

**TOWN OF LOCKEPORT
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY OCTOBER 23, 2023
MINUTES**

**Present: Mayor Cory Nickerson, Deputy Mayor Dawn DeMings-Taylor
Councillor Dayle Eshelby, Councillor Kent Balish Councillor Mary
Meagher, Town Clerk/Treasurer, June Harding, Public Works
Supervisor, Kevin Snow, Community Coordinator, Frances Scott and
Recording Secretary, Jill Cassibo.**

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

10-23-23-01

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

4. Presentation

There were no presentations scheduled for this afternoon.

5. Approval of Minutes

- Regular Council Meeting Minutes October 10, 2023

10-23-23-02

**It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes from the
Council Meeting of October 10, 2023, be approved as presented.
Motion Passed**

6. Open Mic

- Flooding Map
- Beach Access (Storm Damage)
- EMO Plan
- Citizen's Advisory Committees
- Council meeting Packages

7. Department Reports

- Public Works Report

The Public Works report was reviewed, and Council expressed how pleased they are with the work that our Public Works department does. There was a short discussion about the tree on 45 Hall St. that is leaning towards the road. It is believed that the tree is on private property.

- Community Coordinator Report

The Community Coordinator reviewed her report and talked about a Make Your Move Lockport twelve-month plan that relates to policy development to support physical activity. This would involve Council taking the lead in drafting a maintenance strategy for the Trestle Trail Loop, sidewalks, and other pedestrian pathways and for the Recreation Committee to take the lead in drafting an AT (Active Transportation) Policy.

The Community Coordinator stated that the maintenance strategy should include direction around amenities such as waste receptacles, dog waste stations, public washrooms, and snow removal.

The Community Coordinator talked about the signage for the Tennis Courts and stated that she would be sending Council an email shortly with a couple of new design options for the sign(s) at the tennis court.

The Community Coordinator went on to talk about the Athletic Fields and that she has been working on creating a two-year plan for upgrades to be carried out on the fields. She has approached the annual Car Show about using their proceeds in 2024 for upgrades to the soccer field.

It was noted that the schools will have to be notified that the baseball field will be out of commission for the 2024 baseball season, but the soccer field could be used for practice.

- Administration Report

The Administration Report was reviewed with no questions.

8. Finance

- List of invoices already paid in the amount of \$49,740.49.

Council's questions regarding the list of invoices were answered.

9. Other Business

- Community Climate Capacity, RE: Expression of Interest

It was noted that the town of Lockeport has already had Climate studies done including the Climate Change Action Plan. A lot of the problem areas that were identified in the Climate Change Action Plan have been addressed.

Councillor Eshelby expressed interest in pursuing this Expression of Interest in conjunction with the Town Clerk/Treasurer.

- Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund

This again has to do with Climate Change. The Town of Lockeport was invited to apply in 2022 for round one to redo the causeway. Council withdrew their expression of interest at the time because of the extremely high cost of the Town's portion.

Round two of funding is now open for pre-screening and applications. Council and staff will be attending webinars regarding the application process over the next few days.

10. Committee Reports

- Canada Day Report
- Recreation Report (Deputy Mayor Dawn DeMings-Taylor)
Sept. 26 and Oct. 17

10-23-23-03

It was duly moved and seconded that as recommended by the Recreation Committee, Council authorize the purchase of \$50.00 gift cards from each of three local stores (total cost \$150.00) to use as prizes for the Halloween Yard Decorating Contest. Motion Passed

- Baseball Field Maintenance (Deputy Mayor Dawn DeMings-Taylor)

Deputy Mayor DeMings Taylor expressed concern that the ballfield will not be done until the spring of 2024.

11. Correspondence

- Letter to Mayor Brenda Chisholm-Beaton, President, Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities RE: Rural Cell Phone Coverage
- Thank you card from Joyce Young
- Letter from Kim Marsland, Minister of Public Works from Harold Locke, Mayor, Town of Shelburne RE: Safety Concern at the intersection of Hwy #103 and Ohio Rd.

12. Information Only

- Email from Maylia K. Parker, Director, Air Quality & Resource Management RE: Updated Guidelines for Environmental Noise Measurement and Assessment

13. Date of next meeting

- Tuesday November 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

14. 'In Camera'

15. Adjournment

10-23-23-04

There being no further business, it was duly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Time 2:08 p.m. Motion Passed

Mayor,
Cory Nickerson

Town Clerk/Treasurer,
June Harding

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