



**TOWN OF LOCKPORT
COUNCIL MEETING
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2025
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Mayor Derek Amalfa, Deputy Mayor Anna Chetwynd, Councillor Craig Hillen, Councillor Candace Malik, Community Coordinator Frances Scott and Recording Secretary Jill Cassibo.

REGRETS: Councillor Kevin Chetwynd, Town Clerk/Treasurer June Harding and Public Works Foreman Kevin Snow

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Amalfa at 1:00 PM.

2. Silence Electronic Devices

All electronic devices were silenced at that time.

3. Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

4. Approval of Agenda, including additions or deletions

02-28-25-01

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the agenda for the February 28, 2025, meeting as presented with the following deletion of "Issue" under 'In Camera' and the addition of Clearwater Seafoods under Other Business. Motion Passed

5. Approval of Minutes of February 14, 2025, Regular Council Meeting

02-28-25-02

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the February 14, 2025, meeting Minutes as circulated with the following amendment to Motion #02-14-25-07.

It was duly moved and seconded that Town Council for the Town of Lockport conduct 1st Reading of a proposed amendment to the **Municipal Planning Strategy and 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 Schedule a Public Hearing for Friday, March 14, 2025, Council Meeting. Motion Passed

6. Business arising from previous Minutes

There was no business from the previous minutes.

7. Community Forum (Open Mic)

- 20 Minutes Maximum
- Each resident is allowed a maximum of five minutes.
- Each resident is to state their name and where they live.
- The resident is to speak directly to the Council.
- There will be no interaction by Council at this time.
- If residents pose questions the question will be recorded to be researched.

8. Presentations

There were no presentations scheduled for this meeting.

9. Department Reports

- Community Coordinators Report

Town's Commitment to Recreation Facility Development Project (Playpark)

The Town of Lockeport previously committed \$10,000 from the 2023-2024 budget to help with replacing equipment at the Playpark. In addition to this, the Community Coordinator is requesting \$22,000.00 to be put aside in the 2025-2026 budget for the Recreation Facility Development Project.

02-28-25-03

It was duly moved and seconded that the Town of Lockeport commit \$22,000.00 from the 2025-2026 budget, be put aside for the Recreation Facility Development Project (Playpark) on the approval of the Provincial grant. Motion Passed.

02-28-25-04

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve \$21,000.00 of Make Your Move Lockeport money to be used for the Playpark project. Motion Passed

- Administration Report
- Crescent Beach Centre

This report was well prepared, and Jill will coordinate with Emily and the Public Works crew to get most of the things completed either before the Beach Centre opens or throughout the summer.

- Waste Diversion Officer

10. Finance

- List of invoices already paid in the amount of \$24,743.95

There were no questions in regards to the invoices paid.

11. Other Business

- Letter from Christopher McCreery, Secretary of the Order of Nova Scotia, for a nomination to the Order on Nova Scotia.
- Creation of bi-annual newsletter to be distributed in April and September

02-28-25-05

It was duly moved and seconded that Council for the Town of Lockeport will adopt a bi-annual newsletter to be sent out to taxpayers led by Councillor Malik. Motion Passed.

- Dedicated section in the bi-annual newsletter for members of the Lockeport Regional High School Student Parliament to submit a piece of their choosing, subject upon approval of Council

02-28-25-06

It was duly moved and seconded that Council for the Town of Lockeport agree to have a dedicated section of the bi-annual newsletter for the Lockeport Regional High School Student Parliament. Motion Passed

- Clearwater Seafoods

With the closing of Clearwater Seafoods Lobster plant, 51 seasonal and 5 full time employees have lost their jobs. Our friends and neighbors have been affected. Nolan Young, MLA, and Minister of Department of Labour, Skills and Immigration has a response team coming to Lockeport to help those affected with employment and/or training March 13th and March 18th at the Crescent Beach Centre. It was brought up that Mental Health information and resources would be included in the next bi-annual newsletter to help those affected.

12. Committee Reports

- Recreation Report (Deputy Mayor Anna Chetwynd)

The Recreation Department put forth a draft policy for nominating Volunteer of the month.

02-28-25-07

It was duly moved and seconded that the Town of Lockeport adopt the draft copy of the Volunteer of the Month as put forward by the Recreation Committee. Motion Passed.

The Community Coordinator is also working on a grant from the Canada Post Corporation.

- Canada Day (Councillor Candace Malik)

13. Correspondence

- Email from Matthew Boyle, Acting Executive Director, Regional Operations and Infrastructure Branch, Department of Emergency Management, introducing the new interim Director of Regional Operations.
- Letter from the Honourable John Lohr, Minister of Municipal Affairs, requesting education sessions on municipal restructuring.

14. Information Only

- Letter from Independent Fisheries President Mark Mao.
- Letter to Karen Oldfield, President and CEO Nova Scotia Health from the five municipal units, Town of Lockeport, Town of Shelburne, Municipality of Barrington, Municipality of Shelburne and Town of Clark's Harbour in regard to Roseway Hospital Emergency Department.

Queens Hospital in Liverpool has made changes to the hospital and it will be open 5 days a week 24 hours a day but closed on weekends.

- Email from Pam Mood, President of Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities about new legislation.

02-28-25-08

It was duly moved and seconded that the Town of Lockeport acknowledges support of Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities in negotiations with future government proposals. Motion Passed

15. Date of next meeting

- Friday March 14, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

16. “In Camera”

- Personnel

02-28-25-09

It was duly moved and seconded that Council go “In Camera” to discuss Personnel. Time 2:58. Motion Passed

Council resumed regular session at 3:53 pm.

17. Adjournment

02-28-25-10

There being no further business at this time, it was duly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Time 3:54. Motion Passed

Mayor, Derek Amalfa

Town Clerk/Treasurer, June Harding