

**TOWN OF LOCKEPORT
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2017 at 9 A.M.
LOCKEPORT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
MINUTES**

PRESENT: MAYOR GEORGE R. HARDING, DEPUTY MAYOR JOANN SWIMM, COUNCILLOR DAYLE ESHELBY, COUNCILLOR DAWN DE-MINGS TAYLOR, COUNCILLOR KENT BALISH AND RECORDING SECRETARY, JUNE HARDING

1. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Harding at 9:00 a.m.

2. Introductions

Mayor Harding introduced everyone.

3. Silence of Electronic Devices

Mayor Harding asked for all electronic devices to be silenced at this time. Mayor Harding explained to the students that this is done because cell phones ringing and making noises during meetings can be very disruptive.

4. Approval of agenda

11-22-17-01

**It was duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved with the following addition:
Under the list of student concerns after Playground Hours (Kaitlyn): No more chemicals in
Fruits & Veggies concern from Chanelle & Will.**

Motion Passed

5. Temporary Borrowing Resolution for Heat Pump systems

The Heat pumps are to be installed in the Recreation Centre and the Town Office.
Joyce gave a quick explanation about Capital Borrowing and the following motion was made:

11-22-17-02

It was duly moved and seconded that:

WHEREAS Section 66 of the Municipal Government Act provides that the Town of Lockeport, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, may borrow to expend funds for a capital purpose authorized by statute;

AND WHEREAS clause 65 of the Municipal Government Act authorizes Town of Lockeport to expend funds for the capital purposes of:

- Furnishing and equipping any municipal facility; public grounds, squares, halls, museums, parks, tourist information centres and community centres.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

THAT under the authority of Section 66 of the Municipal Government Act, the Town borrow a sum or sums not exceeding Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) in total for the purposes set out above, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs;

THAT the sum be borrowed by the issue and sale of debentures of the Town to such an amount as the Council deems necessary;

THAT the issue of debentures be postponed pursuant to Section 92 of the Municipal Government Act and that the Municipality borrow from time to time a sum or sums not exceeding Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) in total from any chartered bank or trust company doing business in Nova Scotia;

THAT The sum be borrowed for a period not exceeding twelve (12) months from the date of the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs of this resolution;

THAT the interest payable on the borrowing be paid at a rate to be agreed upon; and

THAT the amount borrowed be repaid from the proceeds of the debentures when sold.

Motion Passed

6. Topics brought forward by Grade 4/5 Class (Attached)

- *Play Park (Bella, Brooke & James)*

Deputy Mayor Swimm addressed Bella and James's concerns about the Play Park.

Frances Scott, Community Co-Ordinator has asked a contractor to assess the Play Park for needed repairs.

The tire swing had become a safety issue and cannot be put back where it was originally. This item will be discussed by Council.

It was determined that because the playpark closes at dusk there should be no need for more lighting.

- *No smoking (Hailey, Dakota & Ben)*

Councillor Eshelby addressed Hailey, Ben and Dakota's concerns about No Smoking in the Town.

Council have already made all public areas in the Town of Lockeport Smoke free and will check with other Municipal Units to determine possible ways to stop smoking in the whole Town.

- *No Bullying (Dakota, Ben & Hailey)*

Mayor Harding addressed the No Bullying concerns brought forward by Dakota, Ben and Hailey. Mayor Harding encouraged the children to be kind and generous to everyone and offer help when needed. Speak up and take the power and audience away from the bullies. Bullying starts at a young age and sometimes continues into adulthood.

Mayor Harding showed the children the Mayor's Chain of Office and told them that he wears it on special occasions such as this.

- *Playground hours (Kaitlyn)*

Councillor De-Mings-Taylor addressed the concern brought forward by Kaitlyn. Councillor DeMings-Taylor told Kaitlyn that Council will discuss putting up a new sign and changing the open hours of the Playpark.

The Playpark is locked up for the winter months.

- *No more Chemicals in Fruits & Veggies (Chanelle & Will)*

Councillor Eshelby addressed the concerns brought forward by Chanelle & Will. Councillor Eshelby reminded the students that the school has a greenhouse already that would be a good place to start. Also there is currently a Community garden located behind the Library. Volunteers are needed to make all these programs work.

