



**TOWN OF LOCKPORT
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2024 AT 1:00 P.M.
AGENDA**

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

Draft Motion: That Council approve the agenda for the March 25, 2024 meeting as presented/with the following additions/deletions:

4. Approval of Minutes from the March 11, 2024 Regular Council Meeting

Draft Motion: That Council approve the March 11, 2024 meeting Minutes as circulated.

5. Business arising from previous Minutes

There was no business from the previous Minutes.

6. 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 questions are posed by residents the question will be recorded to be researched.

7. Presentations

Sindy Keeler (Page 1-7)

8. Department Reports

- Public Works Report (Page 8)
- Administration Report (Pages 9-10)

9. Finance

- List of Invoices already paid in the amount of \$84,263.06 (Page 11)
- Capital Budget 2024/2025 (Page 12)

Draft Motion: That Council approve Capital Budget 2024/2025 as presented

- Parasport wheelchair (Page 13-17)

Draft Motion: That Council approve spending \$2800.00 on mentoring for the parasport wheelchair.

- Western Counties Regional Library (Page 18-19)

Draft Motion: That Council approve to increase funding by 5% for Western Counties Regional Library.

- Transfer \$20,816.50 (Gas Tax Received) from General Operating Account to the Gas Tax Reserve Account

Draft Motion: That Council approve the transfer of \$20,816.50 (Gas Tax Received) from the General Operating Account to the Gas Tax Reserve Account.

10. Other Business

- Lending Town Property

Draft Motion: That Council be made aware of any Town property that anyone requests, to borrow before it be lent out.

- Email from Danielle Desjardines, RCMP Liaison, re: meeting for municipalities policed by RCMP.(Page 20-21)

11. Council Reports

- Canada Day (Mayor Cory Nickerson)
- Recreation Report (Deputy Mayor Dawn DeMings-Taylor) (Page 22-33)
- The Community Coordinator would like to attend the Atlantic Recreation & Facilities Conference in Fredericton NB, May 29-31, 2024

Draft Motion: That as recommended by the Recreation committee that Council approve the Community Coordinator to attend the Atlantic Recreation & Facilities Conference in Fredericton, NB from May 29-31, 2024 with expenses to be covered by the Town of Lockeport.

- Volunteers for May, MaryAnn Swansburg for June, Stacey Garron and July, Nancy Williams.

Draft Motion: That as recommended by the Recreation Committee that Council approve that MaryAnn Swansburg be named Volunteer of the month for May: that Stacey Garron be named Volunteer of the month for June: and Nancy Williams be named Volunteer of the month for July.

- That every reasonable effort be made to update the electronic board at the beginning of the month.

Draft Motion: That as recommended by the Recreation Committee that Council make every effort to update the electronic notice board on the first of each month with the current Volunteer of the Month.

- Letter from Bill Crosby on behalf of the Helen Ghent Tennis & Pickleball Club.

Draft Motion: That as recommended by the Recreation Committee that Council approve that the Helen Ghent Tennis Courts remain locked when not in use.

Draft Motion: That as recommended by the Recreation Committee that Council approve that a security camera option be pursued for use at the Helen Ghent Tennis Courts.

12. Correspondence

- Email from Sherry Doane, Executive Director Chamber of Commerce, re: Commercial tax break (Page 34)

13. Information Only

14. Date of next meeting

- Monday April 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

15. "In Camera"

- Personnel Issue

16. Adjournment



Thank-you Mayor Nickerson and Councilors for a second opportunity to speak to you.

This presentation will elaborate on my last one and the supporting documents I have provided. I am not an expert on these topics but I have done research, in good faith, to gain some understanding about the changes we are seeing in our communities, locally and provincially. I am open to being corrected.

When I spoke to you the last time, I made reference to the UN Agenda 21 (*1). In 1992, Canada signed onto this treaty which detailed how our government and our society were to be restructured. This agreement is still in effect today and is being implemented in our neighborhoods with the help of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) (*2), its' partner, the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) (*3) and their Partners for Climate Protection Program (PCP). It is made possible with a lot of our money.

These plans by-pass Parliament and go directly from the UN to municipalities through public/private partnerships.

Public/Private Partnerships (PPPs) :

Local level PPPs are created when towns and their publicly elected officials are consolidated/amalgamated into a municipal corporation. A corporation is a non-governmental organization which effectively privatizes public officials. In the NS Municipal Act, municipalities are described as corporations, not by their geographic boundaries. People are described in corporate terms as "a body corporate." A mayor is described as "a council member elected to be the chair of council."

Before incorporation, a mayor is an un-incorporated public trustee in a public office, outside of provincial jurisdiction and the head of the local council. Once incorporated, the mayor transfers the authority and jurisdiction of his/her public office to the municipal corporation. He/she is now only one vote around the corporate table and a PPP governing system is created.

People believe that they are electing public guardians (mayor and council members) to protect their interests and tax dollars. Instead, they are being tied to the fraudulent governing system of the UN (Canadian criminal code – fraud: section 380(1); breach of trust: section 122; false pretenses section 361-362) . In this system, local funds and assets can be spent on private initiatives like sustainable development. This is one reason why PPPs are so important to the implementation of Agenda 21. (ICLEI 1.3.2 – 1.3.6)

So that you are aware, Nova Scotia “leaves it to common law to determine whether councilors may be liable for their actions or inactions taken in their roles as council members.” (*4) Local officials may be personally liable for what they are imposing on taxpayers at their local level. Please seek independent legal advice to verify what I am saying.

A mayor under an official oath (The Towns Act, 1954)(*5) is the highest authority within their jurisdiction and is described as a “justice of the peace.” Only another justice of the peace can administer this oath. Under the Municipal Act, this oath has been changed and can be administered by councilors. Elected officials pledge allegiance to the Crown/King Charles (*6) so that without their knowledge or consent, mayors and councilors are never properly sworn in. This is another way their authority is diminished with a PPP.

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In the past, mayors and councilors made decisions that were then implemented by the CAO. Under the PPP system, an elected official partners with an unelected CAO so that with only two signatures, a corporate contract and an international agenda can be implemented. No public scrutiny is required.

The UN/ICLEI encourages partnerships with private investors, interest groups, and international development and financial institutions, to name a few. (*7)

For example, the Shelburne Municipality has signed contracts with media companies (eg. IRIS), consulting companies (eg. Stantec, ATN), and an election company (Intelivote), at a great cost to taxpayers. Intelivote was paid \$8766 in 2020. The budget for an election company this year is \$30000. Municipal corporations can incur debt, leaving us and our families on the hook for costly contracts (eg. new municipal building).

