



**TOWN OF LOCKPORT
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY MARCH 11, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M.
AGENDA**

1. Call to order
2. Silence Electronic Devices
3. Approval of Agenda, including additions or deletions

Draft Motion: That Council approves the agenda for the March 11, 2024, Meeting as presented.

4. Approval of Minutes from the February 26, 2024, Regular Council Meeting and the Emergency Council Meeting on March 5, 2024. (Page 1)

Draft Motion: That Council approve the February 26, 2024, Meeting Minutes as circulated.

That Council approve the Emergency Council Meeting Minutes from March 5, 2024, as circulated.

5. Business arising from previous Minutes.

The following points and questions were brought forward at the last Meeting by Jeff Wood, Municipality of the District of Shelburne:

- The culvert in front of 208 Locke Street has become an issue with sediment running back down towards the beach – Public Works is addressing this situation.

- Council has viewed the “Graffiti” at Roods Head Park and they feel it is not a problem. Nature/weather will take care of the removal of the paint on the rocks.

- The Town resident that is still painting at the picnic table, on property that does not belong to the Town of Lockeport, does not seem to be hurting anyone. The picnic table will not be removed.

- Council has decided that the Interpretive signs will be redone and although they appreciate the offer of help from local businesses, this is not the proper place for business advertisements.

6. Community Forum (Open Mic)

- 20 Minutes Maximum
- Each resident is allowed a maximum of five minutes.
- The resident is to speak directly to the 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 evening.

8. Finance

- List of Invoices already paid in the amount of \$69,809.29 (Page 2)

9. Other Business

- Appointment of Returning Officer and Assistant Returning Officer

Draft Motion: That Council appoint June Harding as the Returning Officer and Jill Cassibo as the Assistant Returning Officer for the 2024/2025 fiscal year.

10. Council Reports

- Mayor Cory Nickerson
- Deputy Mayor Dawn DeMings-Taylor
- Councillor Dayle Eshelby (Page 3)
- Councillor Kent Balish (Page 4)
- Councillor Mary Meagher (Page 5)
 - o Shelburne County Mental Health & Wellness Association (Page 6-8)

11. Correspondence

- Letter from David Lyons regarding his ongoing dispute with Pierce Fisheries (Page 9)

12. Information Only

- Letter from the Honourable John A. Lohr and the Honourable Tim Halman outlining the Province of Nova Scotia's plan for the future of our coastline – to protect Nova Scotians, homes and nature from Climate Change (Page 10-12)

13. Date of next meeting

- Monday March 25, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

14. "In Camera"

- "Personnel Issues"

15. Adjournment

**TOWN OF LOCKEPORT
EMERGENCY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
MARCH 5, 2024**

PRESENT: Mayor Cory Nickerson, Deputy Mayor Dawn Demings-Taylor, Councillor Kent Balish, Councillor Dayle Eshelby, Councillor Mary Meagher and Town Clerk/Treasurer, June Harding

The purpose of the Emergency Meeting was to make a financial decision that is needed regarding the Evaluation/Assessment Report that has been completed on the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Due to the recommendations from CBCL Engineering that the Town of Lockeport’s Wastewater Treatment Plant needs to have Option 1(UV) and Option 2 (Sludge) of the report completed, for the plant to run more efficiently, the following motion was made:

It was duly moved and seconded that the Town Clerk/Treasurer be authorized to transfer \$61,155.00 from the Operating Reserve Account to the General Operating Account, to cover the additional cost of Option 1 and Option 2 of the Evaluation/Assessment Report that has been completed on the Town of Lockeport Wastewater Treatment Plant, by CBCL Engineering. The total cost of the project will be approximately \$710,700.00 which encompasses funding of \$189,000 from the Province of Nova Scotia, \$226,800 from the Federal Government, \$233,745 from the Fall Debenture and the additional \$61,155 from the Town of Lockeport. Motion Passed

