Finance Committee Meeting
April 17, 2026
Agenda

1. Call to order

2. Silence of Electronic Devices

3. Review of 2026/2027 Budget

   (a) Grants to Organizations

   (b) Committee Requests
      a. Recreation Committee
      b. Heritage & Tourism Committee

4. Tax Rates

5. Asset Management review

TOWN OF LOCKEPORT
APPLICATION
COMMUNITY GRANT REQUEST

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: Lockeport Cemetery Company

MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 106
Lockeport, N.S.
B0T 1L0

CIVIC ADDRESS:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: To have a well maintained cemetery to promote a greater sense of peace and healing for the families of the community

TOTAL COST OF PROJECT: $ 9,800.00

FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES:

Municipality of Shelburne $ 750.00
Private donations $ 4000.00
Fundraising $ 1000.00

AMOUNT OF GRANT REQUESTED FROM COUNCIL: $ 500.00

SUBMITTED BY:

NAME: Ellen Suttle

TITLE: Secretary

ADDRESS: 3578 Highway 3
East Green Harbour
N.S., B0T 1L0

PHONE #: 902-875-7632

TOWN OF LOCKEPORT
APPLICATION
COMMUNITY GRANT REQUEST

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: Shelburne County Arts Council

MAILING ADDRESS: PO Box 365
Shelburne, NS
B0T 1W0

CIVIC ADDRESS: 64 Craigs Rd, Little Harbour, NS, B0T 1V0

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Shelburne County Arts Council is requesting a small grant to contribute to our ongoing work to support artists and the arts in Shelburne County, including in and around the Town of Lockeport.

TOTAL COST OF PROJECT: $ 31,550

FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES:

Provincial operating grant (not confirmed)	$ 17,000
Membership, Donations, Sales, etc	$ 8,800
Other municipalities	$ 2,500

AMOUNT OF GRANT REQUESTED FROM COUNCIL: $ 500

SUBMITTED BY:

NAME: Darcy Rhyno

TITLE: Executive Director

ADDRESS: PO Box 365, Shelburne NS, B0T 1V0

PHONE #: 902-875-6433

SHELBURNE ARTS COUNCIL

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Vice Chair-Braden Chetland
Treasurer-Lorelei King
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Alex Buchanan
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Joanna Gilman Hyde
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SCAC MEMBERSHIP

ONLY $10

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SCAC Receives Major Gift!

15 years ago, SCAC created two endowment funds, which are permanent investments that return small amounts of earned interest to SCAC every year. The interest from one endowment supports our Peter and Joan Oliver Scholarship. The other goes to other programs, all of which support artists and the arts in Shelburne County. SCAC has worked hard since creating them to grow these endowments, taking small steps open to a small, non-profit organization.

In 2025, a local supporter of the arts bequeathed a large gift to SCAC, specifically to support our scholarship. The gift, together with interest from our existing endowment fund, means that we will have access to at least $3,000 annually to grant as a scholarship. The original gift will continue to grow over time, always increasing the amount of the scholarship. In 2025, SCAC did not receive an application for the scholarship, so in 2026, the scholarship will be even larger. It's open to anyone furthering their education in the arts.

We cannot overstate our gratitude for the generosity of this SCAC supporter, for planning such a significant gift as a legacy that will give back to the community in perpetuity.

We are always open to assisting anyone planning to bequeath or otherwise give to our community's artists and the arts. While this gift was made specifically to support the scholarship in perpetuity, we are open to new ideas for gifts to support other SCAC programs or to support new ones. For example, if you are interested in creating a visual arts prize, a literary grant, or other permanent arts support, we can help!

Subscribe to our email update list

We'll send you occasional emails when there's something happening you should know about. Click the link on the contact page of our website, then follow the steps.

Here's a Quick Guide to Our Current Programs

Over the years, SCAC has rolled out many programs and embarked on many projects to serve local artists and the arts community in Shelburne County. Here's a quick guide to our current active programs that might be of interest to you as an artist or as part of a group or organization. Visit our website for more information.

Community Arts: Open to individuals and organizations, SCAC accepts applications for small grants to assist with your projects of almost any kind in any genre at two deadlines: April 30, September 30.

Open Studio: Open to visual artists working in any medium, these semi-regular gatherings are meant to provide mutual constructive feedback on work in progress or just completed.