The PCP Program is another example. It was created in 1994 by the FCM as a means of implementing Agenda 21 with training and technology (*8). Once a town or municipality partners with the PCP Program, only two signatures are needed on the pre-drafted "council resolution." (*9) Partners are offered free advice and technological services. Lockeport signed on as a member in 2010.

What is the catch of this program ?

All local plans must incorporate "sustainable development" goals into decisions on by-laws, zoning, transportation, etc. to reflect the directives of UN Agenda 21 (bicycle paths, Netzero, Smart Cities) at the expense of local issues (roads, affordable energy, taxation). There are many examples on their website.

What is the rationale for the PCP Program ?

The supporting rationale for the PCP Program is the theory that changes in the weather are caused by greenhouse gas emissions as a result of human activity. (*10) They rely on IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) computer modeling data as a basis for this rationale.

We now have decades of real world data to debunk the IPCC claims and question the validity of UN plans being implemented by the FCM.

In August 2023, the World Climate declaration was issued by the Climate Intelligence Group – a group that has grown to over 1900 scientists and professionals. (*11)

They looked at the IPCC computer modeling and reports and concluded that the data is flawed and exaggerates the effect of greenhouse gas emissions. They state that there is no evidence to suggest that changes in the weather are causing more floods, droughts or natural disasters. Geological archives show that the earth has been warming and cooling for billions of years. Humans have little impact on the weather.

What do we have to show for over 30 years and billions of tax dollars to fund “sustainable development” ? We have UN directives that are resulting in :

- loss of private property rights through zoning and by-laws
- high property taxes and cost of living making home ownership unaffordable – emphasis on housing density, not single-family homes (Shelburne “pocket communities”)
- restricting mobility with high taxes on fuel and plans to phase out gas and diesel (Netzero)
- increasing monitoring and data collection (eg. Smart Cities)



- increasing taxes on all basic necessities through carbon taxes
- punishment for non-compliance (eg. Annapolis County)

As a result, towns and villages are being neglected and are being downgraded to hamlets. (*12, *13, *14)

What can be done ?

I would ask Mayor Nickerson and the Lockeport Council to :

- * review the documents provided
- * find all original motions to adopt UN programs (eg. PCP Program)
- * reconsider and rescind these motions
- * cut off all UN programs

- * restore your Mayor to his rightful authority, jurisdiction, and fiduciary/financial control by un-incorporating and taking the lawful oath
- *** protect your community and its valuable independence

Once again, I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to speak at this meeting.
Are there any questions?

References :

1. Agenda 21 – for general reference
2. Municipal Primer – for general reference
3. ICLEI Local Planning – for general reference
4. Power and Purpose, Taylor and Dobson 2020; section 4.5
5. The Towns Act, 1954
6. Elected officials oath
7. ICLEI Local Planning, pgs. 13, 14, 178, 190, Chapter 2
8. Municipal Primer, pg. 9, 29 - 34
9. PCP Resolution
10. Municipal Primer, pgs. 3, 4, 5
11. World Climate Declaration
12. Municipal Primer pgs. 11-17; 22; 38 , ICLEI Local Planning Guide pgs. 8, 10, 178, 190, Chapter 6
13. MODY “thoughts of local resident”
14. Annapolis County by-law changes – to forbid the use of vehicles, pre-fab structures or anything mounted on wheels to be used for human habitation within the municipality - additional violation/penalties allow for municipal councilors or their agents, with or without your consent, to enter your property or home for inspection (By-Law 5.34 section 2.8.1)
15. POGG pg. 6

FCM: Federation of Canadian Municipalities

MP: Municipal Primer

ICLEI: International Council of Local Environmental Initiatives

PCP Program: Partners for Climate Protection Program

PPP: Public/private partnership

IPCC: Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

CLINTEL: Climate Intelligence Group

MODY Plan: Municipality of the District of Yarmouth Plan

Public Works Report March 25, 2024

- Culvert replaced Locke St. Noah Snow's driveway.
- Ditching done on Locke St. now it has been ditched from just above said driveway and joins what was ditched last year (to Katherine Slack's culvert and out).
- Had Mark re: rock along cement ramp to beach by groaner buoy (sea had washed previous stone away).
- Measured distance and elevations to add to 'plan list' of things that D.N.R. needs to go forward in granting permission to have dunes pushed up and secured.
- Had LouTech garage door systems at sewer plant. They did a complete overhaul on our four garage doors, we were having lots of trouble with the doors.

**ADMINISTRATION REPORT
COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 25, 2024**

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED 2023/2024 FISCAL YEAR

To date, there have been six (9) building permits issued for the 2023/2024 fiscal year. (Total building permits issued for 2022/2023 was eleven (12)).

TAX COLLECTIONS

As of March 22, 2024, *taxes owing are as follows:*

- 2020 & prior = 23,196.95
- 2021 = \$ 6,266.09
- 2022 = \$ 16,979.10
- 2023 = \$73,508.34
- Total taxes owing is \$ 119,950.48**

The Federal Government is addressing the outstanding taxes owed by tenants occupying crown properties at the North Government Wharf location. I do not have anything new to report pertaining to their progress. The total of outstanding taxes on these accounts is \$3,737.84 plus \$2,511.87 interest on six Gear Shed accounts and \$20,186.09 plus \$13,634.28 interest on a sub-leased account.

Municipal Modernization

The initial Meeting to discuss Consolidation with the Town of Lockeport, Town of Shelburne and the Municipality of the District of Shelburne, that was to take place on March 20, 2024, was cancelled. The Town of Shelburne has proposed a postponement of these discussions until after the fall election.

Mayors/Wardens/CAO's Meeting

The Meeting was in the Municipality of the District of Barrington on March 20, 2024. Mayor Nickerson and I attended.

Wastewater System Upgrades

CBCL Engineering has completed the Evaluation/Assessment on our Wastewater system and has devised a change of scope for the previously funded Surge Tank Project. We have received word that the change in the scope of the project is acceptable and therefore we will still be able to access the Government Funding from the previous project. We will be completing Stage 1 and Stage 2 of the proposal which will consist of upgrades to the existing wastewater treatment facility, including upgrades to the UV disinfection system, and improved solids handling methods. This will allow for increased capacity to treat effluent, higher plant efficiency, and reduced environmental impact as well as compliance with Provincial Regulations.



Nurse Practitioner

The new Nurse Practitioner started at the Medical Centre on March 21, 2024. She had issues with a few items that the Public Works Department have already addressed. There are some lights at the Medical Centre that are very dim and likely need to be upgraded. Kevin will have Lester Swansburg take a look at the lights.

Crescent Beach Centre Manager Position

I will be advertising for a Manager for the Crescent Beach Visitor Information Centre in April, 2024.

