

**TOWN OF LOCKEPORT
COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2019 AT 1:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

Present: Mayor George R. Harding, Councillor Dayle Eshelby, Councillor Dawn DeMings-Taylor, 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 1:00 p.m.

2. Silence Electronic Devices

All electronic devices were silenced at this time.

3. Approval of Agenda

09-09-19-01

It was duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved with the following additions: Under Other Business – (a) Hurricane Dorian, (b) Complaint from resident and Under “In Camera” – Personnel Issue (Leave of Absence).

Motion Passed

4. Approval of minutes

09-09-19-02

It was duly moved and seconded that the Minutes from August 26, 2019 be approved.

Motion Passed

5. “Open Mic”

There was no one present for Open Mic today.

6. Presentations

There were no Presentations scheduled for today’s Meeting.

7. Finance

- List of Invoices already paid in the amount of \$35,018.71

Councillor Balish asked about the Bell Buoys and whether it was in the plan to have them painted any time soon. There was a discussion about the fact that the Buoys need to be sandblasted before they are painted in order for the paint to last. They were painted a couple of years ago but the rust is now showing through.

This item will be brought forward during the budget deliberations next year.

- *Town of Lockeport Temporary Borrowing Resolution*

Trestle Trail Upgrades	\$103,000
Wastewater UV System	\$ 57,060
Wastewater Concrete repairs/Berm replacement	\$123,363
Replacement Fire Truck	\$232,038
Total	<u>\$515,461</u>

09-09-19-03

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the following:

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 65A (1) (a) of the Municipal Government Act authorizes Town of Lockeport to expend funds for a Municipal purpose if the expenditure is included in the capital budget or is otherwise approved by the Municipality;

AND WHEREAS the specific amounts and descriptions of the projects are contained in Schedule "A" (attached);

AND WHEREAS the Town of Lockeport has included the above expenditure in the approved 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 capital budgets;

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 Five Hundred and Fifteen Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty One Dollars (\$515,461) 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 Five Hundred and Fifteen Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty One Dollars (\$515,461) 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

- *Quote for painting the Athletic Field Canteen*

While discussing the quote for painting the canteen at the ball field it was noted that the Minor Ball Association has done some wonderful work over time at this field. Councillor DeMings-Taylor as Chairperson of the Recreation Committee will speak with representatives from the Minor Ball Association to see if painting the canteen is already on their agenda as a project, before the Town proceeds with doing anything.

8. Other Business

- *Accessibility Training Regional Workshops*

09-09-19-04

It was duly moved and seconded that the Town Clerk/Treasurer, Joyce Young and the Community Co-ordinator, Frances Scott be approved to attend the Accessibility Training Workshop that is scheduled for September 19, 2019 in Yarmouth.

Motion Passed

- *Debriefing Summer Programs*

It was suggested that Council and Staff should host Open Houses which could be held in the Spring and Summer of each year to keep residents informed as to what is happening in the Town of Lockeport.

The Open House in the summer would be so that there can be discussions, ideas, brainstorming etc. with the public.

The Open House in the Fall would have tables set up and manned by Council and/or staff to inform the public about things such as Tourism, Recreation, Museum programs etc. There would also be brochures/pamphlets etc. for the public to take home with them.

It was decided that Council will have the first Open House in May, 2020. We will start advertising the Spring Open House in the Spring Newsletter that Mayor Harding distributes, on the Town's website, the Town's Facebook site and the Recreation Facebook site.

- *Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities Fall Conference*

Council members will not be attending the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities Fall Conference this year.

- *Rainbow Crosswalks*

There was a discussion regarding the importance of the Town of Lockeport conveying the message that we welcome diversity by creating a rainbow crosswalk.

After considerable discussion regarding the cost, the right paint, etc. Councillor DeMings-Taylor suggested that we may want to think about a rainbow sidewalk instead of crosswalk. Council thinks the sidewalk idea is ideal so the following motion was made:

09-09-19-05

It was duly moved and seconded that Council start the process toward creating a rainbow sidewalk that will extend from the intersection of Hall and Beech Streets to the intersection of Beech and Howe Streets.

