



**TOWN OF LOCKPORT  
COUNCIL MEETING  
FRIDAY JUNE 12, 2026  
MINUTES**

**Present: Mayor Derek Amalfa, Deputy Mayor Craig Hillen, Councillor Anna Chetwynd, 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 1:00 p.m.

**2. Silence Electronic Devices**

All electronic devices were silenced at that time.

**3. Approval of Agenda, including additions or deletions**

**12-06-26-01**

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the agenda for the June.**

**12, 2026, meeting as presented. Motion Passed**

**4. Conflict of Interest**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

- Regular Council Meeting Minutes May 22, 2026

**12-06-26-02**

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of May 22, 2026. Motion Passed**

- Strategic Planning Minutes May 8, 2026

**12-06-26-03**

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the Minutes from the Strategic Planning Meeting of May 8, 2026. Motion Passed**

**12-06-26-04**

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council direct staff to identify items owned by the Town of Lockeport for potential sale. Motion Passed**

**12-06-26-05**

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council direct staff to explore options to improve the fairness and sustainability the Town's revenue models including taxation approaches, user fees, service rates, and other cost recovery tools. Motion Passed.**

**6. Business arising from Previous Minutes**

There was no business arising from the previous minutes.

**7. 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

**8. Presentations**

- Chamber of Commerce

Anita Telford presented the brochure the Chamber of Commerce has updated and assured Council that there is no financial cost to the Town of Lockeport for the brochure. Ms. Telford is requesting that the Town of Lockeport join the Chamber of Commerce for a yearly fee of \$150.00.

**9. Finance**

- List of invoices already paid in the amount of \$113,520.40.

There were no questions regarding invoices.

## 10. Other Business

- Follow-up to the PIEVEC

The Clean Foundation did a report, and it notes that stormwater infrastructure is one of the Town's highest climate-related infrastructure risks. The culverts along Brighton Rd. will be assessed and replaced if necessary. There is a grant from the Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund for up to \$250,000.00 that can help prepare for and respond to climate change impacts under the adaptation stream. The deadline for applying is June 25, 2026.

Councillor Malik asked and was assured that if we put in for the grant and are approved, we are still not committed until the Town agrees to the terms.

### 12-06-26-06

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council direct staff to apply for the Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund and explore the cost to the Town of Lockeport. Motion Passed.**

- Roods Head Park Discussion

Roods Head Park has been deemed a potential fire risk. There is a grant available called the Rapid Adaption Fund through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities that will cover 70% of the cost. The deadline for applying is June 23, 2026.

We have received a quote from Western Woodlot for \$36,511.35, therefore the cost to the Town of Lockeport would be \$10,953.41 plus HST. Ms. Harding has been in contact with our insurance company, and they suggested putting up a gate and proper signage to mitigate liability. The work may not take place until the fall. Councillor K. Chetwynd suggested we rent a woodchipper instead of trucking all the brush to the C & D site and residents would have access to the wood chips for gardens. Once the clean up is completed, Council will decide whether to have camping there. Public works is currently making a gate to block off access to Roods Head Park. In the meantime, barriers have been put in place with No Trespassing signs attached.

### 12-06-26-07

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council direct staff to apply for the Rapid Adaption Fund to assist with the cleanup of Roods Head Park before the deadline of June 23, 2026. Motion Passed.**

### 12-06-26-08

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council has agreed to the temporary closure of Roods Head Park until it is deemed safe. This includes NO CAMPING and NO ACCESS. Motion Passed.**

Councillor Malik stressed the importance of noting that the Park Closure is only temporary until deemed upon proper clean up and inspection. The Fire Chief stated last year that the park is a fire hazard. Councillor A. Chetwynd stated that with people burning picnic tables and fireworks being set off there, the park needs to be closed. Councillor A. Chetwynd also stated that after the clean up, the park may require additional work if the Town is going to allow camping there. Mayor Amalfa would like to get feedback from the residents on what they want to see for the park.

**12-06-26-09**

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council direct staff to find out costs associated with insurance and liability for allowing camping once the park is deemed safe. The future use of the park will be determined through policies and procedures. Motion Passed**

- Lockeport Community Hub

**12-06-26-10**

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council endorse the Lockeport Community Hub as an exploratory direction and authorize the Town to engage with community partners, residents, and potential funding bodies to assess interest, feasibility, programming opportunities, and future options. There are no financial, staffing, renovation, asset disposal, relocation, or operational commitments at this stage. Motion Passed**

- Summer hours for Council meetings

There was a discussion around how many meetings and what time the meetings will be held for July and August. Councillor A. Chetwynd suggested one meeting in July and one meeting in August. Councillor Malik also suggested the meetings be held at 10:00 a.m., the same as last year. Councillor K. Chetwynd suggested the second Friday of the month for the meetings.

