

**TOWN OF LOCKEPORT  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY JUNE 12, 2023  
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**

**06-12-23-01**

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

**4. Approval of Minutes**

- Regular Council Meeting Minutes May 23, 2023

**06-12-23-02**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of May 23, 2023 be approved as circulated. Motion Passed.**

## 5. Finance

- Operating Budget 2023/24
  - Set Council remunerations
  - Set Residential tax rate
  - Set Commercial tax rate
  - Set interest rate on outstanding taxes
  - Approval of Operating Budget

### 06-12-23-03

**It was duly moved and seconded that the 2023/2024 Council remunerations remain as follows: Mayor \$16,500, Deputy Mayor \$12,500 and Councillors \$11,500. Motion Passed.**

### 06-12-23-04

**It was duly moved and seconded that the Residential Tax Rate for the 2023/2024 fiscal year remains at \$2.40 per \$100 of assessment. Motion Passed.**

### 06-12-23-05

**It was duly moved and seconded that the Commercial Tax Rate for the 2023/2024 fiscal year remains at \$5.41 per \$100 of assessment. Motion Passed.**

### 06-12-23-06

**It was duly moved and seconded that the interest rate on outstanding taxes remains at 16% per annum for the 2023/2024 fiscal year. Motion Passed.**

### 06-12-23-07

**It was duly moved and seconded that the Operating Budget for 2023/2024 be approved as presented. Motion Passed.**

- List of invoices already paid in the amount of \$164,784.94

There were no questions or concerns regarding the invoices.

## **6. Other Business**

- Use of unapproved off-highway vehicles on Town Property

There have been concerns brought about in the Community about staff using off-highway vehicles on Town Property. The main concern is the golf cart. Staff Sergeant Macpherson from the Shelburne RCMP provided some insight on the matter. He stated that golf carts are not allowed on our roads. Two issues he brought up were there being no insurance if the cart was to hit a vehicle and also that it is not outfitted with safety devices like tail lights, seat belts, signal lights or horn.

**06-12-23-08**

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council instructs the Town Clerk/Treasurer to issue direction, in writing, to all staff advising them that they are not to operate, park, or store personal unapproved off-highway vehicles in or on any Town of Lockeport owned property or facility (i.e. streets, sidewalks, AT Lanes, trails, parks, buildings, etc.) effective immediately. Council is clear that they do not approve or endorse the use of off-highway vehicles on Town streets that do not meet the requirements laid out in the Motor Vehicle Act. Motion Passed.**

**06-12-23-09**

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council give direction to the Town Clerk/Treasurer to research and draft a By-Law prohibiting the use of unapproved off-highway vehicles on Town streets, sidewalks, AT Lanes, boardwalks, trails, parks, etc. Motion Passed.**

- Summer Employment hirings

**06-12-23-10**

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council approves hiring Madelyne MacIntosh for the 2023 summer Canadian Parks & Recreation funded position of Inclusion Worker. Motion Passed.**

**06-12-23-11**

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council approves hiring Rowan Goulden for the 2023 Canada Summer Jobs funded position of Event Coordinator. Motion Passed.**

**06-12-23-12**

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council approves hiring Emily Williams for one of the 2023 Canada Summer Jobs funded positions of Youth Recreational Leisure Activities Counsellor. Motion Passed.**

**06-12-23-13**

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council approves hiring Jaxon Foster for one of the 2023 Canada Summer Jobs funded positions of Youth Recreational Leisure Activities Counsellor. Motion Passed.**

**06-12-23-14**

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council approves hiring Travis Foster as the seasonal Public Works Labourer. Motion Passed.**

- Asset Retirement Obligation Policy

**06-12-23-15**

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the Asset Retirement Obligation Policy as presented. Motion Passed.**

**7. Council Reports**

- Mayor Cory Nickerson
  - o Canada Day Committee Report

- Halifax Circus Performance

The Canada Day committee would like to have the Halifax Circus perform on Canada Day.

**06-12-23-16**

**It was duly moved and seconded that as recommended by the Canada Day Committee, Council approve Halifax Circus to be engaged for a performance on Canada Day at a cost of \$4500 plus tax. Motion Passed.**

- Street Closures

**06-12-23-17**

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the following street closures for Canada Day Celebrations:**  
**Thursday June 29, 2023 – Paradise Street from Point Street to Howe Street and Howe Street from Paradise Street to Beech Street be closed to vehicular traffic from 5:00 to 5:30 p.m. to accommodate the Pet Parade event.**  
**Saturday July 1, 2023 – Hall Street from Spruce to Beech Streets be closed to vehicular traffic from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (events all day) When required throughout the day, temporary supervised traffic restrictions may be implemented to accommodate specific events.**  
**Sunday July 2, 2023 – Crest Street (from Beech Street to South Street) be closed to vehicular traffic from 2:30 to 6:00 p.m. to accommodate the Soapbox Derby.**  
**It should be noted that for all of these recommended street closures, access by emergency vehicles for emergency purposes will be accommodated. Motion Passed.**

- Events list

**06-12-23-18**

**It is duly moved and seconded that Council approve the list of events for Canada Day as provided by the Canada Day Committee. Motion Passed.**

- Risk Management

**06-12-23-19**

**It is duly moved and seconded that Council approve the Risk Management Plan submitted by the Canada Day Committee. Motion Passed.**

- Shelburne County Wildfires

Lockeport's Mayor and Councillors are honoured to recognize the dangerous and selfless work of so many individuals, both local and those from further afield, in fighting the wildfires that hit so close to home. Included in the long list are close to 100 local, mainly volunteer fire departments; fire fighters from other provinces and countries; the Shelburne County East Emergency Management Organization; the Barrington & Clark's Harbour Emergency Management Organization; Shelburne County Municipal staff and leaders; Department of Natural Resources and Renewables; Joint Task Force Atlantic; MLA Nolan Young; MP Rick Perkins; the generosity of local businesses and community members; and the list goes on. The teamwork and coordination during these times is a testament to what can be accomplished together. Thank you will never have power enough to convey the depth of Lockeport's gratitude.

- Deputy-Mayor Dawn DeMings-Taylor
- Councillor Dayle Eshelby
- Councillor Kent Balish
- Councillor Mary Meagher
  - Mental Health and Wellness Association

## **8. Correspondence**

- Letter to Minister Johns regarding RCMP retroactive costs
- Letter to Minister Johns regarding Court Services in Shelburne County

## **9. Date of next meeting**

- Monday, June 26, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

## **10. “In Camera”**

There was nothing for “In Camera”

## **11. Adjournment**

**06-12-23-20**

There being no further business to discuss, **it was duly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Time 7:00 p.m. Motion Passed.**

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Mayor Cory Nickerson

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Town Clerk/Treasurer Joyce Young