

**TOWN OF LOCKEPORT  
COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2019  
MINUTES**

**PRESENT: MAYOR GEORGE HARDING, DEPUTY MAYOR JOANN SWIMM,  
COUNCILLOR KENT BALISH, COUNCILLOR DAYLE ESHELBY AND  
COUNCILLOR DAWN DEMINGS-TAYLOR**

**STAFF PRESENT: TOWN CLERK/TREASURER JOYCE YOUNG AND  
COMMUNITY COORDINATOR FRANCES SCOTT**

**1. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Harding at 1:00 p.m.

**2. Silence Electronic Devices**

All electronic devices were silenced at this time.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**04-23-19-01**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved with the following  
addition: Under Other Business; Format of second monthly meeting.**

**Motion Passed**

**4. Approval of minutes**

- *Council meeting April 8, 2019*

**04-23-19-02**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes from the Council Meeting of April  
8, 2019 be approved.**

**Motion Passed**

**5. Department Reports**

- *Fire Department*

Unavailable

- *Recreation Report (Attached as Schedule "A")*

Fran reported that the Recreation Committee are working on a facility policy. On completion it will go to the Recreation Committee and then to Council.

Fran gave an update on the dugout. Chad Stephens will be doing the project. Weather has been an issue and there is a crack in the concrete. Bill Suttle will need to repair the concrete before the roof can be done. Ball season will start soon.

Fran went over several upcoming events concerning July 1<sup>st</sup> and Lobster Festival;  
Clearwater contribution of \$2500.00  
Relay for Life scheduled for June 7  
Lobster Festival June 6-9

Bluenose Marathon – Candice Malik and Bevin Jodrie are helping to organize 1 km and 5 km routes. Perhaps a 2 km route as well. This will be through Ecology Action Centre and a grant from RBC. This may be a continuing event even if it is not through Bluenose.

Deputy Mayor Swimm – July 1<sup>st</sup> – Cat group has agreed to continue with the 50/50 split.

- *Public Works*

Unavailable

- *Administration Report (Attached as Schedule “B”)*

The Town Clerk Treasurer reported that Engineers are coming to speak to Council and the Public on the report they submitted for recommendations and design of how to address the issue of the vulnerability of the Locke Street Causeway.

## **6. Economic Development**

- *Future Proofing Lockeport report*

There will be a meeting on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m. at the Beach Centre. This is a Community endeavour with the core group to be established at this meeting. In the interim the contact is Councillor Dayle Eshelby.

- *Email from Becky Williams*

Good to see interest in the Community. There was a discussion around concerns and issues with securing staff/individuals working on tourism promotion.

- *Email from Shelburne County Tourism Association*

The Shelburne County Tourism Association will be holding a facilitated engagement session on May 8<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 4:30pm at the CBDC Conference Room in Shelburne. Councillor Eshelby will attend to gather information.

## **7. Finance**

- *List of invoices to March 31, 2019 in the amount of \$57,299.10*
- *List of invoices from March 31 to April 17, 2019 in the amount of \$36,047.15*
- *Notification of Canadian Heritage grant.*

A letter on behalf of the Minister of Canadian Heritage and Multiculturalism has been received stating that a Grant in the amount of \$7,950 has been awarded to help in the Lockeport & Area July 1<sup>st</sup> Celebrations This falls under the Celebration and Commemoration Program, Celebrate Canada Component.

- *Request for funding Future Proofing Lockeport*

In previous years funds have been allocated to RENS which has now disbanded so Council agreed to put \$849 in the 2019/20 budget to be allocated to The Centre for Local Prosperity. Funds will be used to move things forward and also consist of contributions from individuals at the original Future Proofing Lockeport meeting.

**04-23-19-03**

**It was duly moved and seconded that \$849.00 be earmarked for The Centre of Local Prosperity in the upcoming budget, to be used towards Future Proofing Lockeport.  
Motion Passed**

- *Federal Gas Tax one-time payment*

The Town Clerk/Treasurer went over the letter from the Nova Scotia Department of Municipal Affairs outlining this one-time payment that will be a top-up to the 2018-19 allocation. The Town Clerk/Treasurer stated that this could certainly help with projects that need to be done in town.

- *MDS Summer Program brochure*

There was a discussion around whether the half panel that the Town of Lockeport purchased in the previous program was beneficial in increasing the participation in the Town programs last summer. There was really no way to know. It was commented on that more and more people rely on electronic means to gather information on activities and programs. Perhaps in the future a survey could be performed.

**04-23-19-04**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the Town of Lockeport would buy a half panel in the 2019 Municipality of the District of Shelburne Summer Programs brochure, at a cost of \$250.00.**

**Motion Passed**

**8. Other Business**

- *RCMP priorities for 2019/2020*

There was a discussion on the effects of the 30 km speed limit and whether it has made an impact. Council agreed that they have seen a positive effect.

Priorities for 2019/2020 are:

1. All traffic violations
2. Presence in school
3. More foot patrol with social connection/interactions

- *Town of Shelburne request for letter of support*

**04-23-19-05**

**It was duly moved and seconded that a letter of support in the Town's effort for obtaining external funding for the Town of Shelburne Marine Terminal Facility be sent.**

**Motion Passed**

## 9. For Information

- *Federal Bill-68 – Amendment*

The Town Clerk/Treasurer explained that the amendment Bill C-68 which is currently before the Senate, reverses changes to the Fisheries Act that had come about through the previous Bill-68. This will result in additional costs to property taxpayers and municipalities when they are implementing various flood mitigation projects.

- *Format of monthly 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting*

Mayor Harding has been rethinking the plan of not having an open mic or presentations in the 2<sup>nd</sup> monthly meeting. Often times there have not been a large amount of either at the Regular Council meetings and therefore he suggested that open mic and presentations be put on the agenda of the 2<sup>nd</sup> monthly meeting after staff reports.

It was also discussed that staff reports need to be submitted in writing especially if they are unable to be in attendance. As well the staff members should be encouraged to attend on a regular basis.

**04-23-19-06**

**It was duly moved and seconded that staff members be in attendance at the 2<sup>nd</sup> monthly Council meetings and written reports be submitted.**

**Motion Passed**

## 10. Correspondence

- *Email from Department of Health and Wellness Re: Tick check basics*

Fran requested that Joyce send her the electronic poster of the Tick check basics. The poster has also been posted in the Town Hall foyer. This information was also included in the Mayor's Spring Newsletter.

## 11. Date of next meeting

- *Monday, May 13, 2019*

## 12. "In Camera"

## 13. Adjournment

**04-23-19-07**

**There being no further business, it was duly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Time 3:45 p.m.**

**Motion passed**

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**George R. Harding,**  
Mayor

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**Joyce Y. Young,**  
Town Clerk/Treasurer