

**TOWN OF LOCKEPORT
COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 9, 2019
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Mayor George R. Harding, Councillor Kent Balish, Councillor Dayle Eshelby, Councillor Elect Cory Nickerson, Town Clerk/Treasurer – Joyce Young and Recording Secretary – June Harding

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Deputy Mayor Dawn DeMings-Taylor

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. Oath of Allegiance – “Councillor Elect” – Cory Nickerson by Acclamation

Councillor Elect - Cory Nickerson came forward for swearing his Oath of Allegiance and of office delivered by Mayor George R. Harding.

Mayor George R. Harding declared Cory Nickerson officially acclaimed as Councillor for the Town of Lockeport.

Mayor Harding congratulated Councillor Nickerson and welcomed him to Council.

4. Approval of Agenda

12-09-19-01

It was duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved with the following addition: Under “In Camera” – Contract negotiations regarding the Trestle Trail Remediation Project.

Motion Passed

5. Approval of minutes November 25, 2019

12-09-19-02

It was duly moved and seconded that the Council Minutes from November 25, 2019 be approved.

Motion Passed

6. “Open Mic”

Lockeport resident - Gerry Romanzak spoke to Council about the constant littering around the parking area beside the Crescent Beach Centre and in front of the soccer field. He walks his dogs daily in these areas and has noticed a large increase in the amount of garbage and liquor bottles in these areas. Mr. Romanzak expressed concern that the liquor bottles appear to be thrown from moving vehicles which also indicates a strong possibility of individuals driving under the influence.

Mr. Romanzak is also concerned about the constant disregard of speed limits along the Brighton Road and particularly in the school zone. Also of great concern is the amount of people talking on cell phones while driving seems to be increasing.

John Davis – Spoke about his concerns regarding clear cutting of the forests in Shelburne County. Mayor Harding assured Mr. Davis that this item is already scheduled on this evening's agenda under Other Business and will be further discussed at that time.

Elizabeth Pooley also stated her concerns regarding the clear cutting that is taking place all over South West Nova Scotia.

7. Presentations

There were no presentations scheduled for this evening.

8. Finance

- *List of Invoices already paid in the amount of \$66,711.29*

The list of invoices was reviewed with no questions arising.

- *Letter of Credit from RBC re: Offsetting Plan*

The Town Clerk/Treasurer explained the reasoning behind the required RBC letter of Credit for the Offsetting Plan regarding the proposed Trestle Trail Remediation Project.

The Offsetting Plan is required by the Department of Fisheries & Oceans to make up for the habitat that will be disturbed during the proposed Trestle Trail Remediation Project. The estimated cost of this Offsetting Plan will be approximately \$40,000.00 and if the plan is not completed and the Trestle Trail Remediation Project goes ahead the Town of Lockeport would be required to pay the Department of Fisheries & Oceans the \$40,000.00.

The following motion was made:

12-09-19-03

It was duly moved and seconded that Council accept the Letter of Credit from RBC as presented.

Motion Passed

9. Other Business

- *Email from the Municipality of the District of Shelburne regarding funding for the purchase of a new Fire Truck in the Town of Lockeport*

There were several people in attendance in the gallery so Mayor Harding explained the history of the proposed purchase of a new fire truck.

The Mayor and the Town Clerk/Treasurer are in the process of making arrangements to meet with Warden Penny Smith and other representatives from the Municipality of the District of Shelburne to address their proposed amendments to the Fire Services Agreement in order to move forward with the proposed purchase of a new fire truck.

- *Emails regarding Crown Land Forestry harvesting*

There was further discussion regarding the clear cutting of forests in Shelburne County and Mayor Harding shared his experience when he recently flew from Alberta to Nova Scotia. Mayor

Harding was shocked at the extent of the evidence of clear cutting he saw while flying above the forests.

John Davis asked at this time that Council consider sending a letter to the Department of Lands and Forestry in support of the Independent Review on Forestry by William Lahey and to request that logging activity in the County of Shelburne be aligned with recommendations in the report.

The following motion was made:

12-09-19-04

It was duly moved and seconded that Council of the Town of Lockeport send a letter to the Honourable Iain Rankin, Minister of the Department of Lands and Forestry, in support of the Independent Review on forestry by William Lahey and to request that logging activity in the County of Shelburne be aligned with recommendations in the report.

Motion Passed

Council agreed that the letter to Lands & Forestry should be powerful and the word moratorium should be used in the letter.