The Anglican Church property does not belong to the Town of Lockeport but if a group of students wanted to work together and ask to use the property as a Community Garden they are encouraged to do so.

- *Town Green Land*

Mayor Harding addressed the concerns regarding not enough farm land in the Town of Lockeport. Mayor Harding informed the students that because of the small size of Lockeport that farm land is limited. Mayor Harding has been granted permission to use a piece of land behind M.S. Huskison's Garage.

Council is looking at planting fruit trees in Town. Mayor Harding reminded the students that the Community Garden has been behind the library for 3 years now and has never had damage done to it.

- *Bully's on the playground*

Councillor DeMings-Taylor addressed the concerns of Bully's on the Playground by telling the children to stick together. The children can always call Frances if they have a problem as well.

- *Safety on the Lockeport Causeway*

Councillor Balish addressed the student's concern about how fast traffic travels on the causeway. Councillor Balish agrees that even though the posted speed limit has been lowered to 30km per hour speeding has remained a concern on the causeway.

- *Dog Parks*

Deputy Mayor Swimm addressed the students concerns regarding a Dog Park. Deputy Mayor Swimm explained to the students that when the dogs were allowed on the soccer field it became a health risk for all the children playing on the field.

There has been a lot of research done on the requirements of having a Dog Park and the result is that there are a lot of regulations that need to be followed such as a certain size lot requirement ; different areas for different size dogs etc. The Town of Lockeport does not have the space or the resources to create a Dog Park or for the enforcement of regulations.

- *Thank You letter to Town Council*

Mayor Harding accepted the Thank You letter from the students and thanked them for having Council at their school.

Mayor Harding explained that because 2017 is Lockeport's 110th Birthday and Canada's 150th Birthday there have been many celebrations take place in Town. Mayor Harding expressed the extreme importance of volunteers for all events that take place.

- *Bullies on the Playground (Grace Anderson)*

Deputy Mayor Swimm addressed the concern by Grace Anderson regarding Bullies on the Playground. Deputy Mayor Swimm advised the students to be brave and speak out. Send a message to the bullies that bullying is NOT OK.

- *Shows*

Councillor Eshelby addressed the student's next issue regarding Shows in the Town of Lockeport and stopping violence in shows.

Councillor Eshelby explained that there are certain things that Council can and cannot do but they can support the students in their endeavors. Councillor Eshelby encouraged the students to make short videos depicting ways to stop violence and maybe share them on You tube. Also students must realize that they can make choices about what they watch and don't watch.

- *Safety for the Park (Tait Harlow& Dylan Snow)*

Councillor DeMings-Taylor addressed Tait and Dylan's issues with the play park. The issues that need to be fixed like the picnic table, signs, poles, beams and slides are being addressed by Community Co-Ordinator, Frances Scott. There is already a supervised program at the play park through the summer months and the tires were replaced this year. Council will discuss the issues of a sign saying "No weapons allowed", and Camera in the Park.

The Play Park will open at 8:00 a.m. and close at dusk. If it is a special occasion it may stay open a bit later.

- *Dear Town Council letter (Qyiara Alise Harlow)*

Mayor Harding addressed the issues presented by Qyiara regarding Town décor. Mayor Harding likes her ideas and we actually have already implemented some of these things already. There are many flowers and shrubs that have already been planted in Town. We currently have benches around that could be brightly painted.

Mayor Harding explained that when applying for the Canada 150 grant they wanted to put all the Canadian flags along SeaCaps Park but flags were not an eligible item. However, the banners that fly throughout Brighton, the Island and along the boardwalk are very colourful and inviting.

The subject of the Sea walls is of great concern to Council and Mayor Harding explained that Council is currently in the process of having an assessment of the causeway done.

Mayor Harding thanked the students for providing the venue for the Special Council Meeting of November 22, 2017.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss it was duly moved and seconded that the Meeting be adjourned. Time 10:55 a.m.

Motion Passed

**George R. Harding,
Mayor**

**Joyce young,
Town Clerk/Treasurer**

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