Year End

I have been busy trying to make sure that all reports etc. that need to be done by year end (March 31, 2024) are submitted on time.

Respectfully Submitted by:

June Harding-Town Clerk/Treasurer
Town of Lockeport

(13)

Wheelchair - 5000.00 - Participation

Over 5000.00 from CPRA from
Madelayoc

Extra 2800.00 - mentoring

PURCHASE ORDER

(14)

PHONE 656-2216

FAX 656-2935

TOWN OF LOCKEPORT
LOCKEPORT, NOVA SCOTIA

TO: Lawton's Home Healthcare

ORDER NO. REC-2023/24-094

DATE: March 5, 2024

DEPT. ? Revenue Acct 15900-2-6-01

PLEASE SUPPLY THE FOLLOWING GOODS:

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
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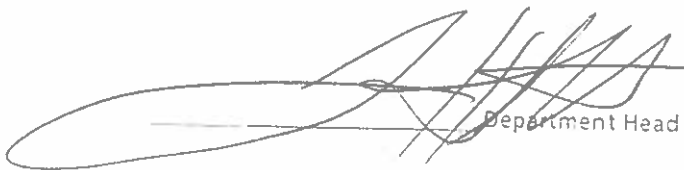
	18" x 18" Parasport wheelchair	\$5235.00
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[see attached quote]

Note: \$5000 has been received from PARTICIPATION
to offset most of this cost

Town Clerk

SEND INVOICE TO:
TOWN OF LOCKEPORT
BOX 189
LOCKEPORT, NOVA SCOTIA
BOT 110


Department Head

Lawtons Home Healthcare

Lawtons #884 Dartmouth Rehab
 90 Main Street, Westphal Plaza
 Dartmouth, NS B2X 1R5
 Tel: (902) 480-3590 Fax: (902) 481-7740
 1-800-465-4553

QUOTE #:
 159201
 DATE:
 MAR 05/24

RTYPE	NEWREPEAT	SALES REP.	AUTHORIZER	AUTH #	AUTHORIZER PHONE #	FACILITY	WRITTEN BY	DEPT	RECEIPT #
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OWN OF LOCKPORT 6 NORTH STREET LOCKPORT, NS BOT 1L0			TOWN OF LOCKPORT 26 NORTH STREET LOCKPORT, NS BOT 1L0			TOWN OF LOCKPORT 26 NORTH STREET LOCKPORT, NS BOT 1L0			
Phone: (902) 656-2216	ID: 26289	Phone: (902) 656-2216	ID: 26289	Phone: (902) 656-2216	ID: 26289				

UM CATALOG #	SHIP BO	PRODUCT ID	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TAX	AMT	AMT	CLIENT AMT	TOTAL
EA			Dept: 7500 - REHAB OPEN DEPT RGC All Court 18x18 (as per order form)	5,235.00	NE			5,235.00	5,235.00

WHEELCHAIR SPECS ATT: LOCKPORT REC DEPARTMENT	ORDERED BY	SHIP VIA	WAYBILL #	PP #
		< NOT SET		Y
ADDITIONAL SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS				

ORDER INFO: P/O# P/O# P/O#

ICING POLICY
 Lawtons Home Healthcare will not be knowingly undersold on any Home Health care power or mobility products. *If you find a lower price on a product we carry, Lawtons Drugs will match that price.*
 See Home Healthcare Consultant for full information.
 EXPIRES: 30 DAYS

ORDER FILLED BY	RECEIVED BY	CHECKED BY	DELIVERED BY

SUBTOTAL	5,235.00
HST#103004925	.00
TOTAL	5,235.00
CLIENT CHARGE	5,235.00



ACCOUNT INFORMATION

Account No: _____ Drop Ship/Ship To: _____
 Date: _____ Name: _____
 P.O. #: _____ Address: _____
 Buyer: _____ City: _____ Prov.: _____
 Marked For: _____ Postal Code: _____ Phone Number: _____

1: FRAME

Base Model

155WM14 All Court Model \$5,018

Base Frame

155BF01 Standard NC
 155BF02 Single Integral Anti-Tip NC
 155BF03 Dual Integral Anti-Tip \$250.00
Includes 5th Wheel Support at No Charge

Frame Type

155FT6 Basketball Single Wing NC
 155FT57 BB Single Wing W/Stand Up \$71.00

2: SIZE / SEATING

Frame Length

155FL50 Frame Length Short 15" NC
NA w/ 17-20" Seat Depth

155FL51 Frame Length Medium 17" NC
NA w/ 10-11" or 19-20" Seat Depths

155FL52 Frame Length Long 19" NC

155FL53 Frame Length X-Long 21" NC

Seat Width (See Seat Matrix)

155S3 12" Seat Width NC
 155S4 13" Seat Width NC
 155S5 14" Seat Width NC
 155S6 15" Seat Width NC
 155S7 16" Seat Width NC
 155S8 17" Seat Width NC
 155S9 18" Seat Width NC
 155S10 19" Seat Width NC
 155S47 20" Seat Width NC

Optional Seat Width

1/2" Seat Width is built-in when selecting Aluminum Side Guards

155OW1 1/2" Seat Width NC

Seat Depth (See Seat Matrix)

155SD3 10" Seat Depth NC
 155SD4 11" Seat Depth NC
 155SD5 12" Seat Depth NC
 155SD6 13" Seat Depth NC
 155SD7 14" Seat Depth NC
 155SD8 15" Seat Depth NC
 155SD9 16" Seat Depth NC
 155SD10 17" Seat Depth NC
 155SD11 18" Seat Depth NC
 155SD12 19" Seat Depth NC
 155SD73 20" Seat Depth NC

SEAT MATRIX

	Depth	10"	11"	12"	13"	14"	15"	16"	17"	18"	19"	20"
12"												
13"		X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
14"			X	X	X	X	X	X				
15"				X	X	X	X	X	X			
16"					X	X	X	X	X	X		
17"						X	X	X	X	X	X	X
18"							X	X	X	X	X	X
19"								X	X	X	X	X
20"									X	X	X	X

SEATING OPTIONS

155SL1 Seat Sling Standard NC
 155PN5 Seat Pan Half Deep \$137.00

Front Seat Height

155SH14 16" Front Seat Height NC
 155SH16 17" Front Seat Height NC
 155SH18 18" Front Seat Height NC
 155SH21 19" Front Seat Height NC
 155SH24 20" Front Seat Height NC
 155SH27 21" Front Seat Height NC