**12-06-26-11**

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council agree to hold meetings at 10:00 a.m. for the July 10<sup>th</sup> and August 14<sup>th</sup> Council meetings. Motion Passed**

## 11. Council Reports

- Mayor Derek Amalfa
  - o Nova Scotia Health Update

Mayor Amalfa briefed Council on the update for NS Health. The ultrasound machine is up and running, Emergency Room is now open seven days a week, 24 hours a day. The hospital has hired three LPNs, one RN and 2 CCAs for the emergency department as well as the virtual urgent care resource. Councillor A. Chetwynd asked if there was any news on the blood collection and Mayor Amalfa reported that they are looking for staff. Mayor Amalfa also talked about the great presentation from Chris McNeill for the Amalgamation Steering Committee. Mr. McNeill shared real lessons and offered himself for further questions or presentations. The next Amalgamation Steering Committee meeting will be held in Lockeport on July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026, and the venue is still to be determined.

Mayor Amalfa also spoke very highly of the students who received awards at the Sports Banquet.

The first stage of the cenotaph will be completed before the Canada Day celebrations.

- Deputy Mayor Craig Hillen
  - o Heritage and Tourism draft minutes from May 19, 2026

Deputy Mayor Hillen said that the buoy on the boardwalk is 90% sanded and will be painted by Canada Day. Deputy Mayor Hillen also thanked the Public Works crew for moving the Red Petticoat sign at the Widow's Walk closer to the road.

Deputy Mayor Hillen would like to gain community input and local artists ideas to create a sign to replace the old directory sign across from the athletic fields.

### 12-06-26-12

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council direct staff to explore the cost of paving the driveway at the Beach Centre to improve accessibility. Motion Passed**

### 12-06-26-13

**It was duly moved and seconded that Salty Swabbers and White Gull Restaurant be named the Businesses of the month for June, Crescent Beach Visitor Information Centre and Taylor Lodge No. 62 Masonic Lodge for the**

**month of July and Salty Dogs Barkery for the month of August. Motion Passed**

- Councillor Anna Chetwynd
  - o Recreation Committee Minutes May 4, 2026
  - o Recreation/Make Your Move Minutes, June 1, 2026

Councillor A. Chetwynd reported that the ‘Wellnify’ challenge is going well. There was a motion made at the previous Recreation Meeting about the Peace Hut that is currently at the playground. Councillor A. Chetwynd reported that the contact number has been changed on the Tennis Courts sign for scheduling and usage of the tennis courts. The date for the Family Beach Bash is June 27, 2026, with a rain date of July 4, 2026. Multi-Cultural night is June 27, 2026, at the Beach Centre.

**12-06-26-14**

**It was duly moved and seconded that as recommended by the Recreation Committee Council agree to relocate the Peace Hut to the Beach Centre, as per one of the suggestions by the Beach Centre Manager, for storage or other uses. And that the moving be done during Phase 2 of the playground project with the cost to be added to the cost of excavation and paid for by the Playground Fundraising Group. Motion Passed**

The Recreation Committee unanimously voted Dave Holdaway as volunteer of the month for the month of June 2026.

**12-06-26-15**

**It was duly moved and seconded, as recommended by the Recreation Committee, Council approve Dave Holdaway as volunteer of the month for June 2026. Motion Passed.**

- Councillor Candace Malik
  - o Canada Day Committee Minutes – May 27, 2026
  - o Canada Day Committee Minutes – June 2, 2026
  - o July 1, schedule of events and Risk Management Measures

Councillor Malik stated that SAC is finished until September and discussed the negative impact of the new hand dryers in the high school and elementary school. The students did

a science experiment on the hand dryer and validated by a petri study. Paper towels are much more efficient and sanitary.

- Councillor Kevin Chetwynd

## **12. Correspondence**

- Response from Minister MacDonald, Minister of Municipal Affairs to letter sent by Mayor Amalfa
- Letter to Minister Rircey, Minister of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage from the Council of Regional Librarians.

Councillor Malik spoke that the numbers at the library have increased since COVID and the library puts on activities during the day and evening.

- Letter of support to Minister Barbara Adams, Minister of Seniors, and Long-Term Care from Council of the Town of Lockeport

The strike is now over for long term care workers.

- Letter of Support to the Honourable Joanne Thompson, Department of Fisheries & Oceans Canada from Mayor Amalfa

## **13. Information Only**

There was nothing for Information Only

## **14. Date of next meeting**

- June 26, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

## **15. “In Camera”**

**12-06-26-16**

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council go ‘In Camera’ at 2:49 p.m.  
Motion Passed**

- Personnel

Council resumed Regular session at 3:15 p.m.

**16. Adjournment**

**12-06-26-17**

Being as there is no more business, **it was duly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Time 3:17 p.m. Motion Passed**

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**Mayor Derek Amalfa**

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**Town Clerk/Treasurer June Harding**

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