

**TOWN OF LOCKEPORT  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M.  
MINUTES**

**PRESENT:**     **MAYOR GEORGE HARDING, DEPUTY MAYOR ALONZO (LONNIE)  
TOWNSEND, COUNCILLOR DAYLE ESHELBY AND COUNCILLOR DAWN  
DEMINGS-TAYLOR**

**REGRETS:**    **COUNCILLOR JOANN SWIMM**

**1. Call to order**

The Regular Council Meeting of Monday, April 10, 2017 was called to order by Mayor Harding at 6:00 p.m.

**2. Silence Electronic Devices**

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**04-10-17-01**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved with the addition of a verbal School Advisory Committee report by Councillor Eshelby under Council Reports.**

**Motion Passed**

**4. Approval of previous minutes**

- *Regular Council Meeting Minutes, March 13, 2017*

**04-10-17-02**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes of the March 13, 2017 Regular Council Meeting be approved as distributed.**

**Motion Passed**

**5. Open Mic**

There was no one present that wished to speak during Open Mic this evening.

**6. Presentations**

- *Presentation by Sheila Bird, Shelburne County Housing Coalition (See attached as Schedule "A")*

## 7. Recommendations from Other Committees

- *Committee of the Whole March 27, 2017*

*Civic Numbering By-Law*

### 04-10-17-03

**It was duly moved and seconded that as recommended by the Committee of the Whole, if it is determined that Council has the authority to enforce the design and placement requirements of civic numbering, then a Civic Numbering By-Law will be developed.**

**Motion Passed**

*Draft Procurement Policy (Attached as Schedule "B")*

### 04-10-17-04

**It was duly moved and seconded that as recommended by the Committee of the Whole, Council adopt the Procurement Policy for the Town of Lockeport as presented.**

**Motion Passed**

*Draft Community Event Prohibited Vending (Attached as Schedule "C")*

### 04-10-17-05

**It was duly moved and seconded that as recommended by the Committee of the Whole, Council adopt the Community Event Prohibited Vending Policy for the Town of Lockeport as presented.**

**Motion Passed**

## 8. Finance

- *FCM Legal Defense Fund request*

In 1997 the Federation of Canadian Municipalities established a Legal Defense Fund to cover the legal costs of defending municipal jurisdiction over rights-of-way management. Since then, the scope of the Fund has evolved and is now an essential tool in advancing the national legal interests of municipalities in a broad range of cases that have implications for the municipal sector. The fund has been fully depleted, therefore, they are requesting a voluntary contribution from each of the member municipalities in order to continue defending the national legal interests of the municipal sector. The request is in the amount of \$50.00 plus HST.

### 04-10-17-06

**It was duly moved and seconded that the Town of Lockeport commit to an annual contribution of \$50.00 towards the FCM Legal Defense Fund.**

**Motion Passed**

## 9. Other Business

- *Cannabis Legalization and Municipal Impacts Symposium*

An invitation was received from the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities regarding a symposium on cannabis legalization and Municipal impacts. Council discussed the date of the symposium and it was evident that the timing was not good for our Council members. Information will be forwarded to Municipal Units regarding this topic when regulations become available.

- *Letter from Town of Shelburne regarding South Shore Tourism Team*

This letter was in reference to a recent request from the South Shore Tourism Team (SSTT) to the Municipal Units making up the South Shore Regional Enterprise Network (SSREN). The request is to fund a position within the SSTT. It is the opinion of the Town of Shelburne that during the development of the SSREN, it was determined that there would be a tourism component within its mandate. It was their understanding that through the established budget of the SSREN, a dedicated coordinator to the South Shore Tourism Team would be provided, therefore not requiring additional funding from Municipal Units. Lockeport's Clerk/Treasurer stated that to be her understanding as well. This issue will be discussed at the next SSREN Liaison and Oversight Committee meeting.

- *UNSM Spring Workshop*

There was no interest put forward by any of our Council to attend this Spring Workshop.

- *CEO/CAO Forum*

Notice was received of the annual CAO/CEO Forum to be held in Truro on April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Mayor Harding requested Council's approval for himself and the Clerk/Treasurer to attend.

