



**TOWN OF LOCKPORT
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY JANUARY 8, 2024
MINUTES**

Present: Mayor Cory Nickerson, Deputy Mayor Dawn DeMings-Taylor, Councillor Dayle Eshelby, Councillor Kent Balish, Councillor Mary Meagher, Town Clerk/Treasurer, June Harding and Recording Secretary, Jill Cassibo.

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 that time.

3. Approval of Agenda, including additions or deletions

01-08-24-01

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approves the agenda of January 8, 2024 with the following additions: under Other Business - Canada Summer Jobs Program and Accounting Administrative Assistant, and under "In Camera" session "Personnel". Motion Passed

4. Approval of Minutes from the December 11, 2023, Regular Council Meeting

01-08-24-02

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the December 11, 2023; meeting Minutes as circulated. Motion Passed

5. Business arising from previous Minutes.

There were no issues arising from the previous Minutes.

6. Community Forum (Open Mic)

- 20 Minutes Maximum
 - Each resident is allowed a maximum of five minutes.
 - The resident is to speak directly to the Council.
 - There will be no interaction by Council at this time.
 - If questions are posed by residents the question will be recorded to be researched.
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- A resident from the Municipality of the District of Shelburne noted that the tourism statistics are not listed in the minutes.
 - A resident from the Municipality of the District of Shelburne expressed concern about a community member painting wood items while sitting at the picnic tables. as well as painting on rocks.

7. Presentations

There were no presentations scheduled for this evening.

8. Finance

- List of Invoices already paid in the amount of \$98,312.07.

There were a few questions regarding the invoices that were answered.

- Motion to transfer \$20,816.50 (Gas Tax Received), from the General Operating Account to the Gas Tax Reserve Account.

01-08-24-03

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approves the transfer of \$20,816.50 (Gas Tax Received), from the General Operating Account to the Gas Tax Reserve Account. Motion Passed

9. Other Business

- Letter from Penny Smith, Warden, Municipality of the District of Shelburne.

The letter from Penny Smith, Warden of the Municipality of the District of Shelburne, was regarding continuing to exploring the concept of consolidation with the Town of Lockeport, the Town of Shelburne and the Municipality of the District of Shelburne. Mayor Nickerson expressed opposition to going any further with exploring consolidation. After a brief discussion the following motion was made:

01-08-24-04

It was duly moved and seconded that the Town of Lockeport send a letter to Warden Penny Smith, confirming that the Town of Lockeport would like to continue to explore the concept of consolidation with the Town of Shelburne and the Municipality of the District of Shelburne. Motion Passed

- Invitation to attend a presentation being made to MODS Council by Region 6 – Christine McClure

Mayor Nickerson, Councillor Eshelby and Councillor Meagher are all interested in attending this presentation.

- Canada Summer Jobs Program

01-08-24-05

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve staff to make application under the Canada Summer Jobs Program for two summer employees for ten weeks at \$18.00 /hr to assist with summer festivals and the Recreation Department. Motion Passed

- Accounting Administrative Assistant

01-08-24-06

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approves to hire Jill Cassibo as full-time Accounting Administrative Assistant. Motion Passed

10. Council Reports

- Mayor Cory Nickerson
- Deputy Mayor Dawn DeMings-Taylor
- Councillor Dayle Eshelby
- Councillor Kent Balish
- Councillor Mary Meagher
 - o Shelburne County Mental Health & Wellness Association

11. Correspondence

There was no correspondence this evening.

12. Information Only

- Email from Stephanie Smith, Executive Director of Archives, Museums & Archives, Communities, Culture, Tourism & Heritage.
- E-mail from Toby Humphreys, Hub International

13. Date of next meeting

- Monday January 22, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

14. “In Camera” Personnel Issue

01-08-24-07

It was duly moved and seconded that Council go “In Camera” to discuss a personnel issue. Motion Passed

The council resumed the regular session and the following motion was made:

01-08-24-08

It was duly moved and seconded that Council instruct the Town Clerk/Treasurer to send a letter to Michael Kozak, acknowledging receipt of his letter, and wishing him the best in the future. Motion Passed

15. Adjournment

01-08-24-09

There being no further business, it was duly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Time 7:22 p.m. Motion Passed

**Cory Nickerson,
Mayor**

**June Harding,
Town Clerk/Treasurer**

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