

Town of Lockeport Recreation/MYM Meeting
November 3rd, 2025
Council Chambers

Present: Deputy Mayor Anna Chetwynd, Sue Crosby, Benn Himmelman, Dawn DeMings-Taylor, Connie Lamm MYM Community Navigator, Emily Swim and Recording Secretary Mary Meagher. Rhiannon Hinerman joined the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Regrets: Jan Fiske, Will Chetwynd, Mayor Derek Amalfa.

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Anna read a letter of resignation from Councillor Candice Malik.

Approval of the Agenda: Moved by Sue, seconded by Benn with several additions; Facebook added by Dawn, Challengers Sport Email by Anna and Make Your Move Day – May 9th by Connie.
Motion Carried

Approval of the minutes of October 6th, 2025: Moved by Dawn, seconded by Emily.
Motion Carried

There were no presentations or guests this evening.

Old Business:

The Volunteer Awards will be held November 5th at the Firehall. This will be a combined Businesses and Community Volunteers.

Proposal by Heritage/Tourism Committee: Sue passed out her written response to the proposal and there was a lengthy discussion. It was pointed out that a few important historic sites were missed such as:

1. Locke Family Streetscape
2. Graveyards
3. Fisherman's Memorial

It was also noted that the Heritage/Tourism, Recreation and July 1st Committees do not have defined policies, procedures, mandates, and Terms of Reference.

It was moved by Mary and seconded by Dawn that the Heritage/Tourism and Recreation/MYM Committees as well as Town Clerk/Treasurer June Harding meet to discuss the Proposal put forward by the Heritage/Tourism Committee before it goes to Council. Motion Carried

Make Your Move Lockeport:

Turkey trot – Anna had received feedback that it was well done. It was noted that perhaps another date would have provided a better attendance as Thanksgiving Sunday is a busy day for families. Connie is working on an electronic means to recruit volunteers and to see what residents and tourists think of the events being put on.

Skating Dates – Proposed dates selected were Sunday December 28th from 1-2:30 as well as January 11th, February 15th and March 15th, all at the same time of day. Connie will check with the arena to see if these dates are possible.

Trail Cleanup – CNR trail selected for garbage pickup and brush cutting. Date decided on is Sunday November 16th starting at 11:00 a.m.

Sign update – The Sign Committee will meet again this Thursday. Sites chosen for signs are Trestle Trail, Beach Centre, Sea Caps Park (2), Cove Boardwalk, Col Locke's Beach, Calf Island Road and the (2) Bell Buoys.

Gardening – Connie meant with Bonnie Nickerson to speak about organizing a Gardening Group. There were numerous locations suggested for five raised food gardens. More on this in the future.

Make Your Move Day – Saturday May 9th. Sue and Dawn offered to organize a childrens walk/run of 2km to be accompanied by adults. We will need to speak to the RBC staff as they have donated their time in the past with this event.

Futsal Nets – This was a grant that Fran had applied for with NS Sports. There is \$900 in the bank which will pay for two indoor nets. Benn also updated that there will be a High School Wellness Day on November 28th. This will be a pickleball event. Also there is Open Gym drop in nights on November 14th and December 17th.

Playground Installation – This was completed today. There was a meeting with Andrew Goreham, Luke Swim, Anna Chetwynd and Sue Crosby on the remaining work to be done around the edges to make the playground safe and able to open. The suggested product is composite wood on three sides. Anna sang praises of the work that was done by the company that the playground equipment was purchased from and who installed it.

Playground Fundraising Group – They are carrying on with their efforts. The next phase is the edging as noted above.

School Update – The school dance was well attended, many of the teenagers passed this on to Dawn while Trick or Treating.

Facebook – If events that are put on facebook are cancelled this needs to be posted.

New Business:

Christmas by the Sea – plans are going well with 25 vendors signed up. There will be food, 50/50 tickets and a basket draw with products from many of the vendors and of course “Santa Claus”.

Park Decoration – Anna will test lights found at the lighthouse stage. Sue spoke to Sherm and there is no problem to get a tree from him. It was suggested that businesses could be solicited for donations of lights. December 5th will be the lighting of the tree and Santa visit at the firehall with games and food.

Volunteer of the Month Nominations – Motion made by Dawn and seconded by Mary that Estelle Stuart be chosen for November and Alma Cotter for December. Motion Carried

Anna read an email from Challengers Sport offering a soccer camp next summer. A motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Rhiannon to investigate this further for costs, dates and any other additional information required. Motion Carried

Mary made the request that all of the Recreation/MYM Committee members be emailed on any future developments involving the playground or any other items of concern to the committee as they arise. It was agreed by the sub-committee members that all efforts will be made for this to happen.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m. Next meeting to be held December 2nd, same time and place.