### **04-10-17- 07**

**It was duly moved and seconded that Mayor Harding and the Town Clerk/Treasurer – Joyce Young be approved to attend the annual CAO/CEO Forum in Truro on April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017.**

**Motion Passed**

- *Meeting with Housing NS for April 12, 2017*

Because of Councillor Eshelby's involvement in the Shelburne County Housing Coalition, she has been invited to attend a meeting with Housing Nova Scotia and Cooperative Housing Federation of Canada on April 12, 2017 in Yarmouth.

### **04-10-17-08**

**It was duly moved and seconded that Councillor Eshelby be approved to attend the meeting with Housing Nova Scotia and Cooperative Housing Federation of Canada on April 12, 2017 in Yarmouth.**

**Motion Passed**

- *Memo from Joyce Young, Town Clerk/Treasurer re: Giant Lobster Trap at the Beach Centre*

The condition of the giant lobster trap that is at the Crescent Beach Centre has deteriorated to the point that it needs to be removed due to the hazards when children and adults climb onto it. Even though we have posted signs stating not to climb onto it, people are ignoring the sign. Council discussed the fact that the current trap was not constructed for this purpose; it was nothing more than a decoration on a July 1<sup>st</sup> float many years ago and was donated to the Beach Centre to put on display. Council further discussed the possibility of removing the existing trap and replace it with a stronger, interactive trap.

**04-10-17-09**

**It was duly moved and seconded that we endeavour to recruit some volunteers to assist in fundraising, dismantling and reconstructing (with the supervision of a qualified contractor) a replacement trap that is safe for interactive use to replace the current deteriorated trap at the Crescent Beach Centre.**

**Motion Passed**

- *Memo from Joyce Young, Town Clerk/Treasurer re: Condition of Trestle Walking Trail*

The condition of the abandoned CNR railway trestles that were deeded over to the Town of Lockeport in 1984 and have since then been utilized as part of a walking trail maintained by the Town, continue to show extensive deterioration. A structural assessment was conducted four years ago by ABLE Engineering which determined some required maintenance to enable its continued use as a walking trail. This work was completed by On Shore Construction at the time. Since then, there has been some erosion of armour stone and some sections that are showing signs of undermining along the shoulders. The trail itself seems to be okay for now but there are dangerous areas along the shoulder, so if someone was to step off the actual trail, they could be injured. Staff have already been instructed to address these areas, where possible. The remaining problems due to the erosion are beyond what staff can address.

**04-10-17-10**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the Town issue a Request for Information from a local contractor who is familiar with the situation at the trestles to determine a temporary remediation/repair to address the current condition.**

**Motion Passed**

The Mayor and the Town Clerk/Treasurer will continue to research possible options for the future of the trestle structures which will require additional structural assessments, request for proposals and costs. Once this information is available, Council will make a go-forward plan.

- *Lockeport & Area July 1<sup>st</sup> Celebrations grant letter from Canadian Heritage*

Notification was received from Canadian Heritage that the Town of Lockeport has been approved a grant in the amount of \$7,740 for the upcoming July 1<sup>st</sup> celebrations.

## 10. Council Reports

- *Deputy Mayor Townsend - Western Counties Regional Library Report (See attached Schedule "D")*
- *Councillor Eshelby – School Advisory Committee – verbal report*

Points of discussion at the recent SAC meeting were as follows:

- New Superintendent
- Extracurricular activities picking up since “Work to Rule”
- Classroom Conditions Committee met – recommendations presented
- Data entry has reduced for teachers – more classroom time
- Reduction in testing requirements
- LRHS scores really well in Provincial English tests
- Math scores improving
- Student support grants received
- School improvement grant
- New furniture
- Cajun Music group – French Program
- No school closure being discussed at this time
- Full evaluation in 2 – 3 years

## 11. Date of next meeting

*Monday, May 8, 2017*

## 12. Adjournment

There being no further business, **It was duly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Time 7:36 p.m.**

**Motion Passed**