



**TOWN OF LOCKPORT
COUNCIL MEETING
FRIDAY JANUARY 9, 2026,
MINUTES**

Present: Mayor Derek Amalfa, Deputy Mayor Craig Hillen, Councillor Anna Chetwynd, Councillor Kevin Chetwynd, Councillor Candace Malik, Town Clerk/Treasurer June Harding, and Recording Secretary Jill Cassibo.

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Amalfa at 1:03 p.m.

2. Silence Electronic Devices

All electronic devices were silenced at this time.

3. Approval of Agenda, including additions or deletions

01-09-26-01

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the agenda for the January 9, 2026, meeting with the following addition under Finance – Marine Room Discussion/Make Your Move Initiative. Motion Passed

4. Conflict of Interest

There were no Conflicts of Interest declared.

5. Approval of Minutes

- Regular Council Meeting Minutes December 12, 2025

01-09-26-02

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of December 12, 2025.
Motion Passed**

6. Business arising from Previous Minutes

There was no business from the previous minutes

7. 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

8. Presentations

Yolande Donaldson – Legion project

Yolande Donaldson is doing a project to remember those who died abroad during World War I, World War II, and the Korean War, whose bodies were never brought back to Canada. She would like to see copies of the picture she presented put in the schools so that the veterans are remembered every day, not just on November 11. The Town of Lockeport has one of those pictures in the Legion and at the schools already.

The purchase of more of these pictures will be discussed during budget deliberations.

9. Finance

- List of invoices already paid in the amount of \$361,911.46

Mayor Amalfa started off by thanking all the Medical First Responders and Fire Fighter for their service.

Councillor Malik asked if Brighton Road is going to be fixed around the area of Ryan Chetwynd's where Dexter Construction did the repairs. The Town of Lockeport' Public Works Department will fix this in the spring.

- Town of Lockeport Municipal Report 2023 – 2024

This was for review

- Kids Fair Play Fund Update

Councillor K. Chetwynd will ask Adam Dedrick for posters to promote on our website and Facebook pages.

- Make Your Move Initiative

Connie Lamm, Make Your Move Coordinator, stated that from surveys that were conducted, the biggest barrier for physical exercise was washrooms. It was mentioned that the Marine Room, that already has a washroom could be used. It will need work for it to be made accessible to people, door widened, lighting outside, a camera, paint. This location seems minimal risk for vandalism.

Mayor Amalfa said that he would like Connie to de a comparison study with an elevated level and then it could be scaled back.

Deputy Mayor Hillen commented that it was noted when Michelle Vacon did her accessibility report.

Councillor K. Chetwynd thought it was a great idea.

Councillor A. Chetwynd said this topic was discussed at the Recreation committee, but no recommendation or motion had been made as the discussion stalled. The committee felt more information was required around cost and upkeep specifically.

Councillor A Chetwynd also advised that in the survey provided to her, 22 people participated with 4 being residents of Lockeport. Access to washrooms was raised as a barrier by one individual in Antigonish.

Councillor A Chetwynd is not opposed to exploring the costs of this project but cautioned Council that this would not replace all the portable toilets that the Town of Lockeport pays for each year. Currently we pay \$15,000.00 annually.

01-09-26-03

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve Connie Lamm, Make Your Move Coordinator to do a high-level comparison study to see what is required to open the Marine Room year-round as a public washroom. Motion Passed

10. Other Business

There was nothing for Other Business

11. Council Reports

- Mayor Derek Amalfa

Mayor Amalfa reported that the terms of reference for shared services are in the works. The C & D site will remain open but with less hours of operation and they will be looking at a revenue model, noting that the cost will go up for the Town of Lockeport. Councillor Malik asked if the cost will go up for residents using the site, but the Municipality of the District of Shelburne is waiting for recommendations from staff. There were 25 proposals submitted for the Equity, Diversion and Inclusion Services. This will need to be scaled down, and it is a provincially mandated policy.

- Deputy Mayor Craig Hillen
 - o Lobster Crawl Update

Deputy Mayor Hillen updated the rest Council on the events planned for February 21, 2026, in Lockeport at the Beach Centre and the Fire Hall.

- Councillor Anna Chetwynd

The Recreation Committee is finishing with the Playpark, and they are reviewing the policy for the Playpark closure in winter months. The Volunteer of the month for January is Lily Anne Roache and for February is Ragged Island Artisans Group

01-09-26-04

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve Lily Anne Roache as the Volunteer of the Month for January and Ragged Island Artisans Group for the month of February. Motion Passed

- Councillor Candace Malik
 - o Western Counties Regional Library Board Meeting Minutes September 2025

Councillor Malik reported that Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation is waiting on renovations to begin to accommodate the ultrasound machine. The next project suggested was for a CT machine, however, there is much to discuss regarding the boards next goal.

12. Correspondence

There was nothing for Correspondence

13. Information Only

- Email from Jenny Kwan, MP for Vancouver East regarding Bill C-233, the No More Loopholes Act
- Shelburne Community Partners / Nova Scotia Health Update
- Letter to the Honourable Tim Houston from Nicholas MacInnis, Warden for the Municipality of the County of Antigonish
- Email from Rielle Hong from Birds Canada – Shelburne 2025 Piping Plover Summary

14. Date of next meeting

- January 23, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

15. “In Camera”

There was nothing for “In Camera”

16. Adjournment

01-09-26-05

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

Mayor Derek Amalfa

Town Clerk/Treasurer June Harding

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