

Town of Lockeport Recreation/MYM Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2026 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

Present: Mayor Derek Almalfa, Councillor Anna Chetwynd, MYM Community Navigator Connie Lamm, Sue Crosby, Benn Himmelman, Dawn DeMings-Taylor, Jan Fiske, Will Chetwynd and Recording Secretary Mary Meagher

Regrets: Rhiannon Hinerman

Meeting called to order at 6:04

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Dawn and seconded by Will.
Motion Carried

Approval of December 1, 2025 Minutes: Moved by Derek and seconded by Will.
Motion Carried

There were no Presentations/Guests tonight.

There was nothing under Old Business.

Make Your Move Lockeport:

Skating – there were 39 from Lockeport, 25 from Shelburne and 7 from the municipality for a total of 78 who attended the free skate December 30. Connie reported that it went very well. Perhaps provide hot chocolate next time on January 11 from 2:00 to 3:30. Sou'West Transit was used this time and will again next skate.

Connie updated us on how she and Benn had discussed how to use the MYM money to best benefit the town. Anna joined them in this discussion. An idea that came from this meeting was to improve the walkway behind the guardrail in Brighton Road to make it more walkable by laying weed guard and crusher stone.

Connie updated us on a report from Elaine concerning interviews held with people participating in MYM that dealt with lack of bathroom availability while walking. We later were told that this was gathered from a relatively small sample of people. A lengthy discussion and disagreement ensued on this topic concerning availability and locations etc.

Open Drop In/Indoor Walking – The drop- in scheduled for December 19 was cancelled. Benn plans to check again for this month with the school but he is considering moving it back to the Recreation Centre if he can't work it out at the school. Benn is going to see if there may be an opportunity to use soccer indoor.

MYM Video – Connie showed us a video produced by the Antigonish MYM Group. It was noted that the difference in size between Antigonish and Lockeport needs to be recognized and expectations tempered.

Playground Installation Update:

Anna reported that Luke will finish the boardwalk this week and he will anchor the inclusive activity units. The remainder of the blue pads need to be installed and a check for metal debris. Also fencing needs to be picked up as it was loaned out to Shelburne.

Park decorations/dismantle: Date selected to take down Seacaps Christmas decorations was this Thursday at 10 a.m.

Playground Fundraising Group: Sue reported that the finances need to be finalized and some of the remaining loose ends tied up and then the group will make plans on future fundraising events. More details will follow.

School Update: Will reported that the Senior Boys Basketball have a home game Wednesday and an away game on Friday. Exams will be held for two days at the end of the month.

New Business – 2025 Events Review (what worked/what didn't)

Winterfest – No

Spring Into Lockeport – No

MYM Day – Yes

Nova Scotia Walks Day – Yes May 13 – Grand Walk

Family Beach Bash – may move to another date with various games and activities.

Sea Derby duct tape races ??– MYM helped by donating prizes

Turkey Trot – No

Free Skates – Yes

August Beach Bash – Yes

Decorate Seacaps Park for Christmas – Yes

Holiday Walking Lights – Yes

Christmas Craft Fair – Yes – Sponsored by “The Big Beach Market”

Trail Cleanups – Yes

Playground policy review/discussion:

Anna read the existing policy and it was agreed that a new policy needs to be created and not locking it to be included in the policy. Anna showed us a sign that covers what insurance requires. Sue and Dawn will compose the policy that should also include the Soccer Field, Baseball Field, Tennis/Pickleball Court.

Volunteer of the Month Nominations:

It was moved by Will and seconded by Sue that Lily Ann Roache be nominated for January. Motion Carried

It was moved by Dawn and seconded by Will that Ragged Island Artisans Group be nominated for February. Motion Carried

Anna read an email from Rhiannon with some ideas that we will follow up with at our next meeting.

Next meeting: February 5, 2026 at 6 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02

