



**TOWN OF LOCKPORT
COUNCIL MEETING
FRIDAY MARCH 13, 2026
MINUTES**

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

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Amalfa at 1:01 p.m.

2. Silence Electronic Devices

All electronic devices were silenced at this time.

3. Approval of Agenda, including additions or deletions

03-13-26-01

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the agenda for the March 13, 2026, meeting with the following additions: Under Finance, Community Safety Net grant request, Under Correspondence a letter in reply to NSCC Campus use and Under Council Reports, Equity and Anti-Racism Committee appointment of members. Motion Passed

4. Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared for this meeting.

5. Approval of Minutes

- Regular Council Meeting Minutes February 27, 2026

03-13-26-02

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of February 27, 2026. Motion Passed

6. Business arising from Previous Minutes

Citizen concern regarding policy GG-026, social media Policy

This concern is being addressed through the Town's administration process.

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

Kevin Currie – Sou'West Nova Transit

Presentation from Mr. Currie showed that they conducted close to seven thousand rides this fiscal year and they want to start working with Feed Nova Scotia and the greenhouse located in the Town of Shelburne to deliver food to residents. Sou'West is asking for more funding this year and are currently advertising for a driver from the Lockeport area.

9. Finance

- List of invoices already paid in the amount of \$ 34,359.98.

There were no questions regarding the invoices already paid.

- 2026/2027 Budget Preparation Timeline

Council was presented with the budget preparation timeline prepared by Mayor Amalfa and the Town Clerk/Treasurer. The next budget meetings are scheduled for March 27, 2026, at 10 am and April 17, 2026, at 1 p.m. The following motion was made:

03-13-26-03

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the 2026/2027 budget preparation timeline as presented. Motion Passed.

- Community Safety Net

This is an initiative for kids aged ten and older to give them a drug prevention resource to help them avoid drugs and dangerous situations and be directed towards habits and goals that will build their lives with confidence.

03-13-26-04

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve support for children through the Community Safety Net initiative in the amount of \$240.00 plus HST. Motion Passed

10. Other Business

11. Council Reports

- Mayor Derek Amalfa

Mayor Amalfa reported on the Amalgamation Steering Committee meeting and the presentation from the Mayor of Hants County. He discussed how they went through the process. As the MIP funding has been cut, a letter has been sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Honourable John A. MacDonald, asking that the Province of Nova Scotia agree to fund the entire process of researching Amalgamation. At the Shelburne County Leadership meeting, the Municipality of the District of Shelburne talked about how they are still researching the new Dog By-Law. At the Shelburne Health Care Meeting, Mayor Amalfa was told the new ultrasound machine had arrived and they are starting to expand their services in the Emergency Department, Mental Health, and physiotherapy.

Councillor A. Chetwynd asked Mayor Amalfa to reach out and find out about the blood clinic in Lockeport as all the dates are blocked out and no one can book an appointment.

- Deputy Mayor Craig Hillen

Deputy Mayor Hillen added to his list of meeting that on Feb. 17, 2026, he helped with Sr. Bingo with Councillor A. Chetwynd. Deputy Mayor Hillen will ask the Heritage and

Tourism Committee if they are interested in sending a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs in response to the funding cuts and asked Councillor A. Chetwynd to ask the Recreation Committee if they wanted to do the same. Councillor A. Chetwynd will take it to their next meeting.

- Councillor Anna Chetwynd
 - o Letter from Masonic Lodge Yarmouth/Shelburne District

Confirmation has been received that the Taylor Lodge # 62 has donated to the Play Park project to purchase an inclusive swing. Councillor Chetwynd expressed her gratitude to the organization.

There will be a soft launch for the opening of the Playpark on March 15, 2026, at 1 p.m., Free Skate in Shelburne on March 14, 2026, Family Bingo March 19, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. and Sr, Bingo March 17, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.

All the Christmas decorations have been taken down from the shanties at Seaside Park, and they are hoping to expand with more decorations next year. Councillor A. Chetwynd brought forward a motion to nominate the Seacaps Playpark Fundraising Committee for Volunteer of the Year Award.

03-13-26-05

**It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve nominating the Seacaps Playpark Fundraising Committee for Volunteer of the Year Award.
Motion Passed**

- Councillor Candace Malik

Councillor Malik advised that the Student Advisory Committee (SAC) will be looking for members as they have been unable to get a quorum during the last few meetings. Likely, an expression of interest (EOI) will need to go out.

Councillor Malik stated that the newsletter for April is 60% completed. Councillor A. Chetwynd suggested putting information about the new Wellnify app in the newsletter as Make Your Move roll out is May 9, 2026, and there will be events planned for that day. Councillor A. Chetwynd also suggested putting information for residents to get their wells cleaned before summer, as sometimes sediment build-up can block the natural spring.

Councillor Malik discussed the desalination meeting she attended and would like to have a presentation to Council from Oneka. An email has been sent from the Town Clerk and is waiting on confirmation.

Councillor Malik requested that a nomination be made for the newly created Equity & Anti-Racism Committee, as she was on the Advisory Panel and helped in approving the terms of reference. Now that the TOR have been approved at a previous Council meeting, it is required that one member from the three units sit on the new EAR Committee.

Councillor Malik was nominated by Mayor Amalfa to sit on the Equity and Anti-Racism Committee and she accepted the nomination.

03-13-26-06

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve Councillor Malik to sit as Councillor for the TOL on the newly created Equity and Anti-Racism Committee. Motion Passed

12. Correspondence

- Letter from the Honourable Scott Armstrong, Attorney General and Minister of Justice – RCMP Retroactive Pay Liability

This RCMP Retroactive pay did not cost municipalities anything.

- Letter from Gordon Delano, Executive Director, Natural Resources – Excessive seaweed on beaches
- Letter to Honourable John A. MacDonald, Minister of Municipal Affairs from Mayor Derek Amalfa – Amalgamation funding
- Letter to Premier Tim Houston from South Shore Municipalities – funding cuts
- Letter to Honourable Nolan Young from South Shore Municipalities – expansion of programs and NSCC, Shelburne campus

Mayor Amalfa received a response from the letter regarding NSCC stating that they were looking into this issue.

- Letter to CAO's from Sandra McKenzie, Deputy Minister, Department of Emergency Management – REMO standards
- Letters of support from Mayor Derek Amalfa and Deputy Mayor Craig Hillen, in support of RBC Barrier Buster Grant

13. Information Only

- Nova Scotia Health
- Email from Honourable Jim Karygiannis, GTA Strategies – Conflict in Iran and Canadian Businesses
- Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities 2026/2027 Budget

- Letter from Paul LaFleche, Deputy Minister – Nova Scotia released budget 2026/2027.

Councillor A. Chetwynd thanked former Mayor George Harding for his presentation in the morning regarding his experience with Amalgamation. She also suggested asking former Mayor of the Town of Shelburne, Karen Mattatall to do a presentation and see what her experience was. Ms. Harding will try to set this up.

03-13-26-07

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve extending an invitation to the former Mayor of the Town of Shelburne, Karen Mattatall to present her experience with the Amalgamation process. Motion Passed

Date of next meeting

- March 27, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

03-13-26-08

It was duly moved and seconded that Council go ‘In Camera’ at 2:11 p.m. Motion Passed

“In Camera”

- Contract negotiations
- Labour relations

Council resumed regular session at 3:25 p.m.

14. Adjournment

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There being no further business, it was duly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Time 3:38 p.m. Motion Passed

Mayor Derek Amalfa

Town Clerk/Treasurer June Harding

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