SCAC Records: Recordings, videos, songwriting workshops —musicians can apply for grants to pursue any of these activities.

Oliver Scholarship: Open to anyone furthering their education in the arts, this generous scholarship supports arts learners in university, college, and private programs in any genre. Deadline for high school students: May 31

Education: Shelburne County schools and educators can apply to SCAC anytime for support with arts-based projects outside their usual activities such as bringing a play, musician, or writer to the school.

Arts Talks: We invite highly accomplished artists to give presentations about their work. Some are local. Others are regional or international. There is no application to this program.

SCAC Publishing: Writers can approach SCAC with ideas for publishing projects that have a heavy emphasis on Shelburne County.

Explorations: We put our strong familiarity with what's happening locally in the arts to work by pro-actively approaching individual artists to explore and create new, original works of art. There is no application.

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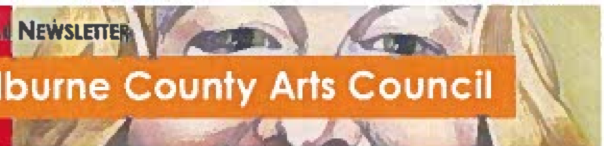

Shelburne County Arts Council

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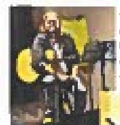
Did you know

- It's *still* just $10 for a SCAC membership good from Jan. to Dec. Yup, that's zero inflation over at SCAC to support local artists.
- You may be eligible for a SCAC grant to buy art supplies, make a music video, take an arts workshop, or write a novel. Ask us.
- You can volunteer to serve on the board of this active arts organization? Ask us.
- If you're studying art, literature, music, video etc. at the post secondary or other level, or going into your first or any other year, you can apply for our scholarship.

Two Works of Art Underway with Exploration Grants

Two talented local artists received Exploration Grants from SCAC in 2025. These grants are designed to both encourage and support local artists in the creation of new work.

Jeremy Wamback is a singer songwriter from the Lockeport area. His songs use his lived experiences as a Shelburne County resident as their raw material. Jeremy's grant to create a collection of original songs stretches into 2026, and as of the publication of this newsletter, he has already written several new songs, and others are in the works.



Dayle Eshelby is a writer working on a creative non-fiction book about the remarkable life of her mother, Deny Eshelby, a ceramic artist who lived and worked in the Clyde River area for many years. The book is coming together nicely. Besides being a fine wordsmith, Dayle is well known as an engaging reader, and her readings of chapters from her book are always captivating.

SCAC is working toward the next Exploration Grants, so watch for news in 2026.

Arts Talks with Jane Huson and Kim Morgan

Plans for a six-part series of Arts Talks had to be pared back to just two, for various reasons, but what a great couple of talks by artists we experienced!

Jane Huson of East Green Harbour wowed the audience on May 31 with an inspiring, and often humourous, walk through her growth as an artist, particularly in her years as a Nova Scotia resident. She brought along works to exhibit and accompanied her talk with a slide show.

Huson received a creative art diploma from Georgian College specializing in printmaking and sculpture. In Lethbridge, she trained to be a teacher and studied art. She was a beloved art teacher in Alberta for 25 years. After retiring, she moved to the Lockeport area in 2013.

From 1994-2007 Huson created private and public commissions in stained glass and oil paint. Huson and her sister held a show in Shelburne in 2019, "Every Square Inch of Her" about wildlife conservation and biodiversity. She created a solo show in 2022 inspired by her lovely property and the beauty and brilliance of crows. Two years ago, she participated in a SCAC group show.

On June 28, SCAC presented Kim Morgan, a Professor at NSCAD in Halifax and a visual artist who explores the impact of technology on people's perceptions of time, space, and the body. She's exhibited nationally and internally at the National Art Centre in Ottawa, Artpace in San Antonio, and St. Paul's Gallery in New Zealand. She received the Arts Nova Scotia Established Artist Recognition Award in 2017 and the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia Masterworks Award 2012 for her work "Range Light Borden Carleton PEI."

In 2026, SCAC plans an exciting lineup of Arts Talks. Join our email list for news!

Open Studio Sessions: A Community of Artists

Again this year, board member Tanya Mars organized and hosted a series of seven free artist get-togethers we call Open Studio. These sessions are open to anyone looking for a way to network with other artists of any genre and share their work that's either completed or in progress.

