

**TOWN OF LOCKEPORT  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2023 AT 1:00 P.M.  
MINUTES**

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

**REGRETS: COUNCILLOR DAYLE ESHELBY**

**GUESTS: DALE ROACHE AND FREDEENA HARLOW – BEECH STREET STUDIO**

**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**

**02-27-23-01**

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

**4. Approval of Minutes**

- Regular Council Meeting Minutes February 13, 2023

**02-27-23-02**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting of February 13, 2023 be approved as circulated. Motion Passed.**

## **5. Presentation**

- Years of Service Presentation

Dale Roache was recognized by Council for his 20 years of service to the Town of Lockeport assisting Fran and the Recreation Department, as well as doing some chores for the Town Office. His volunteer services have been greatly appreciated by Council and staff. Dale was presented with a hoodie that had the Town crest and 20 years of service embroidered on it.

## **6. Department Reports**

- Community Coordinator Report (see attached)

Fran provided details of the Helen Ghent Tennis Courts application process reporting to Council that the Town has been approved for a \$25,000 grant under the New Horizons for Seniors Program to complete resurfacing of the tennis courts. She has also made application under the Provincial Recreation Facility Development Program for additional projects at the tennis courts.

Fran also reported to Council on the Make your Move Lockeport Project. Fran is to provide information to Council pertaining to a term position she is proposing within this project. The Town and local businesses are being encouraged to sign on to Make Your Move At Work. There is a leadership team working on this project.

There was a discussion pertaining to the proposed Request For Proposal (RFP) that was provided to Council at the December, 2022 Council meeting for consideration, which involved snow removal at the Trestle Trail and a portion of walking trail along Brighton Road. Council's decision was to not proceed with the RFP due to many concerns brought up by Council members regarding the feasibility and safety of the proposed project. Fran requested input from Council as to what they may suggest as an additional project to replace this original component.

- Administration Report (see attached)

The Town Clerk/Treasurer reviewed her report with Council.

Mayor Nickerson was called away at this time. Due to there only being three members of Council left in attendance, the Town Clerk/Treasurer proceeded as Chair.

## 7. Other Business

- Development Agreement – Public Hearing Report (see attached)

A public hearing process, complete with in-person and written comments in favour and opposed to a proposed development agreement was held on February 16, 2023. The application was to allow the conversion of the dwelling at 116 Hall Street to a five unit rental property. The Town's Land Use By-Law currently allows for the conversion to four rental units; however, the Provincial program that the owners are participating in requires a minimum of five units. The proposed conversion plan involves renovating the existing structure as well as an addition to accommodate five one bedroom units geared to, but not limited to, seniors. Based on consideration of all details and comments provided, as well as an effort to address the lack of housing available in Lockeport, the following motion was made.

### 02-27-23-03

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council of the Town of Lockeport hereby approves the second and final reading of the attached Development Agreement. Motion Passed.**

- Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities Structure

The Town of Lockeport has been included in the South Shore Region of the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) Regional District structure. This means that Lockeport is separated from the remaining municipal units within Shelburne County.

### 02-27-23-04

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council direct the Town Clerk/Treasurer to submit a letter to the NSFM stating Council's concern regarding the decision to include Lockeport in the South Shore Region and to request that amendments be made placing Lockeport with the South Western Shore Region under the NSFM structure. Motion Passed.**

- Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund

This subject has been discussed by Council multiple times. Councillor Eshelby requested that it be brought forward once again for consideration. As during previous discussions, it was pointed out that Council's focus is on projects that are already outlined within the Town's Municipal Climate Change Action Plan. Almost all of the identified priorities outlined in the plan have been completed, however there remains one major project outstanding consisting of restructuring the causeway. It has already been determined by Council that this project will not proceed at this time due to the inflated costs we are experiencing. This project will be addressed in the future. Council is not in favour of creating additional projects at this time.

**02-27-23-05**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the Town of Lockeport will not participate in the Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund Program in 2023. Motion Passed**

**8. Committee Reports**

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

**02-27-23-06**

**It was duly moved and seconded that as recommended by the Canada Day Committee, Council authorizes the Committee to book Wendy Richardson, the Balloon Lady, for Canada Day 2023 at a cost of \$355.00. Motion Passed.**

**02-27-23-07**

**It was duly moved and seconded that as recommended by the Canada Day Committee, Council authorizes the Committee to book "Do Not Resuscitate" to play for the Canada Day outdoor concert at a cost of \$1400. Motion Passed.**

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

Weather permitting, staff will be asked to carry out a safety inspection of the Play Park. Planned date of inspection is March 7, 2023.

May 9, 2023 has been designated as Make Your Move Day for Nova Scotia. A grand launch event is being planned for May 13, 2023.

**9. Information Only**

- Mersey Tobeatic Research Institute Re: Toolkit

**10. Date of next meeting**

- March 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

**11. “In Camera”**

There was nothing for ‘In Camera’

**12. Adjournment**

**02-27-23-08**

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

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**Mayor Cory Nickerson**

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**Town Clerk/Treasurer Joyce Young**