

Town of Lockeport Recreation/MYM Minutes
March 2, 2026

Present: Mayor Derek Almalfa, Councillor Anna Chetwynd, Benn Himmelman, MYM Community Navigator Connie Lamm, Sue Crosby, Jan Fiske and recording Secretary Mary Meagher.

Regrets: Dawn DeMings-Taylor, Will Chetwynd and Emily Swim

The meeting was called to order at 6:02.

Approval of Agenda with several additions: Sugar Hut under Beach Bash, Town Budget 2026/27 under New Business, and Peace Hut under New Business. Moved by Jan and seconded by Connie. Motion carried

Approval of Minutes from February 2, 2026. Moved by Derek and seconded by Benn. Motion carried

There were no presentations/guests tonight.

There was no Old Business to address tonight.

Rhiannon Hinerman joined the meeting at 6:09.

Reports/Updates:

Make Your Move Lockeport

*Skating date change from March 15th to the 14th from 3-4:30.

* MYM Day – walk/run that Sue and Dawn are organizing (use medals that Fran had in storage) and the wellnify promotion. This event needs to have longevity well past this pilot project. Build on the lending library – introduce games for seniors such as croquet and lawn bowling. Discussed possibly having a code access to storage building for equipment, need to work on the details.

*Open Drop-in/Indoor Walking – Benn updated that the drop-in last Friday brought 9 adults and 9 kids. There was only 1 participant at the indoor walking. June and Jill have dropped in occasionally.

*MYM Lending Library – this was noted above. Connie told us some equipment has been ordered. Benn added that a draft waiver form put together needs to be run past insurance.

*Lockeport Sign Project – there will be one more meeting this week for fine tuning and will be presented to council at the March 13th meeting. Derek will submit to the Recreation Committee for review.

Playground Update:

Tentative date of March 15th for the soft opening. The weather appears to be clearing. Murals will be complete in the next week or two.

Peace Hut – Jan is suggesting it be moved and Sue agreed. There ensued a discussion around this including safety issue with where it is located presently. A motion to board it up for the time being until a decision is made was made by Sue and seconded by Rhiannon. Motion Carried

Playground Fundraising Group:

There will be a meeting tomorrow with Sue, Jan and Anna to go over the Playground budget and plans. Eastern fence will be paid.

*Easter Egg Walk – Rhiannon has wooden eggs that she offered for the walks route. Connie suggested we introduce the senior games at the Easter Hunt Event with the \$500 that she has allocated from the MYM funds for equipment helping with the longevity aspect.

*50/50 – Sue informed us that another one is starting very soon. There was \$500 raised at the chili/soup fundraiser.

School Update:

The boy's basketball team starts provincials in Shelburne on Friday but unfortunately the girls are out of the running.

New Business:

Town Budget – Derek let us know that the budget will be put together at the end of March, first of April so if there are any suggestions that the group would like to see included in the budget it was suggested to pass them on to him beforehand.

Anna thanked Benn and Connie for doing an inventory of Fran's old office, keeping what is good and could be used but also may want to put some items out for people to take. Anna will hold a Seniors Bingo on Tuesday the 17th and a Kid's one on the 19th.

Bike Camp – May have to see how many volunteers can be gathered to see if and how long this can run.

Beach Bash – New date August 1st. Sugar Hut interested in being there. The Heritage/Tourism Committee have offered to assist at this event. Sue said that the playground fundraisers would do the food once again this year.

Family Beach Bash – usually held as a July 1st event but it was decided that it would be a Recreation event and to have it July 4/5 or July 11/12, will finalize the dates later. Big Beach Market will sponsor an activity and provide a trophy and prizes. There will be family theme games such as Tug of War, Sandcastle building, water relay, treasure hunt, 3-legged race etc. There is \$500 from MYM funds available for sound.

Volunteer of the Month – no new ones selected at this time.

NSFM Community Success Story submission – Candice suggested the playpark project and Anna wrote it up.

Motion made by Derek and seconded by Connie to nominate the Playground Fundraiser Group (Sue, Jan and Dawn) as volunteers of the year for the Town of Lockeport. Motion Carried

Next meeting date: Monday March 30th at 6 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27, moved by Connie and seconded by Rhiannon. Motion Carried

