



**TOWN OF LOCKEPORT
COUNCIL MEETING
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 15, 2024
MINUTES**

PRESENT: MAYOR DEREK AMALFA, DEPUTY MAYOR ANNA CHETWYND, COUNCILLOR CRAIG HILLEN, 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 1:00 p.m.

2. Silence Electronic Devices

All electronic devices were silenced at that time.

3. Approval of Agenda

11-15-24-01

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the agenda for the November 15, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion Passed

4. Approval of Minutes

- Regular Council Meeting Minutes, October 28, 2024

11-15-24-02

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of October 28, 2024. Motion Passed

5. Business arising from Previous Minutes

There was no business from the previous meeting.

Staff Sgt. Mark MacPherson introduced himself to the new Mayor and Council and distributed an information package about how many staff he has and what area they cover. Staff Sgt. MacPherson is intent on having a stronger Police presence in the Town of Lockeport and is looking forward to working with the Mayor, Council and Residents.

6. 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

Pastor Tim Garron from Lockeport asked about where to get 911 numbers for people's homes.

Timothy Rhyno (resident of Lockeport) had written a letter to Council about rezoning for his property on Water St. Mr. Rhyno stated that if he were to build a building at the back of his property that it would not impede anyone's view. It was suggested by the Council that Mr. Rhyno might want to consider commercial rezoning instead of residential.

11-15-24-03

It was duly moved and seconded that, because Council of the Town of Lockeport members are all new and there are many issues to consider for this request, that this item be tabled until further investigation of the Municipal Planning Strategy and the Land Use By-Law can be completed. Motion Passed

7. Presentations

There are no presentations scheduled for this meeting.

8. Finance

- List of invoices already paid in the amount of \$81,099.71.

There were no questions or concerns regarding the list of invoices.

- Town of Lockeport Borrowing Resolution

11-15-24-04

It was duly moved and seconded that the Town of Lockeport executes the 2024 Municipal Corporation Borrowing Resolution 2024/2025, allowing the Town to borrow for current expenditures until such time as the taxes to be levied can be collected. Motion Passed.

- Climate Resilient Coastal Communities Program

This Program offers technical assistance to Canadian Municipalities for Climate Resilience Planning. They offer training and technical assistance programs to Municipal staff, elected officials and the public.

11-15-24-05

It was duly moved and seconded that the Council of the Town of Lockeport approve a two-year commitment to the Climate Resilient Coastal Communities Program, at a cost of \$4,250.00 per year for the next two fiscal years. Motion Passed

It was suggested that when the time comes to complete the Locke Street Barrier Project, we can reach out to the province for possible Accessibility funding to install a ramp leading down to the beach, as well as new steps.

9. Other Business

- Approval of Revised Policy ‘Council Meetings & Proceeding’ – New meeting day and time.

11-15-24-06

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the revised Council Meetings and Proceedings policy, as presented. Motion Passed

- Request from the Municipality of the District of Shelburne and the Town of Shelburne for Council of the Town of Lockeport to engage in a presentation regarding Consolidation.

11-15-24-07

It was duly moved and seconded that Council of the Town of Lockeport expresses interest in gaining education, around the potential benefits and challenges, regarding the processes related to Municipal Restructuring in Nova Scotia. Additionally, Council authorizes the Town Clerk/Treasurer to collaborate with the CAO of the Town of Shelburne and the CAO of the Municipality of the District of Shelburne, to organize these workshops and discussions. Motion Passed

- Change of meeting dates for Council for November 15, 2024, and November 29, 2024.

11-15-24-08

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the changing of dates for November's meeting. November 8, 2024, meeting moved to November 15, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. and November 22, 2024, meeting be changed to November 29, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. Motion Passed

- Letter from the five Municipalities of Shelburne County to the Honourable Diane Lebouthillier, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans, and the Canadian Coast Guard – Mediation in Treaty Rights and Elvers Quota Allocation and reply from Doug Wentzel, Regional Director General, Maritimes Region.
- Request from Victorias Brooks, CAO from Municipality of Yarmouth to bring Oceans 11 group back together.

The Town Clerk/Treasurer was instructed to inform Ms. Brooks that the Town of Lockeport would like to re-engage with the Ocean's 11 group.

- Letter from Rebecca Williams – Concerns for the Business District of the Town of Lockeport.

11-15-24-09

It was duly moved and seconded that Council of the Town of Lockeport recognizes that By-Laws are outdated and will work towards updating them and adding new ones. Motion Passed

- Citizen concern – Low Income Tax Exemption, threshold is too low.

The Exemption amounts will be revisited during budget deliberations for next year.

10. Council Reports

- Mayor Derek Amalfa
- Deputy-Mayor Anna Chetwynd
- Councillor Craig Hillen
 - o RCMP minutes from October 17, 2024
- Councillor Kevn Chetwynd
- Councillor Candace Malik

11. Correspondence

There was nothing for Correspondence.

12. Information Only

- Accessibility in the Town of Lockeport

The key issues from the Accessibility survey were access to the beach and the sidewalk in front of the Medical Centre.

13. Date of next meeting

- November 29, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

14. “In Camera”

11-15-24-10

- **It was duly moved and seconded that Council go “In Camera” to discuss Low-Income Tax Exemption Applications. Motion Passed**

Councillor Malik declared a conflict of interest and left the Meeting.

Council resumed the regular session at this time and the following motion was made:

11-15-24-11

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approves the qualifying applications for the 2024, “Low Income Property Tax Exemption. Motion Passed

15. Adjournment

11-15-24-12

Being as there was no further business, **it was duly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Time 2:51 p.m. Motion Passed.**

Derek Amalfa, Mayor

June Harding, Town Clerk/Treasurer

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