

**TOWN OF LOCKEPORT
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY JULY 10, 2023
MINUTES**

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

REGRETS: Councillor Mary Meagher.

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

07-10-23-01

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

3(b) Open Mic

A member from the community came to speak about the tax rate and increased assessments.

4. Approval of Minutes

- Regular Council Meeting Minutes June 26, 2023

07-10-23-02

It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of June 26, 2023 be approved as circulated. Motion Passed

5. Finance

- List of invoices already paid in the amount of \$19,522.95

There were no questions or concerns in regards to the invoices paid.

- Letter from Lockeport Campground and Cottages

A letter was received from Lockeport Campground and Cottages regarding their laundry facility that is open to the public. They are asking that the \$216.75 charge for the laundry be removed from their sewer service invoice as it exceeds the revenue they make from the laundry.

07-10-23-03

It was duly moved and seconded that no changes will be made to the sewer service charge for the Lockeport Campground and Cottages and a letter will be sent to them informing them of Council's decision. Motion Passed

- Transfer from Reserves

07-10-23-04

It was duly moved and seconded that \$101,688.00 be transferred from the Town's Operating Reserve to the Town's General Operating Account to partially fund the paving projects completed. Motion Passed

07-10-23-05

It was duly moved and seconded that \$78,725.00 be transferred from the Town's Federal Gas Tax Reserve to the Town's General Operating Account to partially fund the paving projects completed. Motion Passed

07-10-23-06

It was duly moved and seconded that \$20,597.28 be transferred from the Town's Sustainable Services Growth Fund to the Town's General Operating Account to partially fund the paving completed at the fire hall to address an accessibility concern. Motion Passed

6. Other Business

- Memorial bench

Council received a letter from Alma Cotter asking if a bench could be placed on the Trestle Trail in honour of her sister Rose Yvonne Hemeon.

07-10-23-07

It was duly moved and seconded that Council agree that a memorial bench may be placed on the Trestle Trail in honour of Rose Yvonne Hemeon, providing it is not placed on the bridges. Motion Passed

- July 1st organization concerns

These concerns were sent to the July 1st Committee.

- Respectful Workplace Policy

07-10-23-08

It was duly moved and seconded that Council adopt the Respectful Workplace Policy as presented. Motion Passed

- Employee Discipline Policy

07-10-23-08

It was duly moved and seconded that Council adopt the Employee Discipline Policy as presented. Motion Passed

7. Council Reports

- Mayor Cory Nickerson
- Deputy-Mayor Dawn DeMings-Taylor
- Councillor Dayle Eshelby
- Councillor Kent Balish
 - o Western Counties Regional Library Board Minutes
- Councillor Mary Meagher
 - o Shelburne County Mental Health and Wellness Association

8. Correspondence

07-10-23-09

It was duly moved and seconded that Council accept the correspondence as presented. Motion Passed

- Nova Scotia Provincial Housing Agency notification of upcoming survey.

9. Date of next meeting

- Monday, July 24, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

10. “In Camera”

- MGA Section 22 (f) Litigation or potential litigation

07-10-23-10

It was duly moved and seconded that Council proceed ‘In Camera’. Motion Passed

Council proceeded in regular session at this time.

11. Adjournment

07-10-23-11

There being no further business, it was duly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Time 7:16 p.m.

Mayor Cory Nickerson

Town Clerk/Treasurer Joyce Young