

**TOWN OF LOCKEPORT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

**PRESENT: MAYOR GEORGE HARDING, DEPUTY MAYOR JOANN SWIMM,
COUNCILLOR DAYLE ESHELBY, COUNCILLOR DAWN DEMINGS-
TAYLOR, COUNCILLOR ELECT KENT BALISH, TOWN
CLERK/TREASURER JOYCE YOUNG.**

1. Call to order

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Harding at 6:00 p.m.

2. Silence Electronic Devices

All Electronic Devices were silenced at this time.

3. Swearing in of Councillor Elect Kent Balish

Councillor Elect Kent Balish came forward for swearing his Oath of Allegiance and of Office delivered by Joyce Young, Town Clerk/Treasurer.

4. Approval of Agenda

09-11-17-01

It was duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion Passed

5. Approval of previous minutes

- *Regular Council Meeting Minutes, August 14, 2017*

09-11-17-02

It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of August 14th, 2017 be approved as distributed.

Motion Passed

6. Open Mic

There was nothing from the gallery this evening.

7. Presentations

There were no Presentations this evening

8. Recommendations from Other Committees

- *Committee of the Whole, August 28, 2017*
- *Bush Clearing on Brighton Road*

09-11-17-03

It was duly moved and seconded that as recommended by the Committee of the Whole that the Public Works Department be requested to conduct additional bush clearing along Brighton Road as part of the regular annual maintenance.

Motion Passed

- *Low Income Tax Exemption*

09-11-17-04

It was duly moved and seconded that as recommended by the Committee of the Whole that the Low Income Tax exemption Income Cap be set annually at the Guaranteed Income Supplement cut-off, as set by the Government of Canada and the exemption amount remain at \$150.00.

Motion Passed

- *Follow up from Harbour Authority Bookkeeper, Sheila Acker*

09-11-17-05

It was duly moved and seconded that as recommended by the Committee of the Whole that the Town of Lockeport request permission from the Harbour Authority to place a portable toilet on the South Government Wharf for the months of July and August to accommodate the peak of the tourist season as well as the annual summer events held in that location at an approximate cost of \$500.00 per year.

Motion Passed

9. Finance

10. Other Business

- *Council Code of Conduct*

Mayor Harding, Deputy Mayor Swimm, Councillor Eshelby, Councillor DeMings-Taylor and Councillor Balish declared their commitment to the Council Code of Conduct Policy.

- *The Solar Electricity for Community Buildings Pilot Program*

There was an extensive discussion regarding participation in a proposed solar electricity pilot program for community buildings. There is a great deal of information required by Council for making an educated decision. It was suggested that Council proceed at this time with making application which is due by September 29, 2017.

09-11-17-06

It was duly moved and seconded that Council acquire additional information and if we have sufficient knowledge by September 29, 2017 then application will be completed and submitted.

Motion Defeated

Council will gain further information regarding the possibilities of participating in solar power projects in the future.

- *Town of Lockeport Committees list*

The list of committees was provided to Council for their review with the intention of addressing committee appointments at a future meeting.

- *Resolutions Meeting*

Mayor Harding will be attending this session on September 22, 2017 in Liverpool.

- *Certificate of Appreciation from Lockeport Sea Derby*

Annually, the Town of Lockeport provides office space for the Lockeport Sea Derby operation at no cost to the organization as well as free photocopy and fax services. In recognition of the contribution by the Town of Lockeport, the Town has received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Lockeport Sea Derby.

- *NS Association of Police Governance/NS Association of Chiefs of Police Fall Conference*

The Shelburne County East RCMP Advisory Board has been invited to send a representative to the Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance/Nova Scotia Association of Chiefs of Police Fall Conference.

09-11-17-07

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the expenditure of up to \$217.00 as the Town's share for a representative to attend the Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance/Nova Scotia Association of Chiefs of Police Fall Conference.

Motion Passed

- *FCM Sea Level Rise Action Plan Project*

The Town of Lockeport has been invited to participate in a program called Educating Coastal Communities about Sea Level Rise and creating a Sea Level Rise Action Plan. Considering the vulnerable location of the Town of Lockeport it was discussed how important it is for the Town to continue participating in such opportunities.

09-11-17-08

It was duly moved and seconded that the Town of Lockeport participate in the Sea Level Rise Action Plan Project and that a letter of commitment be forwarded to the NS Ecology Action Centre.

Motion Passed

11. Council Reports

There were no written reports received from Council, however Deputy Mayor Swimm gave a verbal report on two events that she recently attended on behalf of Council. One was an event held in honour of two local young men heading off to serve in the military – James Hanf and Calvin Mahaney. The second event the Deputy Mayor attended was the Gospel Music Concert held on September 8th & 9th which was dedicated in memory of former Deputy Mayor Lonnie Townsend.

Mayor Harding provided a verbal report on a two day Regional Enterprise Network (REN) Conference in which he attended in Cape Breton. Each REN presented a success story from their region. Mayor Harding stated his disappointment in the South Shore REN with regard to the lack of progress this REN is making. The Liason and Oversight Committee will be addressing this in the near future.

Mayor Harding stated his disappointment in the lack of attention given to Lockeport by the reporter employed by the Tri-County Vanguard responsible for covering this area. It was noted by several members of Council that the quality of the reporting of this area has been very unprofessional for some time.

Mayor Harding also reported to Council that his request to the administration of Roseway Manor regarding receipt of resolutions being developed by the law firm representing the Manor has not been met. He will send off an additional email to the administrator urging her to provide this information asap.

12. Correspondence

09-11-17-09

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve acceptance of the correspondence.

Motion Passed

- *Letter from Mark Furey*

This letter was acknowledging receipt of our letter to him regarding the Town's participation in the Joint RCMP Advisory Board. He has provided his approval for the establishment of the Joint Board.

- *Letter to the Honourable Iain Rankin from Warden Abe Zebian Region of West Hants*

This letter was addressing concerns of West Hants regarding the burning of tires. Mayor Harding is requesting that this topic be added to the agenda of the next Region 6 Steering Committee.

- *Letter to MP Bernadette Jordan and MLA Kim Masland from Warden Penny Smith, Municipality of the District of Shelburne.*

This letter was in support of establishing a Doppler Radar System in Southwest Nova Scotia. The Town of Lockeport has also recently sent a similar letter regarding this subject.

13. Date of next meeting

Tuesday, October 10, 2017

14. "In Camera"

Nothing this evening

15. Adjournment

09-11-17-10

There being no further business, it was duly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Time 7:45 p.m.

Motion Passed

George Harding,
Mayor

Joyce Young,
Town Clerk/Treasurer