

**TOWN OF LOCKEPORT
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 28, 2021
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Mayor Cory Nickerson, Deputy Mayor Dawn DeMings-Taylor, Councillor Dayle Eshelby, Councillor Kent Balish, Councillor Mary Meagher, Town Clerk/Treasurer – Joyce Young, Community Coordinator – Frances Scott and Recording Secretary – June Harding

1. Call to order

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Nickerson at 2:00 p.m.

2. Silence Electronic Devices

All electronic devices were silenced at this time.

3. Approval of Agenda

06-28-21-01

It was duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved with the following additions: under Committee Reports: A statement re: celebration and under Other Business: (1) Active Transportation Project; (2) Plowing; (3) Re-Opening of Lockeport Indoor Facilities and (4) Dog Park.

Motion Passed

4. Approval of minutes

- Regular Council Minutes June 14, 2021

06-28-21-02

It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of June 14, 2021 be approved as circulated.

Motion Passed

5. Department Reports

- Community Co-Ordinator Report
 - o Clean Leadership Program Staff

06-28-21-03

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the hiring of Connor MacQuarrie for the term position of Active Transportation Coordinator under the Clean Leadership Program.

Motion Passed

06-28-21-04

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve hiring of Kevin Cotter for the term position of Trails Technician under the Clean Leadership Program.

Motion Passed

- Events Coordinator

06-28-21-05

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the hiring of Liam Wolfe for the term position of Events Coordinator under the Canada Summer Jobs Program

Motion Passed

- Recreation Technician

06-28-21-06

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the hiring of Trey Warrington for the term position of Recreation Technician.

Motion Passed

- Accessibility Plan

06-28-21-07

It was duly moved and seconded that Council commit to a per-capita share of the unfunded cost of the Accessibility Plan.

Motion Passed

The Community Coordinator reported that Harmony Bazaar is planned for July 23, 24 & 25, 2021 and that Sea Derby is planned for August 13, 14 & 15, 2021.

- Administration Report

The Town Clerk/Treasurer reviewed her report.

6. Committee Reports

- Recreation Committee Report - Deputy Mayor DeMings-Taylor

Deputy Mayor DeMings-Taylor reviewed the Recreation Report.

- Canada Day Report – Mayor Nickerson
- Statement

In consideration of the recent discoveries at former Residential Schools consideration has been given regarding Canada Day Celebrations and how we can take a deeper look and educate ourselves on our history and our future. The following motion was made:

06-28-21-08

It was duly moved and seconded that as we acknowledge and grieve the discoveries at former Residential Schools, let us take this opportunity on Canada Day and every day to take a deeper look and educate ourselves on our history, who we were, who we are now and who we want to be in the future.

Motion Passed

06-28-21-09

It was duly moved and seconded that as recommended by the Canada Day Committee, Council authorize the Canada Day Committee to engage Corynick Entertainment to carry out the technical requirements of the festival, based on the quote provided, at a total cost of \$1,950.00.

Motion Passed

- Accessibility Advisory Committee Report – Councillor Balish

Councillor Balish reviewed the Accessibility Advisory Committee Report.

7. Finance

- List of invoices already paid in the amount of \$238,461.36

The Town Clerk/Treasurer informed Council at this time that Clearwater has made a \$5000.00 donation toward the new fire truck. Council will send a letter of thanks to Clearwater for this kind donation.

- John Street Extension

06-28-21-10

It was duly moved and seconded that Council direct staff that once the tender for the Hall Street Bike Lane Project has been awarded, that the successful contractor be asked to provide an assessment and estimate for the paving repairs determined to be necessary on the John Street extension.

Motion Passed

8. Other Business

- Chronic Drought Conditions

06-28-21-11

It was duly moved and seconded that Council send a letter to the Honourable Brendan Maguire, Department of Municipal Affairs regarding chronic drought conditions in Eastern Shelburne County and requesting that funding programs be implemented to assist homeowners addressing drought issues.

Motion Passed

- Environment & Climate Change Public Engagement

Staff will post this information on the Town's website and on social media.

- Boardwalk at the Cove

There was a discussion regarding the damaged boardwalk at the cove on the corner of South Street and South Water Street.

We have not yet determined who was responsible for the damages to the boardwalk at the cove. The Clerk/Treasurer and the Public Works Foreman will request an assessment and quote for the necessary repairs.

- Crosswalk Painting

Councillor Balish asked that Council meet to discuss a plan for painting the crosswalks before they are slated to be done in the Spring of 2022.

- Council Meetings & Proceedings Policy Revision

06-28-21-12

It was duly moved and seconded that the Council Meetings & Proceedings Policy be amended to reflect that, annually, Council Meetings, Committee Meetings and Board Meetings will not be scheduled during the month of August except in circumstances where urgent matters need to be addressed.

Motion Passed

- Active Transportation Project

Councillor Eshelby has received comments from a resident stating that he feels that rather than a bike lane being installed on Hall Street that it should be a sidewalk. It was pointed out that the funding was provided by the Province as an eligible Active Transportation Project, which sidewalks are not.

- Plowing

Councillor Eshelby received comments from a resident regarding damages done during plowing season to his property. This will be addressed with Public Works.

- Re-Opening Plan for Town owned Indoor Facilities

06-28-21-13

It was duly moved and seconded that the motion # 03-22-21-15 as it pertained to Covid restrictions that was duly passed by Council at the Council Meeting of March 22, 2021, be rescinded.

Motion Passed

06-28-21-14

It was duly moved and seconded that:

Whereas we are in the middle of a pandemic and this situation demands that we respond quickly to changing epidemiology in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

Whereas we are currently in a Provincial State of Emergency

Therefore be it resolved that the Town of Lockeport follow the same re-opening plan as outlined for the Province of Nova Scotia.

Motion Passed

There was further discussion regarding the requests for rental of the Crescent Beach Centre throughout the year for weddings, events, etc. At this time the Town of Lockeport does not have a staff member available for the duties that would be entailed in the full management which would include: scheduling bookings, to ensure that all legal documents are in place by the renter, to ensure security is on site for events where alcohol is present, to provide an on-site presence during events, ensuring proper clean-up is conducted, the collection of rental fees and damage deposits and the final inspection to ensure damages did not occur.

Consideration for renting the facility would not be given during the month of May through September because during this time the facility is set up and utilized as our Visitor Information Centre. Council will discuss this further in the near future but at this time bookings will not be considered.

- Dog Park

Councillor Balish will request a written proposal from the individuals requesting an extension to the Dog Park to bring to Council for approval, due to the fact that the existing Dog Park is on Town owned property. He will also notify the individuals that Eastern Fence erected the existing and therefore the group should be requesting a quote from Eastern Fence for their proposed project.

9. Correspondence

There was no correspondence this afternoon.

10. Information Only

There was nothing for information only this afternoon.

11. Date of next meeting

- July 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

12. “In Camera”

There was nothing for “In Camera” this afternoon.

13. Adjournment

06-28-21-15

There being no further business to discuss, it was duly moved and seconded that the Meeting be adjourned. Time 3:31 p.m.

Motion Passed

**Cory Nickerson,
Mayor**

**Joyce Young,
Town Clerk/Treasurer**