

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

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

ABSENT: Streets Foreman - Kevin Snow.

GUESTS: Elaine Shelton and Anna Hanstra - Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage.

1. Call to order

Mayor Nickerson had previously informed Council that he would be late. Deputy Mayor DeMings-Taylor will Chair the meeting until he arrives.

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor DeMings-Taylor at 1:00 p.m.

2. Silence Electronic Devices

All electronic devices were silenced at this time.

3. Approval of Agenda

03-27-23-01

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

4. Approval of Minutes

- Regular Council Meeting Minutes March 13, 2023

03-27-23-02

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

Mayor Cory Nickerson arrived at 1:08 p.m. and took over as Chair

5. Presentation

- Elaine Shelton – Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage

The presentation by Elaine Shelton was regarding Make Your Move and how four communities in Nova Scotia are involved. This incentive is to get everyone to do a bit of physical activity and the benefits that come from it.

6. Department Reports

- Community Coordinator Report

The Community Coordinator continued on from the presentation to talk about the launch of the Make Your Move ‘Grand Launch’ on May 13, 2023. There will be activities starting on May 9th and will continue up until the launch.

‘Spring into Lockeport’ event that took place in the Recreation Centre to meet the people who own the businesses in town was a huge success.

The Community Coordinator was inquiring about the status of hiring a one year term position for an Accessibility Coordinator to work on activating the Accessibility Plans for Eastern Shelburne County. The Community Works grant is due to be closed soon that will cover half of the costs for this position. This position will be put on the budget request list.

The Community Coordinator has received 100% funding through the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association (CPRA) Youth Employment Experience to hire an Inclusion Worker for 16 weeks and she will be the mentor.

03-27-23-03

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approves accepting the offer of funding for the Inclusion Worker position from CPRA and this said position can now be advertised. Motion Passed.

The Community Coordinator has 10 parasport wheelchairs coming March 29th for two weeks in the gym at the high school. She also has received a ParticipACTION Community Challenge grant for \$5000 which she would like to use to purchase a parasport wheelchair.

03-27-23-04

It was duly moved and seconded that Council accept the funding from the ParticipACTION Community Challenge grant and it be used to purchase a parasport wheelchair. Motion Passed.

7. Finance

- List of invoices already paid in the amount of \$44,295.18.

There were no questions or concerns regarding the invoices.

8. Other Business

- EMO Training

All Council is to complete the ICS – 100. It is an online course and a prerequisite for the Emergency Management course being offered.

Councillor Balish and Councillor Meagher will be attending the Emergency Management training in Barrington on April 11, 2023 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

9. Committee Reports

- Canada Day Report (Mayor Nickerson)

There was a discussion regarding vendors and having them pay a damage deposit, paying for a permit in advance at the office and providing proof of insurance. It was decided that insurance papers could be emailed to the Town office before the event and no damage deposit is required as they are being invited to attend this event.

03-27-23-05

It was duly moved and seconded that two Canada Day Committee members will be appointed to collect fees from vendors participating in Canada Day events who have not been able to submit fees in advance. Motion Passed.

- Recreation Report (Deputy Mayor DeMings-Taylor)

Volunteer of the month for May and July.

03-27-23-06

It was duly moved and seconded, as recommended by the Recreation Committee, that Elsie MacDonald be named as the Volunteer of the Month for May, 2023 and that Ruth & Tim MacIntosh be named as Volunteers of the Month for July, 2023. Motion Passed.

Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities is hosting a “Main Streets Ideas Exchange” event in Antigonish that the four communities that are involved with the Make Your Move project are encouraged to attend.

03-27-23-07

It was duly moved seconded, as recommended by the Recreation Committee, that the Community Coordinator be authorized to attend the Nova Scotia “Main Streets Ideas Exchange” event being held in Antigonish on April 27, 2023. Motion Passed.

10. Information Only

- West Green Harbour Landfill

There was a discussion about the landfill site.

11. Date of next meeting

- Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

12. “In Camera”

There was nothing for “In Camera”

13. Adjournment

03-27-23-08

There being no further business, it was duly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Time 3:18 p.m. Motion Passed

Mayor Cory Nickerson

Town Clerk/Treasurer Joyce Young