The Open Studio sessions are usually hosted at Studio 135 on Water Street in Shelburne. Unfortunately, weather forced the cancellation of the first scheduled for February, but those for April, June, July, August, September, and November went ahead as planned.

The sessions are intended to give artists of all ages at any level of development an opportunity to meet each other and meet new artists to talk about each other's work and—if they wish—receive constructive feedback.

The goal is to create a warm and welcoming environment for artists in the community. "Most of all, we have fun," says Mars who invites anyone who hasn't yet experienced Open Studio to drop in. Sign up to SCAC's email list, look for posters around the community, and watch our Facebook page for future Open Studio sessions.

A Successful Musings, But No Oliver Scholarship

For the first time, we hosted our annual SCAC fundraiser "Musings" at the Sable River Community Hall. It's one of Shelburne County's most attractive small halls with lots of activity year round.

This year's Musings held on the afternoon of November 23 was hosted by SCAC board member Tanya Mars (right) and featured lots of entertainment and a fun cake auction. We sold memberships (new and renewing) and copies of our anthology of Shelburne County writing, *Salt and Wild*. At this annual fundraiser, we like to feature local artists of all kinds, especially those we've supported with grants, scholarships, presentations, and other support.

Jeremy Wamback performed original songs and Dayle Eshelby read from *Salt and Wild*. Both are recent recipients of our Exploration Grant (see page 1). Shelly MacIntosh, Danny Acker, and Peter Healy–all longtime, talented county musicians–each played a few songs.

Thanks to cake makers Ruth Waters, Holly Renaud, Christy Conrad, Ann Pierce, Su Rogers, Lorin Hesse, Braden Chetwynd, Melissa Strachan, and Alison Stanton, the always lively cake auction raised $425. Funds raised help with SCAC's programs such as our Peter and Joan Oliver Scholarship and others described in this newsletter (see page 4).

Peter and Joan Oliver Scholarship:
In 2025, SCAC received no applications for the Peter and Joan Oliver Scholarship, which is open to all sorts of arts training. We award the scholarship to graduating high school students enrolling in post secondary education in the arts. Past recipients have studied music at university, filmmaking at community college, and acting in an overseas institution. We award the scholarship to students in mid-training such as entering a graduate program in the arts or simply completing an ongoing degree. We are open to creative uses of the scholarship for longer term arts training. (If you need support to attend a workshop, that can come from our Community Arts Program.) If you are interested in training, education, or professional development in the arts of any kind, contact us and we'll direct you to the SCAC program that fits your needs.

Theatre at Hillcrest

When the PTSG (parent teacher student group) at Hillcrest Academy, the elementary school in Shelburne, came to us for assistance, we were there to help. SCAC awarded the group an Education Grant to bring live theatre to the school.

Neptune Theatre in Halifax was touring a children's play around to schools across Nova Scotia. "Emilio's a Million Chameleons" is musical theatre with themes of embracing what makes each child special

and being true to yourself. The show encourages audience participation. It's part of the Neptune Theatre School's 2024/2025 TOURCo program, which performs at schools across Nova Scotia. While the grant was approved in 2024, the show wasn't performed at Hillcrest until the spring of 2025.

The (re) Launch of *Salt and Wild*

On September 20, SCAC re-launched our book, *Salt and Wild* at the beautiful Lockeport Beach Centre. We reprinted 100 copies of the book, originally published in 2019, which was so popular, it sold out. *Salt and Wild* is an anthology of prose and poetry by Shelburne County writers.

The event featured short readings by some of the authors, book sales, and a special presentation to Susan Hoover, who co-edited the book, was a founding member of SCAC, and who retired from the SCAC last year. SCAC Chair Melissa Strachan (top right) presented her with a pin custom designed by local jeweler Lorin Hesse.

Susan's co-editor of the book is the writer E. Alex Pierce (pictured bottom right reading from her work at the re-launch.) Many of the writers in the book attended writing workshops offered by Pierce and supported by SCAC. Readers included Jane Alexander and Elizabeth Pooley. SCAC board members Dayle Eshelby read works by the late Mike Hartigan and Kathleen Tudor.

To purchase one of the few remaining reprints, contact us at shelcoartscouncil@gmail.com or visit Shorebound Books, 142 Water Street, Shelburne.

