

**TOWN OF LOCKEPORT  
COUNCIL MEETING  
IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MONDAY, MAY 09, 2022  
MINUTES**

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

**REGRETS:** Councillor Dayle Eshelby and Councillor Mary Meagher.

**1. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nickerson at 6:05 p.m.

**2. Silence Electronic Devices**

All electronic devices were silenced at this time.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**05-09-22-01**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as presented.  
Motion Passed**

**4. Approval of Minutes**

- Regular Council Meeting Minutes April 25, 2022

**05-09-22-02**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of  
April 25, 2022 be approved as circulated.**

**Motion Passed**

## 5. Finance

- Tenders RE: Active Transportation (AT) Lane

There were two tenders (TOL 2022-002) received for the Active Transportation Lane. Dexter Construction Company Ltd. bid at \$298,000.00 plus HST and Aberdeen Paving Ltd. bid at \$186,300.00 plus HST.

### 05-09-22-03

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council accept the tender from Aberdeen Paving Ltd. in the amount of 186,300.00 plus HST to complete the paving of the Active Transportation lane.**

**Motion Passed**

There is currently \$143,000.00 in the Town's budget to cover the cost of the paving which leaves the project short \$62,000.00. If additional funding is not found, the Town may need to utilize Operating Reserves to cover the additional costs.

### 05-09-22-04

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council approves utilizing up to \$62,000.00 from Operating Reserve to pay for the remaining cost of paving the Active Transportation lane.**

**Motion Passed**

It was brought up by Deputy Mayor DeMings-Taylor that at the corner of Locke St. and Hall St. there are some big pot holes as well as at the corner of Hall St. and Beech St. There was gravel left from the first portion of the AT project and the Public Works men will use that gravel to fill in the holes until the paving is complete, which should be completed the first part of August.

- Transfer to Federal Gas Tax Reserve

For the 2021/2022 fiscal year, the Federal Gas Tax Revenue was \$79,392.00 and after the 3 approved projects; sewer pumps, second year payment of Fibre Op and Asset Management, the Town had a balance of \$17,481.32.

### 05-09-22-05

**It was duly moved and seconded that \$17,481.32 be transferred from General Operating Account to Federal Gas Tax Reserve Account.**

**Motion Passed**

- List of invoices already paid in the amount of \$ 51,097.85

There were no questions or concerns in regards to the invoices.

- Funding request from Lockeport Area Preschool

Lockeport Area Preschool sent in a letter requesting a monetary donation from the Town, as well as for the Town to forgo the rent for next year. There was a discussion and it was decided that Council would like to see a budget work sheet from the Preschool.

**05-09-22-06**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the Town send the Preschool a letter asking for a budget work sheet before making a decision of forgoing the rent or a giving a donation.**

**Motion Passed**

- 12 month notice letter from Municipal Affairs and Housing

The letter talked about the rising cost of the RCMP services, the housing deficit, coastal protection and the need for designated professionals. These designated professionals are becoming hard to find in rural areas.

## **6. Other Business**

- Staff report Re: Roseway Manor

The Province of Nova Scotia will put out an Expression of Interest seeking a service provider, whether they are for-profit or not-for-profit, that is interested in both operating the existing Roseway Manor as it is today and replacing or renovating Roseway Manor.

- Suggested shared Regional Emergency Management Organization (Municipality of Barrington)

After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the Town will enter into discussions with the Municipality of Barrington in regards to a Regional Emergency Management Organization.

**05-09-22-07**

**It was duly moved and seconded that the Town of Lockeport participate in discussions with the Municipality of Barrington in regards to a Regional Emergency Management Organization.**

**Motion Passed**

- National Volunteer Week Recognition

The recreation department is looking for community volunteer nominations.

- Request for Proposal RE: Pine Street Drainage Remediation

There were no submissions received for the recent RFP that was issued. Council is not in a position to make a decision at this time.

## **7. Council Reports**

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

## **8. Correspondence**

**05-09-22-08**

**It was duly moved and seconded for the acceptance of the correspondence.  
Motion Passed**

- Letter to President of NSFM from East Hants Re: Proposed reorganization of NSFM
- Letter to Honourable Tim Houston from Municipality of the District of Shelburne Re: Proposed Non-Resident Provincial Property Tax and Provincial Deed Transfer Tax

The Proposed Non-Resident Provincial Property Tax was rescinded by the Nova Scotia Government but the Provincial Deed Transfer Tax is still in effect.

## **9. Information Only**

There was nothing for Information only.

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

- Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

## **11. “In Camera”**

There was nothing for “In Camera”

## **12. Adjournment**

**05-09-22-09**

**There being no further business to discuss, it was duly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Time 7:11 p.m.**

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**Mayor, Cory Nickerson**

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**Town Clerk/Treasurer Joyce Young**