3. CASTERS

Caster		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	155CW1	3" Micro NC

4. REAR WHEELS

Rear Seat Height		
<input type="checkbox"/>	155RH11	13" Rear Seat Height NC
<input type="checkbox"/>	155RH13	14" Rear Seat Height NC
<input type="checkbox"/>	155RH16	16" Rear Seat Height NC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	155RH17	16" Rear Seat Height NC
<input type="checkbox"/>	155RH19	17" Rear Seat Height NC
<input type="checkbox"/>	155RH20	18" Rear Seat Height NC
<input type="checkbox"/>	155RH21	19" Rear Seat Height NC
<input type="checkbox"/>	155RH22	20" Rear Seat Height NC
<input type="checkbox"/>	155RH23	21" Rear Seat Height NC

Rear Wheel		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	155RW53	24" X/S Spoke Wheel (540) NC
<input type="checkbox"/>	155RW69	24" X/S QP HT Tnns (559) \$704.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	155RW70	24" X/S QP HT BB (559) \$704.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	155RW68	26" X/S QP HT BB Wheel (590) \$704.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	155RW72	26" X/S QP HT BB Whl (700C) \$704.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	155RW57	24" Spinergy Whl 540 Blk \$1,339.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	155RW59	24" Spinergy Whl 559 Blk \$1,339.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	155RW61	26" Spinergy Whl 590 Blk \$1,339.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	155RW63	Omit Rear Wheel & Axle (540) NC
<input type="checkbox"/>	155RW64	Omit Rear Wheel & Axle (559) NC
<input type="checkbox"/>	155RW65	Omit Rear Wheel & Axle (590) NC
<input type="checkbox"/>	155RW71	Omit Rear Wheel & Axle (700C) NC

Rear Wheel Tire		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	155RT31	High Pressure Clincher Tire NC
<input type="checkbox"/>	155RT5	Turbo Tread Tire NC

Handrim		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	155HR1	Aluminum Handrim Anodized NC
<input type="checkbox"/>	155HR4	Plastic Coat Handrim \$227.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	155HR7	Omit Handrim NC

Handrim Tab		
<i>Only available with cross spoke (x/s) wheels</i>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	155TB1	Handrim Regular Tab NC

Camber Tube		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	155CI10	16 Degree Camber NC
<input type="checkbox"/>	155CI11	20 Degree Camber NC

Axle		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	155AX4	QR Steel NC
<input type="checkbox"/>	155AX11	Quad QR Axles \$220.00

5. FOOTREST

Footrest		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	155F234	Platform NC
<input type="checkbox"/>	155F39	High Mount Platform NC
Footrest Options		
<input type="checkbox"/>	155IG20	Neoprene Impact Guards NC

Adaptive Platform Spacer		
<i>NA w/ High Mount Platform Footrest</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	155AD1	Adaptive Platform 2" Spacer \$208.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	155AD2	Adaptive Platform 4" Spacer \$208.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	155AD3	Adaptive Platform 6" Spacer \$208.00

6. BACKREST / SEATING

Back Type		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	155BT1	Folding Backrest NC
<input type="checkbox"/>	155BT3	Non Folding Backrest NC

Back Height		
<input type="checkbox"/>	155B128	9" NC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	155B133	Fixed 10 - 13" NC
<input type="checkbox"/>	155B83	Fixed 12 - 16" NC
<input type="checkbox"/>	155B134	Fixed 15 - 18" NC
<input type="checkbox"/>	155B135	Fixed 17 - 20" NC

Back Upholstery		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	155BU1	Back Upholstery Std NC
<input type="checkbox"/>	155BU13	Back Upholstery Adj Sports \$233.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	155BU14	Back Upholstery Omit NC

7. SIDE GUARDS

Side Guard		
<input type="checkbox"/>	155SG4	Plastic Side Guard Kids \$214.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	155SG3	Plastic Side Guard Reg \$214.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	155SG5	Alum Side Guard Reg \$311.00
<i>Alum Side Guards required for the 1/2" seat width option</i>		



Western Counties Regional Library

January 23, 2024

Town of Lockeport
26 North Street
P.O. Box 189
Lockeport, NS B0T 1L0

Dear Council Members,

I am writing on behalf of the Western Counties Regional Library Board to express our concerns about the sustainability of libraries and to request an additional 5% in municipal assistance to help maintain regional library services for the upcoming fiscal year.

Decades of inadequate funding and increased pressures has meant that employee wages remain low while community demand continues to rise. Libraries received a moderate funding increase in 2020 and our funding has since remained frozen as per the current funding formula, which will expire March 2025.

This year, our Board made the difficult decision to approve a deficit budget to fund wage increases. This brought the hourly wage for the majority of our frontline staff to \$18.75, which is still well below a living wage. With planned annual cost of living increases and our responsibility to compensate our employees fairly and equitably, we anticipate needing to withdraw \$60,000 from our reserve funds in 2024-2025 to support this increase. We have trimmed the fat in every area from library hours to management positions and there is nowhere else to cut without having it felt throughout the region.

We have advised Minister MacMaster of the Department of Communities Culture, Tourism and Heritage of our current financial situation and the potential for service reductions. Along with all other regional libraries, we have requested a 5% increase in provincial government assistance for 2024-2025 and have asked Minister MacMaster to initiate the Library Funding Formula review process as quickly as possible.

Thank you in advance for considering our ask for a 5% increase in assistance of \$200 for 2024-2025. We welcome an opportunity to speak to you and your council about this request and about regional library services. You may contact our Executive Director, Erin Comeau, at director@westerncounties.ca or 902-742-2486 ext. 255 if you are interested in a meeting.

We hope that by working closely with municipal and provincial partners on a funding formula review that we will find ourselves in a more favourable position a year from now.

Yours sincerely,

PP 

Sherry Thorburn Irvine
Board Chair, WCRL
Cc Ben Cleveland
Enclosures

405 Main Street, Yarmouth, Nova Scotia B5A 1G3
Tel: 902 742-2486 Fax: 902 742-6920 westerncounties.ca



June Harding

Subject: Policing Services Recipient Meeting - Liverpool
Location: 50 Queens Place Dr, Queens Place Emera Centre Community Room

Start: Mon 4/22/2024 9:30 AM
End: Mon 4/22/2024 12:30 PM
Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: Desjardins, Danielle

Hello,

I am pleased to share that the Department of Justice will be facilitating a meeting for municipalities policed by the RCMP on April 22nd in Liverpool. The meeting will include presentations on the Provincial Police Service Agreement (PPSA), policing cost recovery mechanisms as well as facilitated discussions on local policing and public safety matters. Although we will look to centre the local discussions to the vicinity of the meeting location, please feel free to attend the meeting that is most convenient. We urge you to share the invitation with relevant municipal staff, elected officials and Police Advisory Board Chairs. A virtual meeting will be scheduled at a later date as an alternative for those unable to make it to a in-person meeting. The agenda for the meeting is attached with other dates being April 25th in Springhill and April 29th in Antigonish.

