



**TOWN OF LOCKPORT
COUNCIL MEETING
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2025
MINUTES**

PRESENT: MAYOR DEREK AMALFA, DEPUTY MAYOR ANNA CHETWYND, COUNCILLOR CRAIG HILLEN, COUNCILLOR CANDACE MALIK, COUNCILLOR KEVIN CHETWYND, TOWN CLERK/TREASURER JUNE HARDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY JILL CASSIBO.

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Amalfa at 1:04 p.m.

2. Silence Electronic Devices

All electronic devices were silenced at this time.

3. Conflict of Interest

4. Approval of Agenda, including additions or deletions

02-14-25-01

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the agenda for the February 14, 2025, meeting as presented with one addition under Finance, a transfer of money from the Operating Reserve Account to the general Operating Account, for a new salt spreader for the Public Works Department. Motion Passed

5. Approval of Minutes

- Regular Council Meeting Minutes January 24, 2025

02-14-25-02

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of January 24, 2025. Motion Passed

6. Community Forum (Open Mic)

- 20 Minutes Maximum
- Each resident is allowed a maximum of five minutes
- The resident is to speak directly to Council
- There will be no interaction by Council at this time
- If questions are posed by residents the question will be recorded to be researched

7. Presentations

There were no presentations scheduled for this meeting.

8. Finance

- List of invoices already paid in the amount of \$206,851.82.

There were questions brought up as to why the Town is paying for referees for basketballs games when the kids pay a fee for the sport. The Community Co-Ordinator will be asked for clarification. Councillor Malik will broach this subject with the Student Advisory Committee (SAC) at their next Meeting. Councillor Malik also asked about the heat pumps in the Town Hall and Recreation Centre, as the bill was high. This was our last bill to pay for the heat pumps, we will now just be paying for power for those units.

- Transfer of \$76, 125.64 from the 2023 Fall Debenture Account to General Operating Account to cover invoices relating to the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project

02-14-25-03

It was duly moved and seconded that Council instruct the Town Clerk/Treasurer to transfer \$76,125.64 from the 2023 Fall Debenture Account to the General Operating Account, to cover invoices related to the Wastewater Treatment Plant project. Motion Passed

- Transfer of \$9400.00 plus HST for the new salt spreader, as well as the cost of installation, from the Operating Reserve Account to the General Operating Account.

02-14-25-04

It was duly moved and seconded that Council instruct the Town Clerk/Treasurer to transfer \$9,400.00 plus HST as well as the cost for installation for the new salt spreader for the Public Works Department, from the Operating Reserve Account to the General Operating Account. Motion Passed

- Letter from Marcia d'Eon, Director of Operations & Protective Services regarding SCEEMO dissolving and joining REMO.
 - o SCEEMO meeting minutes.

The Town of Lockeport will receive funds from SCEEMO once the organization has dissolved, as the Lockeport Fire Hall is a Red Cross designated emergency station. The funds are for the generator and fuel. The generator was just serviced. Once REMO is up and running, we may receive funding from them in the event the Red Cross emergency station is ever needed.

9. Other Business

- Request from ratepayer for Council to give consideration for an evening Council meeting.

The daytime Meetings were set up to accommodate Council. This was not only a request from Council but also cost savings for the Town. The following motion was made:

02-14-25-05

It was duly moved and seconded that Council agree that the meeting times will remain the as they are now. Motion Passed.

- Policing Service Recipient update

- Request for Soccer field to be used for dogs to play.

A letter was submitted to the Council requesting permission to use the soccer field for dogs during the off-season. This issue has been discussed at great length in the past and it was determined at that time that it is not sanitary for children to be rolling around in grass that contains dog urine and feces, even if it has been cleaned up. It was at this time that the dog Park was created to accommodate dogs and their owners. The following motion was made:

02-14-25-06

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council deny the request for the soccer field to be open for dogs to run on, in the off season. Motion Passed
Three in favor
One against**

- Amendment to the Land Use By-Law

02-14-25-07

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council for the Town of Lockeport conduct 1st Reading of a proposed amendment to the Land Use By-Law, to redesignate & rezone the property located at 21 South Water Street, from the existing M1 Industrial to Tourist Commercial C2.
Further that Council schedules a Public Hearing for Friday, March 14, 2025, Council Meeting. Motion Passed**

The property owner will be responsible to deal with any complaints coming from any tenants regarding smells, sounds, etc. as the property is in an industrial area.

- Proposal for the Establishment of the Lockeport Causeway Action Team

The Town Clerk/Treasurer has already completed a fair amount of work on this and informed Council that the Town needs a Beach permit, and a Species at Risk permit before we can proceed further. To be able to apply for the Species at Risk permit, we must first have a stamped Engineer's drawing of the exact scope of the project we wish to do.

02-14-25-08

It was duly moved and seconded that Council will support the Lockeport Causeway Action Team. Motion Passed

10. Council Reports

- Mayor Derek Amalfa
- Deputy-Mayor Anna Chetwynd

Deputy Mayor Chetwynd attended the Wardens, Mayors and CAO's meeting and they discussed that Roseway Hospital Emergency Room has four times higher average of being closed, than any other hospital in the province. There has been a proposal made for them to meet with someone from Nova Scotia Health.

The RCMP Advisory Committee meeting was well attended. Deputy Mayor Chetwynd asked that Lockeport statistics be separate from the rest of the Shelburne County, just to see where the Town of Lockeport stands in the report for the next quarter.

The Housing Authority Committee is looking for statistics.

Deputy Mayor Chetwynd has also received a pamphlet from Lucinda Montizambert, Public Health Services, regarding pairing Nova Scotia Community College students with an elderly person or couple for housing. Deputy Mayor Chetwynd suggested that geographically, the program may work better in the Municipality of the District of Shelburne and the Town of Shelburne.

- Councillor Craig Hillen

Councillor Hillen reported that the Heritage and Tourism webpage is now live and will be included on the Town's future new website.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee is waiting to see what other municipal units do with an Accessibility Advisory Coordinator. Michelle Vacon's position expires the end of March. The Town of Lockeport is well ahead of many units with the plans and actions needed to comply with the Act.

- Councillor Kevin Chetwynd
- Councillor Candace Malik

11. Correspondence

- Letter and response to Property Valuation Services Corporation regarding Clearwater's decrease in taxes

12. Information Only

- Western Zone, Community Health Plan 2025 – 2029
- Letter to the Honourable John Lohr, Minister of Municipal Affairs from the Town of Lockeport, the Town of Shelburne, and the Municipality of the District

of Shelburne to engage in education sessions regarding municipal restructuring models.

- Letter to Tanya Nixon, Vice President Operations – Western Zone regarding Roseway Manor, dated October 1, 2024

13. Date of next meeting

- February 28, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

14. “In Camera”

There was nothing for “In Camera”

15. Adjournment

02-14-25-09

There being no further business, it was duly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Time 2:56 p.m. Motion Passed

Mayor, Derek Amalfa

Town Clerk/Treasurer, June Harding