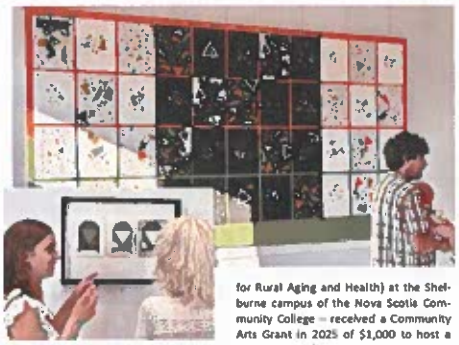
Community Arts Fund Lends Artists a Hand

Through our Community Arts Program, SCAC supports local artists and organizations with their unique arts-related needs. In 2025, four individuals and one organization received grants.

Shelburne jeweller Lorin Hesse received $1,500 to help with the costs of specialized training, for which she had to travel to New York and purchase specialized supplies. Hesse is learning how best to use her silversmith hydraulic press and techniques for setting gemstones. She wants to streamline her work making multiples of her designs (such as the jellyfish earrings below) to sell to boutiques and galleries.

Stained glass artist, Laura Smith Mitchell of Lower Woods Harbour, received a grant of $765 to purchase supplies so she can create new work. She's hoping to create 27 pieces (like the one pictured bottom right) for a spring exhibit near Barrington. Laura also works in watercolors, acrylics, and textiles. From her studio, she offers stained glass workshops and soap-making workshops after recently retiring her soap making business.

SCAC approved a grant of $500 for visual artist Kim Smerek of Port Clyde to purchase supplies. She wants to create a project called, "Growth," a series of twelve paintings and a number of drawings exploring that theme. She says, "Growth is the process of developing or maturing, physically, mentally and spiritually. This is a process with no end. It is the art of living consciously. It is a process of developing one's capabilities, learning how one fits into the world around one, enhancing one's understanding of oneself, and recognizing transcendence and unity." (See her self-portrait, bottom left.)



To help with the cost of frame construction for her visual art exhibition mounted at the Astor Theatre in Liverpool, SCAC granted Nicole Scholosser (top) of Little Harbour $800. The show (part of which is pictured above), called "When the Pieces Fall Into Place," was a body of print works made of handmade paper using various colours of pulp, cotton threads, and discarded artwork. Local resident Don Groft made the frames.

One organization – CORAH (the Centre for Rural Aging and Health) at the Shelburne campus of the Nova Scotia Community College – received a Community Arts Grant in 2025 of $1,000 to host a photography club for smartphone users. These workshops took place from January through March, 2025.

The Community Arts program is a catch-all program. It's meant to support arts activities that don't quite fit in other SCAC programs. Application deadlines for both individuals and organizations are April 30 and September 30. Visit our website for guidelines and application forms. Read the guidelines carefully to determine whether or not you are eligible to apply to the program and to learn exactly what materials you need to submit to complete your application. Grants are typically a maximum of $1000 with rare exceptions for specific projects and circumstances.

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RE: AMANS 2026 Spring Conference – Municipal Support Request

Dear June Harding

We are writing on behalf of the 2026 AMANS Spring Conference Planning Committee.
The 2026 Spring Conference will be hosted in the South Western Shore Region from June 10–12, 2026 at Digby Pines Golf Resort & Spa in Digby, Nova Scotia.

The Committee is working to develop a program that is practical, relevant, and engaging for municipal administrators across the province. The conference will include a mix of professional development sessions, opportunities for knowledge sharing, and time for networking with peers from across Nova Scotia. Based on our experience hosting these events, we are confident the 2026 conference will be both meaningful and well attended. A key factor in the success of the conference each year is the generous support of municipalities within the host region. This support helps AMANS keep registration costs as affordable as possible, ensuring broader access for members across the province.

With this in mind, we are reaching out to ask if the Town of Lockeport would consider providing financial support for the 2026 Spring Conference. Contributions in past years have typically been in the range of $1,000, however any level of support is appreciated and entirely voluntary. Municipalities that choose to contribute will be recognized as part of the host region through conference materials and on-site recognition during the event.