**Mayor
Cory Nickerson**

**Town Clerk/Treasurer
June Harding**

LIST ON INVOICES ALREADY PAID TO BE PRESENTED AT THE		
MARCH 11 2024 MEETING		
AC BELLIVEAU VEINOTTE INC	FINANCIAL INFORMATION RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2023	2,070.00
BALISH, JULIE	AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM	300.00
BELL ALIANT	BEACH CENTRE	103.36
BELL ALIANT	OFFICES, ELEVATOR AND EMO	172.03
BELL ALIANT	FIRE DEPT.	147.32
BELL MOBILITY	STREETS, RECREATION AND GEN. GOV'T	287.79
CULLIGAN WATER	DRINKING WATER	23.90
FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES	YEARLY MEMBERSHIP	280.66
GARY ATWELL & ANTHONY ATWELL	FIX ROOF AT PAVILION	380.00
HARDING, JUNE	LIFE INSURANCE AND MILEAGE FOR FEBRUARY	64.13
I.B.E.W.	UNION DUES	284.48
LESTER SWANSBURG ELECTRIC	INSTALL HEATER AT MFR BUILDING	80.50
LOCKEPORT PHARMACHOICE	GIFT CARDS FOR WINTERFEST SNOW SCULPTURE	50.00
LOCKEPORT PHARMACHOICE	SR. BINGO SUPPLIES	22.85
LOCKEPORT TOWN MARKET	GIFT CARDS FOR WINTERFEST SNOW SCULPTURE	50.00
LYDGATE LOCK STOCK AND BARREL	GIFT CARDS FOR WINTERFEST SNOW SCULPTURE	50.00
MANULIFE	PENSION	1,661.96
MARK WILLIAMS	TRUCKING SALT FROM PUGWASH JAN 18 AND FEB 12	3,283.54
MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF SHELBURNE	FOURTH QUARTER SHARED SERVICES BILLING	32,185.24
PAYROLL	FEB. 11 - FEB 24 2024	14,903.02
SALTY DOG BARKERY	MYML DOG TREATS	50.60
SCOTIA BUSINESS CENTRE	ELEVATOR MONITORING FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY	115.00
SCOTT, FRANCES	TRAVEL EXPENCE CLAIM	576.85
SOBEYS	SR BINGO SUPPLIES/ MYML SUPPLIES	88.59
TELUS HEALTH	MEDICAL AND LIFE INSURANCE	618.94
TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL CENTRE FOR EDUCATION	MONTHLY EDUCATION TAX	9,471.86
XEROX	LEASE INVOICE 15 OF 60	248.29
XTR FOSS NATIONAL LEASING	FUEL FOR TOWN OWNED VEHICLES	1,001.52
XYLEM CANADA LP	CALIBRATED CHAIN FOR TREATMENT PLANT	838.49
YARMOUTH BIG BOUNCE	BOUNCE GAMES FOR WINTERFEST	398.37
	TOTAL	69,809.29

February 2024 Meetings, Dayle Eshelby

Feb. 1 - Climate Connections, Elected Officials Only Call

Feb. 2 – Belliveau Veinotte meeting with accountant re Roseway Manor
financials

Market Meeting

Winterfest Meeting

Feb. 6 – Climate Connections

Ballfield Meeting

Feb. 7 – Council Check-in

Feb. 8 – NSFM Climate Change Advisory Committee

Indigenous Day Committee Meeting

Feb. 12 – Town Council

Feb. 13 – Recreation

Feb. 15 – Virtual Meeting with Ramsay Duff, Roseway Manor financials

Town Policy Review

Feb. 16 – Make Your Move Meeting

Feb. 20 – Roseway Manor Board Meeting, Mahone Bay

COUNCILLOR BALISH

FEBRUARY, 2024

01 AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH, BIRTCHTOWN

07 DISCUSSIONS

12 COUNCIL

15 POLICY REVIEW

20 STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

22 POLICY REVIEW

26 TOWN OF LOCKEPORT BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

29 POLICY REVIEW

Councillor Meagher February Meetings

- Feb 2 Make Your Move Leadership Team (Winterfest)
- Feb 7 Council Discussion
- Feb 12 Council Meeting
- Feb 15 Policy Reviews
- Feb 16 Make Your Move Leadership Team (Winterfest)
- Feb 20 Roseway Manor Board Meeting/Tour (Mahone Bay)
- Feb 21 Shelburne Co Mental Health & Wellness Assoc.
- Feb 22 Policy Reviews
- Feb 26 Council Meeting
- Feb 26 Winterfest Kids Carnival/Town Birthday Reception

