

**TOWN OF LOCKEPORT  
COUNCIL MEETING  
IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MONDAY, JUNE 13, 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 and Recording Secretary Jill Cassibo.

**1. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nickerson at 6:00 p.m.

**2. Silence Electronic Devices**

All electronic devices were silenced at this time.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**06-13-22-01**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved with one addition under Other Business; hiring of another student.**

**Motion Passed**

**4. Approval of Minutes**

- Regular Council Meeting Minutes May 24, 2022

**06-13-22-02**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of May 24, 2022 be approved as circulated.**

**Motion Passed**

**5. Open Mic**

There was nothing for Open Mic

**6. Finance**

- List of invoices already paid in the amount of \$73,490.07

There were questions around dates for honorariums for Dale Roach and explanations for groceries. The groceries were explained as Seniors BINGO and dates will now be added to the honorariums.

- Xylem Canada Re: new pump

Two new pumps are needed to be purchased for the lift stations.

**06-13-22-03**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the Council approve the purchase of two replacement lift station pumps at a cost of \$17,915 plus HST and to be funded with Canada Community Building Fund (formerly the Federal Gas Tax rebate) revenues.**

**Motion Passed**

- 2022/2023 Operating Budget

As follows:

- Council Remunerations 2022/2023

**06-13-22-04**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the Mayor's remuneration for the fiscal year 2022/2023 be set at \$16,500; the Deputy Mayor's remuneration for the fiscal year 2022/2023 be set at \$12,500; and the Councillor's remuneration for the fiscal year 2022/2023 be set at \$11,500.**

**Motion Passed**

- Residential Tax Rate – 2022/2023

**06-13-22-05**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the Residential tax rate for the 2022/2023 fiscal year be set at \$2.40 per \$100 of assessment.**

**Motion Passed**

- Commercial Tax Rate – 2022/2023

**06-13-22-06**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the Commercial tax rate for the 2022/2023 fiscal year be set at \$5.41 per \$100 of assessment.**

**Motion Passed**

- Interest rate on outstanding taxes – 2022/2023

**06-13-22-07**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the interest rate on outstanding taxes remains at 16% per annum for the 2022/2023 fiscal year.**

**Motion Passed**

- Operating budget 2022/2023

**06-13-22-08**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the Operating Budget for 2022/2023 be approved as presented.**

**Motion Passed**

## **7. Other Business**

- Asset Retirement Obligations Workshop

New standards came into effect April 1, 2022 and there is now a legal obligation associated with the retiring of capital assets as well as solid waste landfills. There is a training session being offered June 15, 2022.

**06-13-22-09**

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council approves the Town Clerk/Treasurer attend the Municipal Finance Officer's session to be held on June 15, 2022 at the Oak Island Resort & Conference Centre pertaining to Asset Retirement Obligations.**

**Motion Passed**

- Nova Scotia Housing Needs Assessment

It was discussed that Council is to be aware that a survey will be coming out in the fall for them to complete on the issue of housing in the Town of Lockeport.

- Department of Fisheries and Oceans Offsetting Plan

When the Trestle Trail was put in we had the responsibility to monitor the pond at Upper Water Street for temperature, vegetation, fish habitat and salinity. The Town has met the three year monitoring responsibility which has resulted in the 4850 sq metres of average rearing habitat for coastal fish available for future projects that the Town of Lockeport wish to use within the next ten years, failure to use these credits within the next ten years (no later than May 30, 2032) will result in a net benefit for fish habitat with new offsetting required pas this date. (see attached)

- Virtual Meetings

After a discussion, it was decided that this issue would be revisited at a later date. The equipment is very costly and the Town would like to see how it works with other units before going ahead with it.

- Canada Summer Jobs

**06-13-22-10**

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve hiring Ian Lyons as the Special Events Coordinator under the Canada Summer Jobs Program for a term of eight weeks.**

**Motion Passed**

## **8. Council Reports**

- Mayor Cory Nickerson
  - Canada Day Committee Report
- Magic Show

### **06-13-22-11**

**It was duly moved and seconded that as recommended by the Canada Day Committee, the Committee be authorized to engage Mr. J to perform his magic show on July 1, 2022.**

**Motion Passed**

- Privateers Pirate Parrot Rescue

### **06-13-22-12**

**It was duly moved and seconded that as recommended by the Canada Day Committee, the Committee be authorized to engage Privateer Pirates Parrot Rescue to be on hand for July 1, 2022 celebrations at a cost of \$350.**

**Motion Passed**

- Official Opening cakes

### **06-13-22-13**

**It was duly moved and seconded that as recommended by the Canada Day Committee, the Committee be authorized to purchase 120 cupcakes at a cost of \$120.**

**Motion Passed**

- Fireworks

### **06-13-22-14**

**It was duly moved and seconded that as recommended by the Canada Day Committee, the Committee be authorized to purchase up to \$3,000 worth of low-level fireworks.**

**Motion Passed**

- Photo Scavenger Hunt

### **06-13-22-15**

**It was duly moved and seconded that as recommended by the Canada Day Committee, the Committee be authorized to purchase pizzas and other snacks from The Bayman as the top prize for the Photo Scavenger Hunt at a cost of up to \$75.**

**Motion Passed**

- Seacaps Upgrades

**06-13-22-16**

**It was duly moved and seconded that as recommended by the Canada Day Committee, \$1,500 of Canada Day reserve funds be used as a contribution toward the cost of current Seacaps Park upgrades.**

**Motion Passed**

- Antique Car Parade random draw

**06-13-22-17**

**It was duly moved and seconded that as recommended by the Canada Day Committee, Council approve a random draw prize of \$50.00 for the Antique Car Parade.**

**Motion Passed**

- Jamie Cotter/Country Outlaws

**06-13-22-18**

**It was duly moved and seconded that as recommended by the Canada Day Committee, Council approve the expense of \$400 for Jamie Cotter for the Waterfront performance with Country Outlaws on June 30, 2022.**

**Motion Passed**

- Daniel Atwell/One Meter Up

**06-13-22-19**

**It was duly moved and seconded that as recommended by the Canada Day Committee, Council approve the expense of \$700 for Daniel Atwell for Canada Day performance with “One Meter Up” on July 1, 2022.**

**Motion Passed**

- David Burbine performance

**06-13-22-20**

**It was duly moved and seconded that as recommended by the Canada Day Committee, Council approve the \$500 for the David Burbine Band to perform on July 2, 2022.**

**Motion Passed**

- Grease Pole prizes

**06-13-22-21**

**It was duly moved and seconded that as recommended by the Canada Day Committee, Council approve the expense of \$500 for cash prizes for the Grease Pole event on July 2, 2022.**

**Motion Passed**

- Sean Corey Meisner performance

**06-13-22-22**

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the expense of \$150 for Sean Corey Meisner to perform as Open Mic host at the Cultural Park on July 1, 2022.**

**Motion Passed**

- Deputy Mayor Dawn DeMings-Taylor
- Councillor Dayle Eshelby
- Councillor Mary Meagher
- Councillor Kent Balish

**9. Date of next meeting**

- June 27, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

**10. Adjournment**

**06-13-22-23**

**There being no further business to discuss, it was duly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Time 7:32 p.m.**

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Mayor, Cory Nickerson

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Town Clerk/Treasurer, Joyce Young