



**TOWN OF LOCKEPORT
COUNCIL MEETING
FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 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.

REGRETS: Kevin Snow, Public Works Supervisor

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 that time.

3. Approval of Agenda, including additions or deletions

03-27-26-01

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the agenda for the March 27, 2026, meeting as presented with the following additions – Under Finance, FCM grant and under Committee reports, Love Lockeport Businesses awards for the month of April. Motion Passed

4. Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5. Approval of Minutes of March 13, 2026, Regular Council Meeting

03-27-26-02

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the meeting Minutes from the March 13, 2026, meeting, as circulated. Motion Passed

6. Business arising from previous Minutes.

There was no business to be dealt with from the previous meeting.

7. Community Forum (Open Mic)

- 20 Minutes Maximum
- Each resident is allowed a maximum of five minutes.
- Each resident is to state their name and where they live.
- The resident is to speak directly to the 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.

Sue Crosby, resident of Lockeport, will send an email to Council with a list of comments and amalgamation questions, regarding tax sales, MFR (Medical First Responders) and tax rates. Sue asked that if Council does not know the answer to say they do not know the answer.

8. Presentations

There are no presentations scheduled for this meeting.

9. Department Reports

- Administration Report

The Town Clerk/Treasurer went over the beginning stages for the tax sale schedule.

10. Finance

- List of invoices already paid in the amount of \$113,309.99.

There were no questions regarding invoices already paid.

- NSFM Workshop

The Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) is hosting their spring conference in Yarmouth from April 29 – May 1, 2026.

03-27-26-03

It was duly moved and seconded that Mayor Amalfa be approved to attend the NSFM Spring Conference from April 29 – May 1, 2026, in Yarmouth. Motion Passed

- FCM grant for the Causeway.

Mayor Amalfa explained that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has approved the grant, except for the 10 – 20% the Town will have to pay, to go ahead with the feasibility studies required for the work that needs to be done to the causeway. This also includes the Green Initiative Fund, and the Town may be able to also add the Atlantic Infrastructure Management Network (AIM) to partner for this project. The one stream of the project is for accessibility, and the other stream is for infrastructure. Council will then have options to choose from.

03-27-26-04

It was duly moved and seconded that Council agree to proceed with the study on the causeway with the FCM grant and the Green Initiative Fund. Motion Passed.

11. Other Business

- Joint Services Board Exploration Committee Terms of Reference

Councillor Malik had one addition to the Joint Services Board Terms of Reference. Under 3d, it had been discussed that the Town of Lockeport has the option to opt in/opt out of support studies, reports, public engagement processes, and other research opportunities.

03-27-26-04

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the Joint Services Board terms of Reference with the addition under 3d, that the Town of Lockeport has the discretion to opt in/opt out of support studies, reports, public engagement processes, and other research opportunities. Motion Passed.

12. Committee Reports

- Councillor Anna Chetwynd
 - o Recreation Committee Draft Minutes

Councillor A. Chetwynd stated that the Peace Hut in the Playpark area is currently being used for kids climbing on. The Recreation Committee would like to board the hut for safety reasons, as well as discuss the future of the hut.

The Heritage and Tourism Committee did not offer to help at the Beach Bash as recorded in the draft minutes.

In the South Shore Bulletin, there is a printout of the phone interview by Councillor A. Chetwynd regarding the new playpark.

03-27-26-05

It was duly moved and seconded that as recommended by the Recreation Committee, Council agrees to have the Peace Hut boarded up and direct staff and Council to discuss the future of the hut. Motion Passed

- Councillor Candace Malik
 - o Western Counties Regional Library Minutes

Western Counties Regional Library is advocating for the libraries to stay open, even with the financial cuts from the Nova Scotia Federal government. Staff were given a living wage increase and new policies were introduced.

- Councillor Kevin Chetwynd
 - o Region 6 Meeting
- Deputy Mayor Craig Hillen
 - o Heritage and Tourism Committee
 - o Love Lockeport Awards for April

03-27-26-06

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve Beech St. Kitchen and Lester Swansburg Electrician as recipients for the Love Lockeport Award for the month of April. Motion Passed

13. Correspondence

- Email from Lisa Roy – Mermaid/Other Town attractions

14. Information Only

- Email from Nolan Young, MLA Shelburne County, regarding Museum funding
- Letter of support to Premier Houston from Mayor Mike Bartlett, Town of Digby – Antigonish Coalition to End Poverty
- Letter of support to Premier Houston from Warden Nicholas MacInnis, Municipality of the County of Antigonish – Antigonish Coalition to End Poverty
- Letter from Hayley Crichton, Executive Director, Public Safety and Security Division regarding RCMP 2026/2027 billing.

15. Date of next meeting

- Friday April 10, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

16. “In Camera”

There was nothing for “In Camera

17. Adjournment

03-27-26-07

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned. Time 1:38 pm. Motion Passed

Derek Amalfa
Mayor

June Harding
Town Clerk/Treasurer