Shelburne County Mental Health and Wellness Association
Minutes Wednesday February 21, 2024

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Kevin Grant by zoom at 10am.

Present: Kevin Grant, Chairperson; Marilyn Johnston, Secretary; Tamara McIntyre, Co-Warm Line Coordinator; Mary Meagher, Councilor Town of Lockeport; Nakita Davis, Community Peer Support Our House Youth Wellness Center (10:10am; Loretta Nickerson, Executive Director SASI (10:30am); Kelly Goudie, Health Promoter, N.S. Mental Health and Addictions Southwest Nova (10:30am).

Regrets: Penny Smith, Treasurer and Warden Mun of Shelburne

2. Minutes of January 17, 2024

The Minutes of January 17, 2024 were emailed out to members.

3. Who does What in Mental Health in Shelburne County

Nothing new to add. The most up to date version is on our website.

4. Treasurer and Vice-Chairperson Positions

We need a treasurer, a vice-chairperson, and a Director at Large in Eastern Shelburne County. No volunteers at this time.

5. Clubhouse Idea – Kelly Goudie

Because we have agreed to shut down when the Senior Centre Without Walls Pilot Project is complete about January of 2025, we will not be moving this project forward.

New Info from Kelly: Kelly has a new boss who would like her to pursue the Club House idea for Shelburne. Kelly asked if we felt that there was still a need for this. We all agreed that there was still a need but that we would not be operating it. Loretta spoke about the changes coming with the REMEDY Program as the Adult Residential Centers close down and existing housing with SASI must be downsized to just 4 people per group facility over the next 5 years. A Club House would be a benefit for some of these folks. Marilyn spoke about the great increase in the use of food banks and Church benevolent funds. These folks would benefit from a Club House to learn budgeting , life skills in general, and seeking and preparing for employment. Mary spoke about the increase in staff and seniors residents that the new Roseway Manor Nursing Home will bring to Shelburne by 2027 when it is anticipated to be fully operational. Opportunities for their families are needed.

Kelly noted that other Club Houses in the province are operated by Dept. of Health staff.

It was agreed that Kelly should update a one pager of information regarding a Club House for Shelburne and submit it up the line for review and potential approval.

6. Grants and Funding

Red Cross Grant – Kevin completed and submitted the Final Report. He has been told that we will be receiving funding for the hours worked by Peggy and Linda even when they were volunteers with us. Their hours will be submitted. We should receive the final cheque soon. This is very good news, Peggy and Linda should be able to continue in their paid positions.

Age Friendly Grant –No word yet. The grant application says the end of January for approvals but MLA Nolan Young thinks it is the end of February. We applied for \$21,270 to run from February until the end of September.

7. Warm Line Update

The day after our January Board meeting where we agreed to recommend to the August AGM that we would be shutting down the SCMH&WA at the end of September, Kevin was contacted by Community Links asking if we were interested in partnering on a pilot project with Spencer House in Halifax called the Senior’s Center Without Walls. Funding is provided by Community Links and the Good Companions.

After several emails it was agreed that we should put dissolving the SCMH&WA on hold and participate in this Pilot Project as it may enable the warm Line for seniors to continue to operate after our Association closes out. When we know if we have been approved the Age Friendly grant Kevin will contact Helen MacDonnell, the ED for Community Links To discuss the potential for the NS Seniors Warm Line to stand on its own. Other options such as having another organization take over the Seniors Warm Line will be discussed at that time.

