

**TOWN OF LOCKEPORT
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 13, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

Present: Mayor George R. Harding, Deputy Mayor Joann Swimm, Councillor Dawn DeMings-Taylor, Councillor Dayle Eshelby, Councillor Kent Balish, Town Clerk/Treasurer, Joyce Young and Recording Secretary, June Harding

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. Approval of Agenda

05-13-19-01

It was duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved with the following addition(s): Under Other Business (a) June 8th Bluenose Marathon; (b) Roseway Manor (c) Email from the Municipality of the District of Shelburne re: Fibre Internet Project and (d) Caroline Godin re: garbage.

Motion Passed

4. Approval of minutes

- *Council meeting April 23, 2019*

05-13-19-02

It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of April 23, 2019 be approved.

Motion Passed

5. "Open Mic"

There was no one present for Open Mic this evening.

6. Presentations

- *Artisans and Crescent Beach Centre Proposal (Attached as Schedule "A")*

Janice Fiske and Elsie MacDonald presented their ideas for a local "Artisans Gift Shop" to be located at the Crescent Beach Centre and it was discussed at great length. They have had several artisans already interested in participating.

Council addressed the topic of a section of the building being assessed Commercial taxable in the event of renting to a Commercial venture such as this. Mayor Harding feels that the tax issue is something that has to be accepted to move forward. Councils have looked at ways to utilize the Crescent Beach Centre more. Council are all in favour of the Artisan's Gift Shop with an agreement in place. The group would like to open on June 1, 2019.

Deputy Mayor Swimm is very concerned about Harmony Bazaar being displaced so there needs to be a conversation between Council and representatives from Harmony Bazaar. After further discussion the following Motion was made:

05-13-19-03

It was duly moved and seconded that contingent on a satisfactory agreement being reached between the Town of Lockeport and the Artisan's Co-Op, and an alternate location found for Harmony Bazaar to operate, Council is in favour of the Artisan Co-Op moving forward with their venture at the Crescent Beach Centre .

Motion Passed

7. Finance

- *July 1st grant from the Municipality of the District of Shelburne*

The Town of Lockeport has received a grant for \$5,000.00 from the Municipality of the District of Shelburne to assist in the planning and implementation of the 2019 Lockeport & Area July 1st celebrations.

- *Lockeport Visitor Information Centre grant from the Municipality of the District of Shelburne*

The Town of Lockeport has received a grant for \$3500.00 from the Municipality of the District of Shelburne to be used to assist in the operation of the Lockeport Visitor Information Centre.

- *List of invoices already paid for March in the amount of \$5,857.15*

8. Other Business

- *May 4th litter cleanup update*

The Clean-up went very well this year with many bags of garbage collected.

There was a discussion regarding the amount of cigarette butts and garbage that has accumulated over the winter in front of the bench on the corner of Beech and Hall Streets and at the rest area by the Post Office.

Mayor Harding will talk with Beech Street Studios and Atlantic Heights regarding the butt issues. It was noted that maybe this cleanup could be done before the Easter egg hunt every year if possible.

- *Bluenose Marathon – June 8, 2019*

Mayor Harding explained that the Bluenose Marathon will be taking place during the week of the Shelburne County Lobster Festival.

The Marathon organizers would like to mark out the route for the run with spray painted lobsters on the side of the pavement.

The following motion was made:

05-13-19-04

It was duly moved and seconded that Council give the Bluenose Marathon organizers permission to spray paint lobster stencils on the side of the roads to show the route for the run on June 8, 2019.

Motion Passed

- *Roseway Manor*

Mayor Harding reviewed a letter that he was asked to compile as Chairperson of the Roseway Manor Board, addressed to the Town of Shelburne, the Municipality of the District of Shelburne and the Town of Lockeport, regarding removing Municipal participation from the Corporation by following proper protocol.

The following motion was made:

05-13-19-05

It was duly moved and seconded that Council agrees to cover the Town of Lockeport share of legal fees for being removed from the Roseway Manor Corporation. The legal fees are expected to be between \$3,000.00 and \$4,500.00. This approval is pending the participation of all three units. The Board will engage the firm Wickwire & Holm to guide the Board through this process.

Motion Passed

- *Email from Tom MacEwan, CEO, Municipality of the District of Shelburne re: Fibre Internet Update*

This email was an update on the status of the Fibre Internet project that the Municipality of the District of Shelburne has undertaken.

- *Email to Councillor Balish from Caroline Godin re: Garbage*

Caroline has concerns about garbage and cigarette butts being tossed on the ground throughout the Town. She reported that Carla at the Post Office has approached some of the folks that smoke while sitting in the rest area by the Post Office about leaving cigarette butts around. She intends to put a “No Smoking” sign up at this rest area.