To ensure adequate space and refreshments for this meeting, your RSVP (by responding to the calendar invite) is kindly requested by end of day April 12th. Should there be accessibility or dietary concerns, please reach out to me directly.

Thank-you,

Danielle Desjardins (she/her/elle)
RCMP Liaison
Public Safety & Security Division
Department of Justice | 1690 Hollis Street 1st Floor Halifax NS B3J 2L6
Cell: 902 266 8261 | Office: 902 424 6501
Danielle.Desjardins@novascotia.ca



Policing Services Recipient Meetings

Liverpool

April 22, 2024 9:30 AM-12:30 PM
Community Room – Queens Place Emera Centre
50 Queens Place Drive, Liverpool

Springhill

April 25, 2024 1:00 PM-4:00 PM
CIBC Room - Dr. Carson and Marion Murray Community Centre
6 Main Street, Springhill

Antigonish

April 29, 2024 1:00 PM-4:00 PM
Room 21 – St. Ninian Place
2239 Notre Dame Avenue, Antigonish

AGENDA

1. Introductions and Housekeeping (15 minutes)
2. Presentation: PPSA 101 (45 minutes)
3. Presentation: Policing Cost Recovery Mechanisms (45 minutes)
4. Health Break (15 minutes)
5. Feedback on Engagement (15 minutes)
6. Local Policing and Public Safety Discussion (30 minutes)
7. Wrap-up

Contact:

Danielle Desjardins
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Town of Lockeport - Recreation Committee
March 18, 2024 Meeting

Minutes

The meeting was called to order 6:00 p.m., March 18, 2024, by the Chair, Deputy Mayor Dawn DeMings-Taylor. Also in attendance were: Councillor Dayle Eshelby, Councillor Mary Meagher, Grace Garren and Community Coordinator, Frances Scott. Regrets: MaryAnn Swansburg.

Agenda:

Deputy Mayor DeMings-Taylor circulated copies of a draft agenda and asked if there were any additions. Fran asked to speak about attending a conference in May and the Chair suggested this be handled under the Community Coordinator report. A letter from Bill Crosby of the Helen Ghent Tennis & Pickleball Club was also added under new business.

It was duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as amended. Motion carried.

Minutes:

It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes from the January 15, 2024 meeting be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

Reports:

Community Coordinator - Fran stated that her report for January 10 – February 10, 2024 and her report for February 11 – March 9, 2024 was in circulated in advance by email. Those present indicated they had reviewed the reports and a few questions were forthcoming. Several questions and comments related to Play Park issues and it was noted that a discussion on this topic would take place under the facilities report on the agenda.

Councillor Meagher asked for more detail regarding the \$10,000 Age Friendly Communities grant. Fran explained that from time to time over the past

three years it has been suggested that we should have a community check in program for use during power outages, extreme weather events, etc. More recently there has been discussion at the MYML table that we need to find ways to engage the people in the community in more movement, especially those who are less active and that for our seniors going door to door to speak directly might be a good idea. Shawna Symonds and Fran talked about working together on a project to address both of these needs in regard to seniors and agreed to watch for potential funding sources. When the provincial Age Friendly Communities program was announced an application was completed with Shelb. Co. Senior Safety as a partner. The project will involve one or two seniors attempting to speak with all seniors in the Town by telephone and/or door to door to offer emergency check in registration and/or a chat about ways to add simple movement to their daily lives. The project will also host a monthly social event targeting seniors to include more senior needs research and information for seniors. When asked how much additional money would be required for the project, Fran stated that other than the in kind contributions indicated in the grant budget, there should be no other costs, but should any arise they would to be accounted for either through regular budget allocations or Make Your Move Lockeport funds.

When asked how the purchase of a parasport wheelchair was to be funded, Fran explained that we had received a \$5000 grant from Participaction, which would cover all except less than \$300, which Fran suggests should be covered by using roughly 10 percent of the \$2800 we will receive for mentorship of the the Inclusion Worker who was hired under the CPRA Youth Employment Experience Program.

It was duly moved and seconded that the Community Coordinator reports covering the period of January 10 – March 9, 2024 be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

Copies of the two reports are attached as part of these minutes.

Next Fran expressed that an Atlantic Recreation & Facilities Conference is being held in Fredericton, NB, May 29-31, 2024 and she would like to attend. At early bird member rates (available until April 7) the registration fee is \$525; Conference hotel accommodations at Delta Fredericton are \$175/night plus taxes; and round trip travel is approximately 1250 kilometers. After a brief discussion, the following motion was forthcoming.

It was duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Community Coordinator be authorized to attend the Atlantic Recreation & Facilities Conference in

Fredericton, NB, May 29-31, 2024 with expenses to be covered by the Town. Motion carried.

Fran was asked to submit the Conference information package for inclusion in Council packages for their March 25, 2024 meeting.

Facilities – A few concerns were raised that are outside the scope of the Recreation Committee and Councillor Eshelby agreed to raise these issues where appropriate. A fulsome discussion focused on Seaside Play Park. In responding to questions in regard to trying to open the Park by this weekend, Fran stated that the inspection she carried out in January had identified two safety issues to be mitigated prior to opening the park. As of this date, both issues have been addressed by Chad Stephens removing the large slide and repairing the broken roof on the weekend, followed by the Public Works Dept. filling in the holes left by the removal early today.

In speaking about the meeting in January between Fran and Ray ElShanti, who installs poured rubber playground surfaces, Fran was asked why she had not contacted Councillor Meagher or Eshelby to join the meeting as per Dawn's suggestion at the time. Fran answered that she had contacted Dawn in case she was available since she has long served as an interested playground volunteer and did not see the connection to the other two Councillors. When each Councillor indicated that they would have liked to have been contacted, Fran apologized and said she would try to do better in future.

Fran went on to report that the Enabling Accessibility funding (roughly \$42,000) was earmarked for installing a rubberized surface to create accessible pathways in the park and this would also replace pea stone for fall hazard treatments. This money is enough to cover about 1/5 of the space in the playground, and would cover more than that if a strategic approach was taken. In light of this and the requirement that the grant funds be expended by 2026, Fran is suggesting that we attempt to undertake a larger project to carry out additional fundraising and research over the next year in hopes of creating a strategic plan to carry out most playground upgrades in 2025. Fran added that she expects the Rob Eshelby memorial flower music installation would take place this year with funds provided by his daughter Layla.

Fran also noted that there are a few minor fixes that should be carried out in the Play Park in the near future, including better edging on the cargo net under the hanging tires and replacing a few thinning boards on the boat. Fran indicated that these pose no safety issues and she has spoken to Kevin to let him know that she would like them to check the tops of the swing bays along the west side of the Park, but otherwise the Play Park can be opened.

