It was duly moved and seconded that as recommended by the Canada Day Committee, Council approve the appointment of Tiffany Morash to the Canada Day Committee.
Motion Passed

- Recreation Committee (Deputy Mayor DeMings-Taylor)

There was no Recreation Committee meeting this month.

10. Information Only

There was nothing under “Information Only” today.

11. Date of next meeting

- Monday, April 11, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

12. “In Camera”

- MGA Section 22 (f) Litigation or potential litigation
- MGA Section 22 (e) Contract negotiations

03-28-22-16

It was duly moved and seconded that Council proceed “In Camera” to discuss a Litigation or potential litigation item and a Contract negotiations item.

Motion Passed

03-28-22-17

It was duly moved and seconded that Council proceed in regular session.

Motion Passed

- Outstanding Taxes on Gear Sheds

Due to the state of outstanding property taxes on six of the set of fourteen gear sheds on Upper Water Street, pursuant to Section 134 (2) of the Municipal Government Act, the following motion was made:

03-28-22-18

It was duly moved and seconded that the Clerk/Treasurer be directed to issue letters to all the occupants of the set of fourteen gear sheds advising them of the outstanding taxes owed by the occupants of six of the gear sheds, within the structure, and the Tax Sale process will be initiated if the taxes are not paid.

Motion Passed

- Rescind motion #03-22-21-13

03-28-22-19

It was duly moved and seconded that Council rescind motion number 03-22-21-13 pertaining to Roseway Manor Wind-up process.

Motion Passed

- Roseway Manor

03-28-22-20

It was duly moved and seconded that Council of the Town of Lockeport approves the transfer of ownership of Roseway Manor to a private entity through a tender process and directs the Town Clerk/Treasurer to work with the Province of Nova Scotia to determine which party completes the task, in the best interest of the Town.

Motion Passed

In favour:

Mayor Nickerson

Deputy Mayor Dawn DeMings-Taylor

Councillor Kent Balish

Opposed:

Councillor Dayle Eshelby

13. Adjournment

There being no further business, **it was duly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.**
Time 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Cory Nickerson

Town Clerk/Treasurer Joyce Young