



**TOWN OF LOCKPORT
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2024
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Mayor Cory Nickerson, Deputy Mayor Dawn DeMings-Taylor, Councillor Kent Balish, Town Clerk/Treasurer June Harding, 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 6:00 p.m.

2. Silence Electronic Devices

All electronic devices were silenced at that time.

3. Approval of Agenda, including additions or deletions

09-09-24-01

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the agenda for the September 9, 2024, meeting, with the following addition under Other Business: Letter of resignation from Jill Cassibo, effective September 5, 2024, resigning from her position of Assistant Returning Officer for the Town of Lockport, due to a conflict of Interest. Motion Passed

4. Approval of Minutes

- Regular Council Meeting Minutes July 22, 2024

09-09-24-02

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of July 22, 2024, as circulated except for Motion 07-22-24-07. The date should reflect September 3, 2024, not August 29, 2024. Motion Passed

5. Business arising from Previous Minutes

Anna Chetwynd was in attendance and expressed concern regarding lack of recreational opportunities for children this summer. This issue will be addressed through the Recreation Department.

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6. Community Forum (Open Mic)

- 20 Minutes Maximum
- Each resident is allowed a maximum of five minutes
- The resident is to speak directly to 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

Craig Hillen, resident of Lockeport, wanted to thank the Town of Lockeport and the Public Works Department for the great job they did at the Beach Centre access to the beach. It is so much easier for people with mobility issues to be able to access the beach now.

7. Presentations

There are no presentations scheduled for this meeting.

8. Finance

- List of invoices already paid in the amount of \$174,388.15.

There were no questions or concerns regarding the invoices paid, this was for a two-month period, as there were no Council meetings in August.

- Request for new lawn tractor from Public Works Department. The expense of Mark Williams fixing the Boardwalk in front of the Little School Museum has been taken from the Sustainable Services Growth Fund account because it was an accessibility issue, and therefore, qualified. By doing this, approximately \$7,600 became available in the streets budget. The Town Clerk/Treasurer is asking Council for a motion to purchase a new lawn tractor with these funds for the Public Works Department, to replace the machine they currently have, which is 16 years old. Kevin and his crew have done some research and have found the machine they want in Yarmouth.

It was also suggested by Mayor Nickerson that a utility trailer be looked into for the lawn tractor.

09-09-24-03

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve \$6,670.00 of the money that was saved by using the Sustainable Services Growth Fund to fund the work to the Museum Boardwalk, be used to purchase of the new lawn tractor that the Public Works crew have ordered. Motion Passed

9. Other Business

- Proposed Sale of Old Roseway Manor Building

The property is owned by the Town of Shelburne, the Municipality of the District of Shelburne, and the Town of Lockeport and all agree to offer the sale of the property to Nova Scotia Health.

09-09-24-04

It was duly moved and seconded that Council agree to contact Nova Scotia Health to determine their interest in purchasing the Roseway Manor property, with a deadline to respond by December 31, 2024. Motion Passed

- I.B.E.W. – Contract Negotiations dates

The Town Clerk/Treasurer will get dates from the Union for negotiations and send them out to Council.

- NSFM Conference – November 26 – 29, 2024 in Halifax

Council made the decision that since this is an election year, training for the new Council would be more beneficial than the NSFM Conference.

- Resignation letter for Assistant Returning Officer

09-09-24-05

It was duly moved and seconded that Council accept the resignation letter of Jill Cassibo as Assistant Returning Officer due to a Conflict of Interest. Her husband is running for Council in the upcoming Municipal Election. 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 and Wellness – May and July reports

11. Correspondence

12. Information Only

- New Fee schedule for C & D site
- Certificate of Appreciation for contributing to the 2024 Community Volunteer Income Tax Program
- Code of Conduct update from the Honourable John Lohr, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund from Hardy Stuckless, Executive Director, Municipal Infrastructure and Finance

13. Date of next meeting

- September 23, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

14. “In Camera”

15. Adjournment

09-09-24-05

There being no further business, it was duly moved and seconded that this meeting be adjourned. Time 6:18 p.m. Motion Passed.

Cory Nickerson, Mayor

June Harding, Town Clerk/Treasurer