

**TOWN OF LOCKEPORT
COUNCIL MEETING
IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2022
MINUTES**

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

ABSENT: Streets Foreman Kevin Snow

1. Call to order

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

2. Silence Electronic Devices

All electronic devices were silenced at this time.

3. Approval of Agenda

09-26-22-01

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

Motion Passed

4. Approval of Minutes

- Regular Council Meeting Minutes September 12, 2022

09-26-22-02

It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of September 12, 2022 be approved as circulated.

Motion Passed

5. Boundary Review

Two community members attended for this review. Joyce Young did an analysis of the Boundary Review and that the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board are required by the Municipal Government Act to conduct this review every 8 years and they look for public feedback. According to the census in 2021, we have 476 residents and 57 filled out the survey. Council brought up points for both remaining at status quo (four Councillors and a Mayor) or to go to a smaller Council. Each Councillor does take on a lot of responsibility and if the Town goes down to 2 or 3 Councillors, those Councillors will have added responsibilities.

09-26-22-03

It was duly moved and seconded that the Council of the Town of Lockeport makes application to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board to confirm the number of Councillors to remain at four. The Town of Lockeport will not be financially impacted with this number of Councillors, the community feels it will be better represented in other communities and the Councillors will not be overloaded with responsibilities.

Motion Passed

6. Department Reports

- Administration Report (see attached)
- Community Coordinators Report (see attached)

Frances talked about Communities on the Move pilot project put on by Dalhousie University and the Town of Lockeport. One method they will be using to collect baseline data is having 25-50 people from the Town wear an accelerometer for a week to measure their activity level. This pilot project will last one year.

The Town of Shelburne has asked to use ten pieces of security fencing for when the cruise ships come into the harbour.

09-26-22-04

It was duly moved and seconded to loan the Town of Shelburne ten pieces of security fencing for use when the cruise ships come into the Shelburne Harbour.

Motion Passed

7. Finance

- List of invoices already paid in the amount of \$186,235.35

There were no questions in regards to invoices.

8. Committee Reports

- Recreation Report (Deputy Mayor DeMings-Taylor) (see attached)

In regards to the Helen Ghent Tennis and Pickle Ball Club, as well as the club getting quotes for resurfacing, Frances will attempt to have some quotes for the next meeting October 24, 2022 for additional work required. The group is asking for permission to proceed with the project of upgrading the tennis courts. Council will be considering funding for tennis court upgrades once the information becomes available from Fran.

09-26-22-05

It was duly moved and seconded that the Helen Ghent Tennis and Pickle Ball Club be approved to proceed with work to upgrade the tennis courts, which are owned by the Town, through fundraising/grant applications. In support of the proposed Tennis Court/Pickle Ball project, Council directs the Community Coordinator to investigate and report on potential grants and funding opportunities available for upgrades to the Tennis Courts.

Motion Passed

- Canada Day Report (Mayor Nickerson) (see attached)

There are two expenses from Canada Day that are recommended to be approved from Council.

09-26-22-06

It was duly moved and seconded that as recommended by the Canada Day committee, Council approve the following for payment as Canada Day celebrations expenses: reimbursement to Dayle Eshelby of \$280.00 for fourteen \$20 honorariums issued to Multicultural event helper participants; and reimbursements to Emily Swim of \$300.00 paid as an honorarium to Leizel Perry in recognition of travel from Halifax and a very large contribution of food for use at the Multicultural event.

Motion Passed

9. Other Business

- Hiring Policy revision

The revision to the hiring policy is to include a section pertaining to Vulnerable Sector Records Check.

09-26-22-07

It was duly moved and seconded that the Vulnerable Sector Check be added to the hiring policy.

Motion Passed

10. Correspondence

There was nothing for Correspondence

11. Information Only

There was nothing for "Information Only"

12. Date of Next Meeting

- Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

13. "In Camera"

- Contract Negotiation per MGA section 22 (2) (e)

09-26-22-08

It was duly moved and seconded that Council proceed "In Camera" to discuss Contract Negotiation item.

Motion Passed

Council proceeded in regular session.

During the “In Camera” session Council discussed the Shelburne County Firefighters Association Fire or Emergency Mutual Aid Agreement.

09-26-22-10

It was duly moved and seconded that Council authorize the Town Clerk/Treasurer to sign the Shelburne County Firefighters Association Fire or Emergency Mutual Aid Agreement, as presented, on behalf of the Town of Lockeport and when complete, to provide a copy to the Lockeport Volunteer Fire Department.

Motion Passed

14. Adjournment

09-26-22-10

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

Mayor Cory Nickerson

Town Clerk/Treasurer Joyce Young

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