8. NS Warm Line Tamara's Report

Presented to Shelburne County Mental Health Association Board of Directors

Presented on: February 21, 2024

Sent by Tamara McIntyre, NS Warm Line Coordinator

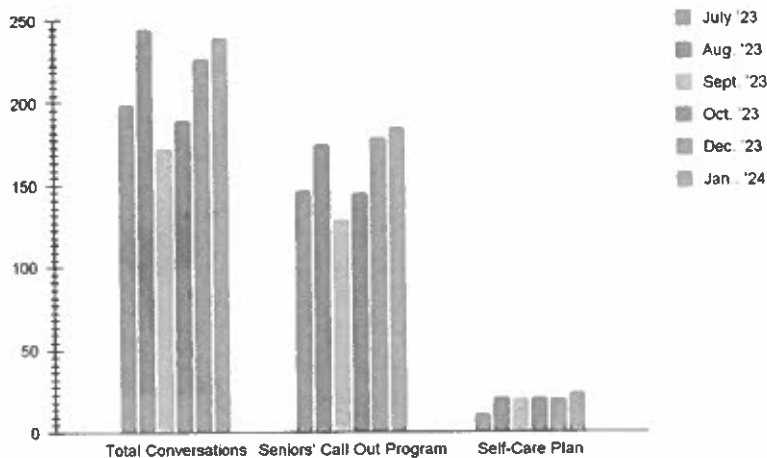
SUMMARY

The Nova Scotia Warm Line continues to operate online through the support and activity of both volunteers and paid staff. We have multiple people using the Warm Line as part of their ongoing self-care plan, including one client who is not a senior or anonymous using the call-out program. Conversation numbers are artificially high as we had a high number of dropped calls during December. IZZY support has been notified. Our presentation at CORAH is being rescheduled due to an email mixup and scheduling conflict. WLC met with IZZY to discuss the dropped calls. We are currently tracking them to see if there is a pattern and IZZY will use the call information to follow up with their carrier. If the problem is not on their end, we will explore options going forward which may include non VoIP calls. There have also been a few comments about calls not connecting when dialed. WLC received details from one volunteer (including a screen grab) and we were able to fix the issue for that volunteer. WLC has asked for details/error messages from other volunteers. WLC's laptop is becoming Difficult. All three laptops (Linda has one) are very out of date.

DETAILS

- Total Conversations: 240
- Phone: 239
- SMS: 1
- Unique Callers: 39
- Breakdown
- Senior Safety Program Calls: 185
- Self-care Plan: 24
- Problem Call: 1
- Administrative Call: 5
- Hang up: 3
- Information Request: 1
- Uncategorized: 21
- Out of Hours: 10
- Active Volunteers: 5
- New Volunteers: 0

6 MTH COMPARISON



UPDATES / PROPOSALS

Warm Line Shut Down Plan

- NSWarmLine.com has expired and should/will not be renewed
- Document has not been updated recently



- Document has been updated (v1.1) with the boards decision to shut down the Warm Line in 2024, with the caveat that IF long term sustainable funding is found SCMHWA is willing to continue to offer the Seniors' Safety Call Out Program.

We probably would not replace all 3 lap tops at this time due to shutting down the Association. If absolutely necessary perhaps we could afford to replace one. This is to be determined.

A new phone line for seniors called "A Friendly Voice" is advertizing on Facebook moving into Atlantic Canada. Seniors must call in to them. They don't try to make connections with local resources for the seniors that call in. This also originates out of the Ottawa area. Tamara has tried to contact them but it is very difficult. She will try again next week.

