

**TOWN OF LOCKEPORT
COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY MAY 23, 2023
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Mayor Cory Nickerson, Deputy Mayor Dawn DeMings-Taylor, Councillor Dayle Eshelby, Councillor Kent Balish, Councillor Mary Meagher, Community Coordinator Frances Scott and Recording Secretary Jill Cassibo.

REGRETS: Town Clerk/Treasurer Joyce Young

ABSENT: Public Works Supervisor Kevin Snow

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nickerson at 1:07 p.m.

2. Silence Electronic Devices

All electronic devices were silenced at this time.

3. Approval of Agenda

05-23-23-01

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

4. Approval of Minutes

- Regular Council Meeting Minutes May 8, 2023

05-23-23-02

It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of May 8, 2023 be approved as circulated. Motion Passed.

5. Department Reports

- Community Coordinator Report

The Community Coordinator went over her report and reported that she needed to have the ads in for the July 1st flyer by May 25th so that the printing could be done.

The Community Coordinator also wanted permission from Council to lend out the security fencing to the Town of Shelburne when they have cruise ships coming into their town. Council agreed as long as they brought it back in a timely manner.

The Community Coordinator was also looking for a decision from Council in regards to the pilot project of hiring an Accessibility Coordinator that will be shared with the Town of Shelburne and the Municipality of the District of Shelburne. Mayor Nickerson has confirmed with the other two Councils that they have agreed to the one year pilot project.

05-23-23-03

It is duly moved and seconded that Council has approved to pay up to \$3000 towards a one year pilot project of hiring an Accessibility Coordinator that will work for the Town of Lockport, Town of Shelburne and the Municipality of the District of Shelburne. Motion Passed.

- Administration Report

One job posting has been filled. The Public Works position will be re-posted.

05-23-23-04

It is duly moved and seconded that Council approves the hiring of Michael Kozak for the seasonal position of Visitor Information Centre Manager. Motion Passed.

- Provincial 12 month notice

The Province of Nova Scotia provided all Municipalities with the necessary 12 month notice relating to additional future costs.

- Capital Investment Plan

05-23-23-05

It is duly moved and seconded that Council approves the 2023/24 Capital Investment Plan as presented. Motion Passed.

Council is requesting that Public Works hand in a report every month.

6. Finance

- List of invoices already paid in the amount of \$47,619.47

There were no questions in regards to the invoices.

7. Other Business

- Lighthouse Stage water use

It has been noticed by Council that non residents of Lockeport have been filling up barrels using the water from the Lighthouse Stage. This water was turned on when there was a drought in the town. It was decided by Council that the water be turned off and to place a sign there stating that the water is to be used for drought purposes only. The issue can be re-addressed at a later date if it needs to be.

- Notice for ARO Policy

Council were provided with the required notice of the intention to adopt the necessary Asset Retirement Obligation Policy. This Policy will be on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

8. Committee Reports

- Canada Day Report (Mayor Nickerson)

- Recreation Report (Deputy Mayor DeMings-Taylor)

There was no Recreation meeting in April or May.

9. Information Only

- Southwestern Shore Region NSFMM structure
- Letter from the Municipality of Barrington to the Department of Justice RE: RCMP Retroactive costs.

Council decided that they would like to send a letter to the Department of Justice similar to the one that the Municipality of Barrington sent in regards to the Province absorbing the retroactive cost.

10. Date of next meeting

- June 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

11. Adjournment

05-23-23-06

There being no further business to discuss, it was duly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Time 2:23 p.m. Motion Passed

Mayor Cory Nickerson

Town Clerk/Treasurer Joyce Young