Questions regarding Playground Inspection certification were raised and Fran was asked to send information regarding this to June with a request from the Recreation Committee that she pursue having additional people (besides Fran) trained to inspect.

School update - Grace reported that March Break was last week and that was great. The group who went on the London/Paris trip have returned and had a wonderful trip. A Grad/Parent basketball night is planned for Thursday, March 21 with a junior game to start. A School Ski trip is tentatively booked for Friday, March 22.

Old Business:

Jr. Leader program – Fran indicated she has spoken with Andy Stuart about potential opportunities to award the honorariums to the four youth who completed the program, but so far it hasn't happened. It was suggested that Fran speak with Katie Thurber about doing the presentations at the Grad/Parent basketball night at LRHS on Thursday. Dawn and Grace both indicated they would be in attendance for the presentations.

Winterfest – Dawn stated that there was positive feedback on Winterfest events and the Snow Sculpture winners had been selected and awards issued. Fran outlined that two certificates were still to be delivered to winners Emily Swim and Rowan Swim, who received their prize gifts at the Closing. Fran delivered certificates and prize gifts to Jane MacKenzie for Fox & Hare Daycare and the Karen Chetwynd for Aleana and Arthur Dash.

New Business:

Volunteers – Fran passed out two copies of a document she prepared with past volunteers recognized by the Committee. MaryAnn Swansburg's name was put forward in recognition of her dedication to the Recreation Committee as a long standing member, coaching basketball and baseball, and past President of LES Home & School group, to name a few. Additional discussion brought up the previous suggestions of Nancy Williams and Stacey Garron. There was additional discussion about that fact that it is often late in the month when the volunteers are changed on the notice board and it was felt that it would be better to have the new Volunteer of the Month changed on the board at the beginning of each month. The following motions were then forthcoming.

It was duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that MaryAnn Swansburg be named Volunteer of the month for May; that Stacey Garron be named Volunteer of the month for June; and Nancy Williams be named Volunteer of the month for July. Motion carried.

It was duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that every effort be made to update the electronic notice board on the first of each month with the current Volunteer of the Month. Motion carried.

Letter – The Chair read aloud from a letter dated March 18, 2024 from Bill Crosby on behalf of the Helen Ghent Tennis & Pickleball Club.

It was duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Helen Ghent Tennis Courts remain locked when not in use. Motion carried.

It was duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that security camera options be pursued for use at the Helen Ghent Tennis Courts. Motion carried.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting was scheduled to be held Monday, April 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was put forth and the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m., March 18, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances H. Scott
Recording Secretary

Community Coordinator Report
January 10 – February 10, 2024

The following report provides notes relating to the major activities involved in my work over the past month. The report does not include minor day to day tasks such as office management, payroll submission and minor facility supervision duties.

General – Jan. 11 prepared and circulated monthly report to Rec. Committee by email – attended Jan. 15 Rec. Committee meeting and recorded minutes – Jan. 17 typed up Rec. meeting minutes and sent to Jill for Council packages;

Communities on the Move pilot – revised 6 month report and project budget on Jan. 12 and sent to Elaine for review – drafted agenda and Winterfest planning calendar, then sent out with meeting notices by email for Jan. 16 Leadership Team meeting – met with Connie on Jan. 16 to discuss how her business walkabout went and provided her with a number of resources to review in preparation for that evening’s Leadership team meeting, then printed agenda, minutes, Winterfest planning calendars, and attended meeting where I chaired and recorded minutes, later typed up minutes and submitted for inclusion in Council packages – posted twice a week on Walk Lockeport with content provided by Connie – Jan. 17 picked up pedometers from Benn and issued 6 on loan to Lockeport Pharmacy staff for use in MYM at Work step challenge – spoke with Connie about workplace step challenge interest – ordered 80 pedometers through 4 Imprint – attended provincial on line check in meeting Jan. 23 – responded to note from Sarah Moore regarding ASK program in Lockeport schools – sent out information to MYML team for meeting preparation - worked with Connie on further developing Step Challenge - attended prov. on line check in meeting on Feb. 6;

Facilities – *LRHS Gym* – connected with LRHS several times each week to keep up with gym schedule updates (also trying to recruit volunteer program helpers); *Play Park* – contacted Elise Houston in Liverpool to discuss the accessible playground project they did last fall (she spoke very highly about working with Ray ElShanti) – met with Ray at Play Park to discuss potential approaches and issues for Enabling Accessibility project; *Seacaps* – met with Connie Lamm, Will Tremain and Sue Crosby on Jan. 15 to discuss restarting Friday Markets - facilitated Markets Committee meeting Feb. 2 - checked Lighthouse stage building on Feb. 5 and discovered that the stage has a large amount of equipment covering the stage that was not put away following the Tree Lighting event (will need to follow up on this);

Ball field – reached out by email to school and minor ball reps on Jan. 17 to seek a meeting time for ball field project discussion – Jan. 22 prepared meeting agenda and later chaired meeting to outline request for proposal - fielded a few questions from contractors and then spoke with Anna at Maughans' several times to clarify issues around infield material, later followed up by email with all contractors for RFPs for infield work - received two sealed bids on Feb. 6 (one each from Mark Williams and Tyler Harris);

Recreation Centre - provided Jill with February schedule;

Capital Projects – updated list for inclusion in Council meeting packages;

Accessibility – registered for upcoming PPSB virtual meeting – prepared Memo on behalf of Councillor Balish for distribution at Jan. 22 Council meeting regarding outlining Action Plan items of accessible projects for inclusion in capital budget – registered for upcoming Foundations train the trainer workshops;

Programs – *Senior bingo* - Jan. 11 got help from Dale Roach to wrap prize gifts, then gathered supplies, set up Rec. Centre including prizes and food, Benn called bingo, Dale and I did clean up – created posters for Feb. 1 bingo, which Jill printed and Dale distributed – on Feb. 1 set up for bingo and wrapped prize gifts with help from Dale, then Benn called and I set up food area for snacks (12 players, snow in weather forecast) – created posters for Feb. 22 bingo, which Jill printed and Dale distributed ;

After School Mondays – printed info sheets and registration forms for program and took to LES on Jan. 12 for distribution to Grades Primary to 2 students - created registration lists – met with Julie Jan. 23 to talk through program issues, then sent follow up note to LES (asked Connie to support program in my absence) – picked up program snacks each week;

Wednesday Parent/Toddler program – created poster for After School Mondays, After School Fridays and Wednesday Parent/Toddler programs;

