

**TOWN OF LOCKEPORT  
COUNCIL MEETING  
VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS  
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022  
MINUTES**

**PRESENT: MAYOR CORY NICKERSON, DEPUTY MAYOR DAWN DEMINGS-TAYLOR, COUNCILLOR DAYLE ESHELBY, COUNCILLOR MARY MEAGHER, COUNCILLOR KENT BALISH AND TOWN CLERK/TREASURER JOYCE YOUNG.**

**1. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nickerson at 6:00 p.m.

**2. Silence Electronic Devices**

All electronic devices that were not being utilized for this meeting were silenced.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**03-14-22-01**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved with the additions under Other Business as follows:**

- **ATVs on Town properties and streets**
- **Play Park annual inspection/maintenance**

**Motion Passed**

**4. Approval of Minutes**

- Regular Council Meeting Minutes February 28, 2022

**03-14-22-02**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, February 28, 2022 be approved as circulated.**

**Motion Passed**

**5. Finance**

- List of invoices already paid in the amount of \$70,031.13

Councillor Balish had some questions regarding the Sewer Water Testing charges. The requirement for this process was explained to Council.

- Budgets meeting schedule

Council reviewed their schedules and decided on a date of April 13<sup>th</sup> to finalize the 2022/2023 Operation Budget.

## 6. Other Business

- Recharge stations for electric vehicles

The Town has been approached by Howard Roszel, representing Sou'West Nova Transit regarding the possibility of the Town partnering with them in establishing an electric vehicle charging station. He has informed Councillor Eshelby that the organization can receive full funding for the project but they need a location for installing it. This is where Council has been asked to partner. Some revenue will be generated through this service, thereby offsetting the ongoing electrical costs incurred.

### 03-14-22-03

**It was duly moved and seconded that the Town of Lockeport partner with Sou'West Transit in establishing an electric vehicle charging station on Town owned property. The exact location to be determined upon more research and consideration of the available options.**

**Motion Passed**

- Connect 2 project commitment

Council has been advised that several of the equipment purchases under the Connect 2 project cannot be installed yet due to the frozen ground conditions; therefore, they will be installed once the weather and ground conditions improve. To meet the funding requirements, a commitment from Council is required.

### 03-14-22-04

**It was duly moved and seconded that any items purchased for the Connect 2 project, but not installed by March 31, 2022, will be installed by the Town of Lockeport when weather conditions are suitable, at no additional cost to the project. The Town will follow-up with the Department of Natural Resources and Renewables staff to confirm when installation is complete.**

**Motion Passed**

- ATVs on Town properties and streets

There has been an ongoing concern during snowstorms with ATVs speeding around Town streets, doing donuts in the streets, causing damage on the athletic fields and driving on the boardwalk. Councillors are receiving calls from citizens reporting these activities and there is a great concern for everyone's safety; including the individuals driving these off-highway vehicles. Another concern brought up is the parking on Town streets that are in violation of the Town of Lockeport's Winter Parking Regulations. These concerns will be directed to the RCMP at the next Eastern Shelburne County Police Advisory Board Meeting. As always, the RCMP advise all citizens that are witnessing these activities to contact the RCMP directly so they can gather first-hand information which will allow them to address the violations.

- Play Park annual inspection/maintenance

Deputy Mayor DeMings - Taylor addressed her concern with Council regarding the fact that the Play Park has yet to be inspected to determine winter damage requiring repairs, so the Park can be open for public use. Mayor Nickerson, Deputy Mayor DeMings - Taylor, Councillor Eshelby and Councillor Balish all agreed to meet at the Play Park tomorrow morning at 10:00 a.m. to conduct an inspection to determine the condition and to advise staff of necessary repairs to be completed, if any, and to have the park open as soon as possible. Deputy Mayor DeMings-Taylor will open the park on suitable days and will lock it back up at the end of those days.

As Chair of the Recreation Committee, Deputy Mayor DeMings – Taylor will have a review and update of the Play Park Policy included on the agenda for the next Recreation Committee meeting.

## **7. Council Reports**

- Councillor Dayle Eshelby
- Deputy Mayor Dawn DeMings-Taylor
- Councillor Kent Balish
- Councillor Mary Meagher
- Mayor Cory Nickerson

## **8. Correspondence**

- #1792 Project Team

## **9. Information Only**

There was nothing for “Information Only” this evening.

## **10. Date of next meeting**

- Monday, March 28, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

## **11. “In Camera”**

- Contract Negotiations

**03-14-22-05**

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council proceed “In Camera” to discuss a contract negotiations topic.**

**Motion Passed**

Council proceeded in regular session.

**12. Adjournment**

There being no further business, **it was duly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Time 7:58 p.m.**

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**Mayor Cory Nickerson**

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**Town Clerk/Treasurer Joyce Young**

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