The bench across the street is also presenting a problem with smokers leaving cigarette butts and garbage around. It was suggested that we put buckets/100 ounce cans of sand by this bench and by the Recreation Centre entrance to encourage smokers not to throw their butts on the ground.

Councillor Balish will respond to the concerns in Ms Godin’s email.

Mayor Harding also suggested that residents/citizens have the right to say something when they see people throwing butts/garbage on the ground.

9. Council Reports and Meetings attended:

- *Councillor Dayle Eshelby*

April 4 – Town Meeting - Lockeport
April 8 – Town Council Meeting – Lockeport
April 15 – Recreation Meeting – Lockeport
April 18 – Budget Meeting – Lockeport
April 23 – Town Council Meeting – Lockeport
April 25 – Future Proofing Lockeport – Lockeport
April 29 – Budget Meeting – Lockeport
April 30 – Roseway Manor Board Meeting - Shelburne

- *Councillor Dawn DeMings-Taylor*

April 4 – Housing Coalition – Shelburne
April 8 – Council Meeting – Lockeport
April 10 – RCMP Advisory Board Meeting – Shelburne
(Report attached as Schedule “A”)

April 15 – Recreation Meeting – Lockeport
April 18 – Budget Meeting – Lockeport
April 23 – Council Meeting – Lockeport
April 24 – Volunteer Awards – Shelburne
April 29 – Budget Meeting – Lockeport

Councillor DeMings-Taylor has forwarded the Town of Lockeport’s priorities to the RCMP.

- *Councillor Kent Balish (Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities Spring Workshop Report, (Attached as “Schedule”B)*

April 6 – Rural NS Health Care – Shelburne
April 8 – Council Meeting – Lockeport
April 10 – RCMP Advisory Board Meeting – Shelburne
April 16 - Rural Health Crisis – Shelburne – Rescheduled
April 18 – Budget Meeting – Lockeport
April 23 – Council Meeting – Lockeport
April 24 – Volunteer Awards – Shelburne
April 25 – Future Proofing Lockeport – Lockeport
April 29 – Budget Meeting – Lockeport
April 30 – Rural NS Health Crisis – Shelburne – Rescheduled

Councillor Balish reviewed the events from the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities Spring Workshop that he attended in early May. Councillor Balish felt this was a fantastic conference.

- *Deputy Mayor Joann Swimm*

April 4 – Trestle Information Session – Lockeport
April 8 – Council Meeting – Lockeport
April 11 – July 1st Meeting – Lockeport
April 18 – Budget Meeting – Lockeport
April 23 – Council Meeting – Lockeport
April 24 – Volunteer Awards – Shelburne
April 25 – July 1st Meeting - Lockeport

- *Mayor George R. Harding*

April 1 – 45th Provincial Volunteer Awards – Halifax
April 2 – Office Hours – Lockeport
April 3 – Office Work – Lockeport
April 3 – Interview re: Shelburne County Tourism Association – Lockeport
April 4 – Office Hours – Lockeport
April 4 – Fun Run Meeting with RCMP – Lockeport
April 9 – Office Hours – Lockeport
April 11 – Office Hours – Lockeport
April 11 – July 1st Meeting – Lockeport
April 16 – Office Hours – Lockeport
April 17 – Beach Stewardship Meeting – Lockeport
April 17 – Webinar with Atlantic Infrastructure Management – Asset Management Cohort Group – Lockeport
April 18 – Office Hours & Budget Meeting – Lockeport
April 23 – Office Hours - Lockeport
April 23 – Council Meeting – Lockeport
April 24 – Shelburne County Volunteer Reception – Shelburne
April 25 – Office Hours – Lockeport
April 25 – Future Proofing Lockeport – Lockeport

April 26 – Meeting with our Provincial Municipal Advisor – Lockeport
April 29 – Budget Meeting – Lockeport
April 30 – Roseway Manor Board Meeting - Shelburne

10. Correspondence

05-13-19-06

It was duly moved and seconded that the correspondence be accepted.

Motion Passed

- *Email from the Honourable Iain Rankin, Minister of Natural Resources regarding Forest Management*
- *Letter of appreciation from Cindy Embree, volunteer of the Year for 2019 for the Town of Lockeport*

11. Information Only

- *Municipal Physical Activity Leadership Program*

Joyce reviewed past information on this program.

- *Summary of Bill 92: Power to Expand*
- *Memo from Nova Scotia Power re: Disconnection for Non-Payment*

12. Date of next meeting

- *May 27, 2019 at 1 p.m.*

13. “In Camera”

14. Adjournment

05-13-19-07

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned. Time 8:30 p.m.

Motion Passed

**George R. Harding,
Mayor**

**Joyce Young,
Town Clerk/Treasurer**