9. Seniors Center Without Walls (SCWW) Pilot Project

Kevin and Tamara are representing our Association on the working group. Kevin has agreed to help with Admin things, Tamara has agreed to Co-chair the group with Allison the ED of Spencer House. Tamara is also on the hiring committee. Spencer House is looking after pay roll and paying bills. It was agreed that Tamara should keep track of the hours she puts in on this Pilot Project in case that info may be needed in the future. The hiring of a Senior Center Without Walls Coordinator will happen very soon. Applications were received until Feb. 15th. After the coordinator is hired the focus will begin shifting towards programming options, promotion, etc. We will do Alternative programming twice a week with Spencer House. We will take turns. There are many great ideas on what to do for alternative programming. This Pilot Project is running in Nova Scotia until the end of January 2025. They already have a program in New Brunswick and plan to expand to the rest of the Atlantic Provinces.

Kelly said she could reach out across the Province to her colleagues to get names for potential Board members. The Seniors Warm Line would be reborn and seeking new finding to operate.

If we need it, Kelly can provide the use of her professional zoom account for future zoom meetings.

10. Financial Update

Marilyn noted that our bank balance to Jan. 31/24 was \$19,505.72

10. NS Mental Health Knowledge Collaborative

Nothing new to report right now. Kevin will send information to Nakita as they offer great free courses that she might be interested in.

11. TriCounty Aging Well Together Coalition

This group will have a meeting in March.

12. NSH/Community Stakeholder

A hybrid in person/online meeting is scheduled for March 4.

13. Queens County Seniors Fair

Perhaps we should attend to promote the Pilot Project Seniors Center Without Walls.

14. Next Meeting, March 20, 2024

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, February 20/24 at 10:30am in Lockeport Town Council Chambers. Mary to book it.

15. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

David Lyons
P.O. Box 507
Lockeport, N.S.
BOT-1L0

February 29, 2024

Lockeport Town Council
26 North Street
Lockeport, N.S.
BOT1L0

Dear Lockeport Mayor and Town Council:

I am writing to you today concerning a dispute we've been having with Pierce Fisheries, Clearwater, concerning a temporary ventilation system they have been installing from May to October. This ventilation system is far too noisy, which prevents us from enjoying our backyard and this noise can be heard in the house as well. Considering this system is situated right behind our backyard fence, we are getting the full discharge of noise directly through our backyard, even preventing us from enjoying our deck. As a residence and taxpayer, I am confident this issue can be resolved using land use bylaws of the town.

When Clearwater first installed this temporary ventilation system three years ago, I met and spoke with Aldan Stephens several times, spoke to his boss Mark located in Halifax (unsure of his last name) and several other employees. At first, Mr. Stephens was willing "to work with me", and Clearwater tried several things to reduce the noise such as piling up various types of noise barriers to reduce the noise, and turning the ventilation system off from late Friday night until Sunday afternoon. However, the barriers had to be taken down because of Clearwater's OH&S issues, and although not having the system running on Saturday is appreciated, we still cannot enjoy our backyard from Sunday afternoon until late the following Friday evening.

Moreover, in those early discussions with Clearwater staff it was indicated that if their scallop plant was successful, it would be likely they would put in a permanent ventilation system on the roof, where "we'd never hear it"; however, this hasn't happened and we cannot go through another 5 month period without being able to enjoy our yard that we pay taxes on. Ultimately, their temporary ventilation system would have to be located on the waterside of their building, on the roof, or not installed at all to prevent it from disrupting my family and other residences who surround this noisy system.

Again, since this is a dispute from one Town of Lockeport tax payer with another, I am confident that my elected Lockeport Town Council can expediently resolve this issue using land use bylaws.

If you require further information, please contact me at 902-319-0583 or dlyons@nstu.ca. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Best Regards,


David Lyons



February 26, 2024

Dear Mayors, Wardens, and Councillors:

Today, February 26, the Government of Nova Scotia announced *The Future of our Coastline: Nova Scotia’s plan to protect people, homes, and nature from climate change.*

This plan has 15 actions for property owners, municipalities, and the province to keep coastal homes, communities, and natural areas safer from the impacts of climate change, such as rising sea level and more frequent and intense storms which lead to coastal flooding and erosion. You can read it at novascotia.ca/coastal-plan.