Motion Passed

- *Hurricane Dorian*

The Town Clerk/Treasurer updated Council on the damages left by Hurricane Dorian. The Boardwalk and fencing behind the boardwalk, Boardwalk LED lights wiring (the power has been shut off to the lights), the port-a-potties upended, and the billboard sign. Overall the Town of Lockeport fared well in the hurricane. The basement flooded at Crescent Beach Centre during the hurricane and the Public Works Department hooked up a borrowed generator and sump pump to clear it. The Clerk/Treasurer suggested that Council may want to consider generators and sump pumps when working on next year's budget.

The Town Clerk/Treasurer has contacted the insurance company regarding all the damages from the hurricane and awaits further contact from them.

The Town Clerk/Treasurer also suggested that when the damaged fencing at the ball field comes out to be repaired may be the best time to have an excavator in to fix the damaged underneath portion of the Boardwalk.

Nova Scotia Power has been contacted and the Town Clerk/Treasurer was told that all Municipal Units with wastewater systems have been placed on the priority list.

The Fire Hall has been open as a device charging station from 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 8, 2019 and from 10:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. on Monday, September 9, 2019. EMO Co-Ordinator, Mike Shand made sure that this information was posted online.

- *Complaint from a resident*

Councillor Eshelby reported that there has been a complaint from a resident on the Brighton Road regarding water running onto his property. The Town Clerk/Treasurer will investigate further.

Council Reports

- *Councillor Dayle Eshelby*

- *Councillor Dawn DeMings-Taylor*

- o *August 6, 2019 - Future Proofing Lockeport – Lockeport*
- o *August 12, 2019 – Council Meeting – Lockeport*
- o *August 13, 2019 – Future Proofing Lockeport – Lockeport*
- o *August 19, 2019 – Recreation Committee Meeting – Lockeport*
- o *August 20, 2019 – Future Proofing Lockeport – Lockeport*
- o *August 26, 2019 – Council Meeting – Lockeport*
- o *August 27, 2019 – Future Proofing Lockeport - Lockeport*

- *Councillor Kent Balish*

- o *August 2,6,7,8,9,10,11,14,15,16,17,21,22,23,24,25,29 &30th – Little School Museum - Lockeport*
- o *August 9 & 11 – Sea Derby – Lockeport*
- o *August 12- Council Meeting – Lockeport*
- o *August 26 – Council Meeting - Lockeport*

- *Mayor George R. Harding*
 - o *August 1 – Office Hours – Lockeport*
 - o *August 6 - Office Hours – Lockeport*
 - o *August 8 – Office Hours – Lockeport*
 - o *August 10 – Beach Day Event at Crescent Beach – Lockeport*
 - o *August 12 – Council Meeting – Lockeport*
 - o *August 13 – August 23 – On Holidays*
 - o *August 26 – Council Meeting – Lockeport*
 - o *August 27 – EMO Meeting – Shelburne*
 - o *August 27 – Office Hours – Lockeport*
 - o *August 29 – Office Hours - Lockeport*

9. Correspondence

There was no correspondence this evening.

10. Information Only

- *Email regarding an update from the Department of Municipal Affairs & Housing*

11. Date of next meeting

- *Monday, September 23, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.*

12. “In Camera”

- *Personnel Issue - Leave of Absence*

09-09-19-06

It was duly moved and seconded that the Committee go “In Camera” to discuss a personnel issue regarding a Leave of Absence.

Motion Passed

Council returned to Regular Session.

13. Adjournment

09-09-19-07

There being no further business to discuss it was duly moved and seconded that the Meeting be adjourned. Time 2:35 p.m.

Motion Passed

**George R. Harding,
Mayor**

**Joyce Young,
Town Clerk/Treasurer**