Shelb. Co. "I Am That Girl" program – attended meeting in Shelburne on Jan. 16 to plan for event to be held in Barrington for girls in Grades 7 to 10, with leadership support by girls in Grades 11 & 12 - attended meeting in Shelburne again on Feb. 7 for more planning and identified event date of May 15 with an alternate of May 29 (I will be checking in with all Shelb. Co. Principals and TCRCE busing coordinator to prepare for next meeting);

Youth Leadership Training – prepared, printed and submitted cheque requisitions for honorariums;

After School Fridays – supervised and led on Jan. 19 with Julie and two teen volunteers and 37 children – picked up program snacks each week - supervised and led on Feb. 2 with Julie and Emily-Ann (27 children);

Women's basketball – provided group with pinnies on Jan. 22;

Program development – met with Terri Dean at LES on Jan. 12 to discuss potential curling/sledge hockey try-it day for grades 3-6 – spoke with Bevin Joudrie regarding potential Bluenose Marathon event in Lockeport in May with volunteer support from RBC Royal Bank, also discussed 2024 Lockeport open golf Tournament – Connie put me in touch with a potential dance leader, who I spoke with by phone on Feb. 2;

Grants – picked up 2 sets of bench ends that arrived at Woodworkers for tennis court projects (took to public works for assembly);

Festivals - *Christmas by the Sea* – purchased gift cards and certificates from Lock, Stock & Barrel, Pharmachoice and Town Market for House Decorating prizes – created contest award certificates for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Honourable Mention and got help from Jill to print them;

Winterfest – met with Terri Dean at LES on Jan. 12 to plan for Grand Walk – circulated information among event organizers and other interested parties to promote event deadline of Feb. 2 for inclusion in promo materials, then facilitated festival schedule meeting held on Feb. 2 to fine tune details, later updated festival files and prepared meeting notes - reached out to Ryan Jamieson for assistance with Clean Up event (trailer not available, but will provide bags, gloves and pickers) - spoke with Sue Crosby, who set up Trivia event for Winterfest - checked on small details relating to a number of Winterfest events to populate event promos for flyer - designed all event promos, laid out flyers, then circulated draft of flyer for proofreading to MYML team, Rec. Committee and event organizers - created Snow Sculpture posters, which Jill printed and Dale distributed - responded to Facebook post by Emily Swim of a lovely lobster snow sculpture;

Spring into Lockeport – created and posted on Facebook about entering Snow Sculptures from now until last day of Winterfest – contacted a number of local groups and individuals to encourage organizing events;

Community Support – answered questions from Dana Nash of Town of Shelb. about tennis court upgrades – worked on thank you letters to Holy Cross Anglican, Uncle Sid's and RBC Royal Bank - booked use of Rec. Centre with Our House rep. for high school after school program to be held once every two weeks on Tuesdays – spoke with Terri Dean on Jan. 23 to make her aware of S-hook issues

on school playground swings - lent equipment to LRHS Phys. Ed. Teacher for use in teaching golf to classes;

Other Meetings, etc.:

- attended Planning meeting with June and Kevin on January 11;
- attended Recreation Committee meeting on January 15;
- attended Council meeting on January 22;
- met with Adam Dedrick in Shelburne for Kids Fair Play Fund on Jan. 17;
- attended on line meeting of Yar./Shelb. Co. Municipal Rec. Assoc. meeting held Jan. 23;
- took vacation on Jan. 24, 25, 26, 29, 30, 31, February 8 and 9, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances H. Scott
Community Coordinator

Community Coordinator Report
February 11 - March 9, 2024

The following report provides notes relating to the major activities involved in my work over the past month. The report does not include minor day to day tasks such as office management, payroll submission and minor facility supervision duties.

General - March 4 provided June with Harmony Bazaar Certificate of Insurance with Town named for their use of our facilities between December 2023 and December 2024 - March 7 provided funding information requested by June for several projects in 2022-23;

Communities on the Move pilot - sent out packages for meeting held Feb. 16, then on that date attended Leadership meeting, which I chaired and recorded minutes - met with Benn and Connie on Feb. 20 to review progress to date on current 6 month portion of plan for 23-24 and to discuss next steps for 24-25 plan - Feb. 27 requested expense details for current six months to get started on reporting for pilot, also met with Benn to discuss HPS and other issues - regular updates from Connie on her work and provided her with guidance on challenges - Mar. 8 sent out notice for MYML Leadership Team meeting on March 12 to team, Rec. Committee and Council;

Facilities - *Rec. Centre* - noticed large icicles hanging precariously off roof edge above Rec. Centre door on Feb. 22 and called Kevin, who sent Wayne to knock them down with a long pole - handled Rec. Centre booking requests, one for March and one for April - updated Rec. Centre calendar for March and provided it to Jill and June;

Play Park - reached out to Chad Stephens in late Feb. to talk about Play Park issues, but discovered he was on vacation, was able to meet with him and Dawn at Play Park on Mar. 9, later sent out email update to Rec. Committee, Council and Kevin;

Accessibility - sent out email to supplier to start order process for a parasport wheelchair - attended on line training in Accessibility Foundations on Feb. 26 for first half of train the trainer program - tuned in for the second half of the training on March 4 - met with Michelle Vacon, our new Accessibility Coordinator, on March 7 in Shelburne;

Programs - *Shelburne County Female Youth Leadership event* - contacted each High School Principal (Andy Stuart at LRHS, Jeff Rankin at SRHS and Cathy Breen at BMHS) to introduce project and discuss potential transportation approaches as well as daily start and finish times for each school - sent email to Chris Steward at TCRCE on Feb. 22 to propose busing schedule for May 15, later received confirmation that the plan looked good and all bookings should proceed by each Principal - attended organizational meeting in Shelburne on Feb. 23 - Mar. 8 sent out emails to three Shelburne County High School principals to ask them to book buses for event which now has a working title of "Empowering to Lead" Summit;

Senior Bingo - purchased a few extra prizes around Town and picked up other supplies on Feb. 22, got help from Dale to set up Rec. Centre and later called bingo and got help from Dale and Ann Roszel in the kitchen for the lunch - created posters for March 14 bingo and Jill printed same;

LRHS Gym programs - opened gym regularly on Sundays for Pickleball and basketball groups - supervised After School program on Feb. 23 with help from Julie Balish and twenty elementary students in attendance (free play and basketball) - Feb. 29 designed notice with details about special Wool Sox skating party in gym for Mar. 1 and change to Thursday for week before March Break and then emailed parents with the notice - supervised After School program on Mar. 8 with help from Julie Balish and Emily-Ann (16 elementary students in attendance for free play and basketball) - checked in on Philippines basketball and U15 Queens team on Mar. 8;

Monday After School program - contacted parents of children starting four week session on Feb. 26 to make sure they understand procedures;

Youth Basketball - arranged for games for Under 12s and Under 10s to take place in March, then on March 8 contacted parents to let them know game details;

Grants - *Recreation Facility Development program* - met briefly with Mayor on Feb. 12 to discuss application and again on Feb. 14 for signatures on application, then scanned completed application and submitted by email to NS Dept. Of Communities, Culture, Tourism & Heritage;

CPRA Youth Employment Experience program - contacted CPRA on Feb. 22 and got word that we will receive reimbursement for wages plus our mentorship money before the end of the fiscal year;

Age Friendly Communities program grant - Feb. 29 received notice of approval of \$10,000 under this provincial program to carry out community seniors programs and research relating to emergency check ins and Make Your Move initiatives over the next year (public announcements must wait for now until we are notified otherwise). We are partnering with Seniors Safety (Shawna Symonds) on this project.

