

**TOWN OF LOCKEPORT  
COUNCIL MEETING  
IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2022  
MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Cory Nickerson, Deputy Mayor Dawn DeMings-Taylor, Councillor Kent Balish, Councillor Dayle Eshelby, Town Clerk/Treasurer Joyce Young and Recording Secretary Jill Cassibo.

**REGRETS:** Councillor Mary Meagher.

**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 were silenced at this time.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**04-11-22-01**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved with the addition of two items for Finance; Spring debenture issue and an invoice from Shelburne County Firefighters Association.**

**Motion Passed**

**4. Approval of Minutes**

- Regular Council Meeting Minutes March 28, 2022

**04-11-22-02**

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

**Motion Passed**

**5. Finance**

- List of invoices already paid in the amount of \$138,789.70

There was a discussion around one invoice in regards to the radio authorization for the Volunteer Firefighters.

There was also a discussion about Tenders going out for the paving of the AT lane. There was a delay at ABLE Engineering, but hopefully the Tenders can get out this week and they will have 10 working days to respond.

- Spring Debenture

The debenture is for the purchase of the new Fire Truck and the wastewater Berm.

**04-11-22-03**

**It was duly moved and seconded that**

**WHEREAS** clause 66 (1) of the Municipal Government Act (the “Act”) provides that a Municipality may borrow to carry out an authority to expend funds for capital purposes conferred by the Act or another Act of the Legislature;

**AND WHEREAS** clause 91(1)(a) of the Act provides that where a Municipality is authorized to borrow money, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs (the “Minister”), that the sum shall be borrowed by the issue and sale of debentures, in one sum or by installments, as determined by the council;

**AND WHEREAS** clause 91(1)(b) of the Municipal Government Act authorizes the Council to determine the amount and term of, and the rate of interest, on each debenture, when the interest on a debenture is to be paid, and where the principal and interest on the debenture are to be paid;

**AND WHEREAS** clause 91(2) of the Municipal Government Act states, that in accordance with the Municipal Finance Corporation Act, the Mayor or Warden and Clerk or the person designated by the Council, by policy, shall sell and deliver the debentures on behalf of the Municipality at the price, in the sums and in the manner deemed proper;

**AND WHEREAS** the resolution of Council to borrow for was approved by the Municipal Council on April 11, 2022.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT** under the authority of Section 91 of the Municipal Government Act, the Town of Lockeport borrow by the issue and sale of debentures a sum or sums not exceeding \$367,650, for a period not to exceed 10 years, subject to the approval of the Minister;

**THAT** the sum be borrowed by the issue and sale of debentures of the Town of Lockeport in the amount that the Mayor or Warden and Clerk of the person designated by the Council deems proper, provided the average interest rate of the debenture does not exceed the rate of 5.5%;

**THAT** the debenture be arranged with the Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation with interest to be paid semi-annually and principal payments made annually;

**THAT** this resolution remains in force for a period not exceeding twelve months from the passing of this resolution.

**Motion Passed**

- Shelburne County Firefighters Association

It was brought to the attention of the Town, through a letter, that dues have not been paid since 2019. The Town feels that this is important and will pay the \$1200 in arrears and the \$400 for this fiscal year.

**04-11-22-04**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the dues be paid to the Shelburne County Firefighter Association in the amount of \$1200 for arrears from 2019-2021 and \$400 for this fiscal year.**

**Motion Passed**

**6. Other Business**

- Request from Ragged Islands Artisans

A letter was received requesting the use of space upstairs at the Beach Centre for meetings. It was agreed by Council that they could use the space.

**04-11-22-05**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the Ragged Islands Artisans be given permission to use the upstairs of the Beach Centre for their meetings during the 2022 business hours of the Visitor Information Centre.**

- Appointment of Auditor

**04-11-22-06**

**It was duly moved and seconded that Belliveau Veinotte Inc. be appointed auditor for the Town of Lockeport's 2021/2022 audit.**

**Motion Passed**

- Appointment of Returning Officer and Assistant Returning Officer

**04-11-22-07**

**It was duly moved and seconded that Joyce Young be appointed as Returning Officer for the Town of Lockeport for the fiscal year 2022/2023 and June Harding be appointed as Assistant Returning Officer for the fiscal year 2022/2023.**

**Motion Passed**

- By-Law and Policy Review (Councillor Eshelby)

Councillor Eshelby would like Council to start having information meeting again once a month to discuss By-Law and Policy reviews. This was agreed by Council.

- Climate Crisis (Councillor Eshelby)

Councillor Eshelby brought to Council's attention a website, HalifACT. This website deals with climate change with an action plan and steps. She suggested that when Council is reviewing By-Laws and Policies that they do it through a climate change lens.

**7. Council Reports**

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

**8. Correspondence**

- Letter to the Honourable Tim Houston from the Municipality of Chester Re: proposed Provincial taxation to non-residents

There was discussion about this tax and how it is a Provincial tax not a Municipal tax. Office staff at the Town Office have been instructed to inform anyone who calls with questions related to this proposed tax to direct them to the MLA’s office, Nolan Young.

**9. Information Only**

**10. Date of next meeting**

- April 25, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

**11. “In Camera”**

**12. Adjournment**

**04-11-22-08**

There being no further business to discuss, **it was duly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Time 6:43 p.m.**

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**Mayor, Cory Nickerson**

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**Town Clerk/Treasurer, Joyce Young**