- *Request from Nova Scotia Power*

The request from Nova Scotia Power was to grant them blanket permission for very short duration road closures, not to exceed 30 minutes, for all public roads under our jurisdiction. The following motion was made:

12-09-19-05

It was duly moved and seconded that Council of the Town of Lockeport give Nova Scotia Power blanket permission to conduct very short duration road closures, not to exceed 30 minutes, for all public roads under our jurisdiction, while conducting necessary repairs/maintenance projects.

Motion Passed

10. Council Reports

- *Councillor Dayle Eshelby meetings attended in November, 2019*
 - o *November 4, 2019 – Recreation Committee Meeting - Lockeport*
 - o *November 11, 2019 – Remembrance Day Service – Lockeport*
 - o *November 12, 2019 – Council Meeting – Lockeport*
 - o *November 25, 2019 – Council Meeting - Lockeport*
- *Deputy Mayor Dawn DeMings-Taylor meetings attended in November, 2019*
 - o *November 4, 2019 – Recreation Committee Meeting – Lockeport*
 - o *November 8, 2019 – Remembrance Day Service – Lockeport LRHS*
 - o *November 11, 2019 – Remembrance Day Service – Lockeport*
 - o *November 12, 2019 – Tender Opening – Lockeport*
 - o *November 12, 2019 – Council Meeting – Lockeport*
 - o *November 25, 2019 – Council Meeting - Lockeport*
- *Councillor Kent Balish meetings attended in November, 2019*
 - o *November 11, 2019 – Remembrance Day Service – Lockeport*
 - o *November 12, 2019 – Council Meeting – Lockeport*
 - o *November 19, 2019 – School Advisory Committee Meeting – Lockeport*
 - o *November 25, 2019 – Council Meeting – Lockeport*

- *Mayor George R. Harding meetings attended in November, 2019*
 - *November 1 – Asset Management Training (Annapolis Royal)*
 - *November 5 - Office Hours (Lockeport)*
 - *November 7 – Office Hours (Lockeport)*
 - *November 8 – Remembrance Day Service at LRHS (Lockeport)*
 - *November 11 - Remembrance Day Service (Lockeport)*
 - *November 12 – Office Hours (Lockeport)*
 - *November 12 – Opening Tenders for Trestle Trail Project (Lockeport)*
 - *November 12 – Council Meeting (Lockeport)*
 - *November 14- Office Hours (Lockeport)*
 - *November 14 – July 1st meeting (Lockeport)*
 - *November 15 – Health Authority “Art of Hosting Workshop” (Shelburne)*
 - *November 16 - Health Authority “Art of Hosting Workshop” (Shelburne)*
 - *November 17 – NS Health Authority Public Engagement (Lockeport)*
 - *November 17 - NS Health Authority Public Engagement (Barrington)*
 - *November 18 - NS Health Authority Public Engagement (Clark’s Harbour))*
 - *November 19 – Office Hours (Lockeport)*
 - *November 19 - NS Health Authority Public Engagement (Shelburne)*
 - *November 20 - NSHA Teleconference Re: Blood Collection Services (Lockeport)*
 - *November 21 - Office Hours (Lockeport)*
 - *November 25 – Council Meeting (Lockeport)*
 - *November 26 – Compass Housing Meeting (Shelburne)*
 - *November 26 – NSHA Teleconference (Lockeport)*
 - *November 26 – Roseway Manor Board Meeting (Shelburne)*
 - *November 28 – Office Hours (Lockeport)*
 - *November 29 – Region 6 Meeting (Liverpool)*

11. Correspondence

There was no correspondence this evening.

12. Information Only

- *Region 6 Boardroom Brief – Efficiency and Effectiveness Report*

Mayor Harding spoke about key components of the Report and elaborated on the good things like the waste app that Region 6 are doing.

13. Date of next meeting

- *Monday, January 13 at 6:00 p.m.*

14. “In Camera”

12-09-19-06

**It was duly moved and seconded that the Committee go “In Camera” to discuss Contract negotiations regarding the proposed Trestle Trail Remediation Project.
Motion Passed**

The Committee returned to regular session at this time.

12-09-19-07

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve re-tendering the Trestle Trail Remediation Project with a revised scope of work.
Motion Passed**

15. Adjournment

12-09-19-08

There being no further business to discuss, it was duly moved and seconded that the Meeting be adjourned. Time 7:15 p.m.

Motion Passed

George R. Harding
Mayor

Joyce Young
Town Clerk/Treasurer