Festivals - *Winterfest* - met with the Mayor on Feb. 12 to order carnival prizes using his credit card - spoke with Ryan Jamieson on Feb. 20 to arrange support for Community Clean Up, then sent him an email to connect him with Tammie Krick, event organizer - booked Yarmouth Big Bounce for Kidz Carnival - got help from Connie, Dale and Benn to gather sandwich boards and other equipment and supplies for Winterfest events - posted various events every day starting on Feb. 20 - spoke with Tammie Krick on Feb. 22 to shift focus to bottle drive portion of clean up event due to weather forecast, ended up postponing event on Feb. 24 (will be held on Saturday, April 20 (near Earth Day) due to heavy rain in forecast - returned 11" X 17" paper to MDS, which I had borrowed for printing flyers - checked in on Dancercise try-it clinic at Rec. Centre, facilitated by Ali Longley (6 participants), also printed and distributed registration/waivers for activity to those present - Trevor helped out at Skating Party at Shelb. Co. Arena on Feb. 25 with 64 skaters taking part, coordinated hot dogs and hot chocolate at canteen and distributed MYML gloves to participants, Connie connected with Salty Dogs Barkery for the Pet Walk, which had 14 participants - Feb. 26 arranged set up time for high school and got help from Benn, Connie and Rowan Goulden to load supplies, transport to LRHS and set up for evening events, then Rowan and I set up for carnival while Connie and Benn started Town birthday reception set up, Rowan, myself and six youth volunteers ran carnival with 14 children and 25 adults in attendance, while Councillor Meagher, Emily Swim, Connie and Benn

looked after birthday reception (relatively small numbers at each event, but all present enjoyed themselves), later we all packed up and went home - returned to LRHS next day to bring supplies back to office - Feb. 27 dropped off a few MYML items for prizes at Sable River Crib Night - Feb. 29 school was cancelled so we had to postpone Winter Grand Walk and I worked at letting others know, later attended Crib Night at Surf Lodge, where I gave out a few more MYML items as prizes - purchased gift cards/certificates for Snow Sculpture prizes, also designed award certificates - created event posters for use on sandwich board, then Jill printed and Connie assembled board - Mar. 1 ran Wool Sox Skating Party at LRHS with help from Julie, Emily-Ann and 22 after school participants plus two young children and two parents taking part, Connie put on hot chocolate for everyone and each child got a toque or a pair of gloves (good time was had by all), later dropped off door prizes at Trivia Night held at Legion (very good turn-out for this events with at least six new players in attendance - Mar. 2 checked in on Pickleball tournament and try-it clinic and dropped off MYML items for participants (these events also went well with 12 tournament participants and six new players out to give it a try), one gentleman had a bad fall, but he returned after a trip home and was much better, also dropped off a few door prizes to the Coffee House in the evening at the Beach Centre (at least 35 in attendance) - Mar. 3 checked in on Ready to Move Try-It Clinic where five people enjoyed taking part, most of those stuck around for our very informal Closing ceremonies at which we awarded prizes for the Crossword Scavenger Hunt at Roods Head and for the Snow Sculpture Contest (3 more people came in for the Closing) - all in all Winterfest went well with very positive feedback from those taking part;

Community Support - lent 20 stacking chairs from Rec. Centre to Independent Fisheries for use during a staff training program on Feb. 15, which they returned the next day - met with Adam Dedrick on March 7 to debrief about a presentation I made on behalf of the Kids Fair Play Fund to 100 Women of Shelburne County Who Care held in Barrington. The presentation was successful and the fund will be receiving roughly \$7000 as a result (much needed) ;

Other Meetings, etc.:

- took vacation on February 12, 13, 14, 15, 21, 28, March 6, 2024;
- took off 8 hours in lieu of overtime on March 5.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances H. Scott
Community Coordinator

June Harding

From: Sherry Doane <ExecDir@shelburnechamber.com>
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Charlene Harris; Angie Shand
Subject: Sent on behalf of Charlene Harris, President, Shelburne & Area Chamber of Commerce
Importance: High

Dear Mayors and Councils of the Towns of Lockeport and Shelburne, and Warden and Council of the Municipality of the District of Shelburne,

As you are fully aware, the property values in east Shelburne County, as well as the rest of Nova Scotia, have continued to increase steadily for the past few years with the influx of investments on improvements as well as limited property availability compared to the demand. We understand that at least in the Town of Shelburne, a number of businesses owners have stepped forward to ask their local municipality to consider reducing the commercial tax rates as the increased value has a direct impact on their upcoming taxes. We more than understand that local governments are not responsible for the value changes however, they are responsible for setting the tax rates. We are also fully aware of the comparative rates to other Towns and Districts in Nova Scotia however, we care deeply (as do you) about the impact to OUR community.

We are writing on behalf of all organizations and business owners in eastern Shelburne County to the three local Councils to consider during their budget deliberations to either allowing a one-time break to the commercial tax rate for this year or better yet, a reduction that is more aligned to the cost of living increase. Our local businesses continue to struggle to rebound from the pandemic, exacerbated by the impact of the 2023 wildfires. As you know, 2023 was an incredibly tough year for them and this impending increase to their tax bills will be obviously detrimental to one and all! This struggle has a direct impact on local employment and businesses' ability to grow (versus potentially not being able to stay in business) and we need our local governments to step up and directly help these businesses and the residual impact to the local economy.

Thank you for your consideration. The SACC looks forward to hearing what you will be doing to help your taxpayers.

Regards, Charlene Harris



Charlene Harris

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The Shelburne and Area Chamber of Commerce is located on the ancestral and unceded territories of the Mi'kmaq people, in the District of Wasoqopa'q.

We also acknowledge the history, contributions and legacies of the African Nova Scotian people and communities.