If your municipality is interested in exploring additional sponsorship opportunities or contributing at a different level, please feel free to reach out to the AMANS team, who would be happy to discuss options.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued support of AMANS and municipal professional development across Nova Scotia.
Sincerely,

Marsha d'Eon

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Chair, 2026 AMANS Spring Conference Planning Committee

Town of Lockeport Recreation/ Make Your Move Meeting Minutes
March 30, 2026

Councilor A Chetwynd called the meeting to order at 18:04

Attending: Mayor Derek Amalfa, Councilor Anna Chetwynd, MYM Coordinator Connie Lamm, William Chetwynd, Sue Crosby, Dawn DeMings-Taylor, Janice Fiske, Rhiannon Hinerman

Regrets: Mary Meagher, Benn Himmelman

Approval of Agenda:

- Add Chance Auction under Playground Fundraising group
- Add Janice presentation under New Business

Motion: Approval of Agenda with additions. Moved by Will. Second by Dawn. Motion Carried

Approval of previous minutes March 02, 2026:

- It was noted by the Deputy Mayor at last Regular Council dated March 27, 2026 that the HTC did not offer to help with the Big Beach Bash. Minutes to be changed from HTC has offered to help with this event – to- HTC is welcome to help with this event if they wish.
- It was noted that minutes should not reflect personal names. Going forward the office of the former Community Coordinator shall be referred to as the Recreation office.
- It was noted that Mayor Amalfa's name was misspelled in the minutes.

Motion: Minutes to be approved with noted changes. Moved by Sue Second by Dawn. Motion carried.

There were no guests in attendance and no scheduled presentations.

Old Business:

A discussion was held regarding the 2026/2027 budget. Proposed budget request was:

Annual Playground inspection	$1000.00
Children's Activities	$ 500.00
Family Beach Bash	$ 500.00
Big Beach Bash	$1000.00
Seniors Activities	$ 500.00
Misc Programing	$1400.00
Misc Expenses (snacks, etc)	$ 100.00
Misc Equipment (soccer nets)	$ 250.00
Total Budget request 26/27	$5250.00

Motion: Recommend the above Recreation budget to Council from the Recreation Committee.
Moved by Will, Second Rhiannon Motion Carried

Reports/Updates:

- **Skating March 14th** - this event was well attended. There were 29 actual skaters with others in attendance.
- **MYM Day May 9th**- Plans will include launching the Wellnify App. This challenge is open to all Adults who wish to participate and is free of charge. It requires downloading the app where you will be given daily challenges and can gain points for simple movements, helping your neighbours, volunteering, etc. We can begin rolling out the social media teasers now. Connie and Anna have been working on this. Connie and Benn will attend an April 15th training session in Halifax on the Wellnify App so they can assist people during the launch. Connie is also planning some seniors games at Seacaps Park for Make Your Move Day. May 13th is Nova Scotia Walks Day and typically the day of the Grand Walk. Connie to coordinate with the elementary school to see if we can do this again this year.
- **Veggie Beds** – A discussion was held regarding the location of the raised veggie beds. The majority will be located on Town property (Seacaps park, Medical center, Library), as well as one business location. Beech Street Kitchen was chosen due to its central location to the business district with the hope that gardening can be

Lockeport Heritage & Tourism Committee

Project Planning 2026/27 Funding Request

Project Identification	**Year**	**Cost Estimate**	**Description**
Nautical Buoy Repainting	2026/27	$ 500.00- $800.00	Repainting the Large Nautical Buoys. Two owned and located on Town property. Volunteer work to scrape rust, prime and repaint with marine grade. Town would supply paint, primer and supplies.
Love Lockeport Awards Evening	2026/27	$50.00 Frames $50.00 Refreshments	24 Frames for certificates. Light refreshments split 50/50 with Recreation Committee
South Shore Tourism	2026/27	$ 500.00	Annual cost for TOL marketing services with SST.
Dumping Day/Christmas Lights at Beach Centre Lobster Trap Decoration	2026/27	$ 500.00 - $600.00	Sign creation – Amazon Neon – Best Wishes – LFA 33 Red & White Christmas lights/ rope, extension cords & timer.

Cabana Visitor Beach Centre	2026/27	$500.00	Clean-out of Cabana and repaint for possible seasonal use- private vendor with a rental fee to cover this expenditure and put funds back into Visitor Beach Centre projects.
New Business Directory Sign	2026/27	$1000.00	Replacement and updated Business Directory Sign