Nova Scotians are a coastal people, and being near the ocean contributes significantly to our quality of life – people want to live by it and enjoy it safely. As the elected representatives of our communities, we all share the same vision – safe, sustainable, healthy, and climate-resilient communities.

Nova Scotians in every part of the province are now experiencing the negative effects of climate change. Last summer’s flooding and wildfires were a heartbreaking reminder of that. Our coast is on the front lines of climate change. In response, we are taking action. We are:

- achieving the ambitious targets set out in the *Environmental Goals and Climate Change Reduction Act*,
- providing important climate information to Nova Scotians through the first provincial Climate Risk Assessment developed since 2005,
- making significant progress on achieving the 68 goals in the Climate Change Plan,
- designating new protected areas,
- implementing a new strategy to achieve 20 per cent land and water protection by 2030, and
- introducing a new coastal protection plan that responds to specific concerns related to the impacts of climate change on our coast such as erosion, rising sea levels and coastal flooding.

We developed this plan after listening to Nova Scotians, municipalities, and other stakeholders. We also did thorough and thoughtful analysis of all possible options. It does not involve proclaiming the *Coastal Protection Act*, which was too limiting in that it only applied to new builds.

This plan is broader, more flexible, and comprehensive. It is about empowering coastal property owners to make informed decisions, supporting municipal leadership, and taking provincial action to empower our people and our communities to adapt to the impacts of climate change. It is about giving municipalities, communities and private property owners options, because one size fits all doesn’t work.

It is the best and most effective path forward to protect the coast and all homes along it – whether they were built 50 years ago or are being planned for the future.

Municipalities are leaders in climate change adaptation and mitigation, and have been for years. Every day, you are leading the change needed to make sure our communities are climate-resilient. Whether that is installing EV chargers, moving to green energy like wind and solar, greening your municipal fleet, or retrofitting buildings and installing heat pumps, you are helping prepare our province for the future.

As Mayors, Wardens, and Councillors, you are leaders in your communities, and you know them best. At the council table, you navigate difficult decisions regarding land-use planning, zoning, by-laws, policies and permits day-in, day-out. This is why we believe that municipalities are best equipped to take critical action designing and building coastal communities that are safe and resilient to climate change, especially as Nova Scotia is experiencing rapid growth. Your leadership is essential in meeting our goals, and working together we cannot fail.

We know you are working tirelessly to manage many issues and priorities and our aim is that you will see the benefits and embrace the actions in this plan. Our government will support you by:

- investing in more flood line maps for you to use in your zoning and planning work,
- investing in your climate adaptation and mitigation work through funding programs like the Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund and the Community Climate Capacity Program, and
- conducting a province-wide erosion risk assessment, and more.

In the coming months we will continue to thoughtfully engage with municipal leadership through the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities, the Association of Municipal Administrators Nova Scotia, and directly with you and your municipality.

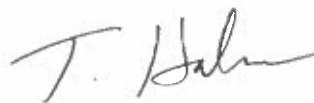
By working together, the Province, municipalities and property owners will ensure our coastal communities are designed, planned and built to help protect them from climate change impacts.

With these actions we've set out today, we look forward to continuing to work with you to create thriving, sustainable and resilient communities in Nova Scotia.

Our best regards,



Honourable John A. Lohr
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing



Honourable Timothy Halman
Minister of Environment and Climate Change

Additional Resources:

Environmental Goals and Climate Change Reduction

Act: <https://nslegislature.ca/sites/default/files/legc/statutes/environmental%20goals%20and%20climate%20change%20reduction.pdf>

Our Climate, Our Future: Nova Scotia's Climate Change Plan for Clean Growth:

<https://climatechange.novascotia.ca/sites/default/files/uploads/ns-climate-change-plan.pdf>

Weathering What's Ahead: Climate Change Risk and Nova Scotia's Well-being:

<https://climatechange.novascotia.ca/climate-impacts>

More information on the Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund is available at:

<https://nschallengefund.ca/>

More information on Community Climate Capacity Program is available at

<https://cleanfoundation.ca/cccl/>