



**TOWN OF LOCKEPORT
COUNCIL MEETING
FRIDAY MARCH 14, 2025
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Mayor Derek Amalfa, Deputy Mayor Anna Chetwynd, Councillor Craig Hillen, 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 1:03 p.m.

2. Silence Electronic Devices

All electronic devices were silenced at this time.

3. Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

**4. Public Hearing regarding change of zoning for 21 South Water Street,
Lockeport, Nova Scotia**

Mayor Amalfa declared the Public Hearing open for questions or concerns. There were no concerns or questions so therefore the following motion was made:

- Amendment to the Land Use By-Law and Municipal Planning Strategy

03-14-25-01

It was duly moved and seconded that Council for the Town of Lockeport conduct 2st and final reading of a proposed amendment to the Municipal Planning Strategy and the Land-Use By-Law, to redesignate & rezone the property located at 21 South Water Street from the existing M1 Industrial to C2 Tourist Commercial. Motion Passed

5. Approval of Agenda, including additions or deletions

03-14-25-02

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the agenda for the March 14, 2025, meeting with the following additions/deletions. Deletion of item number 13 on the agenda that had been previously dealt with, and an addition under Finance, transfer of funds from the Sustainable Services Growth Fund Account to the General Operating Reserve to cover the first invoice for the ongoing project at the Fire Hall. Motion Passed

6. Approval of Minutes

- Regular Council Meeting Minutes February 28, 2025

03-14-25-03

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of February 28, 2025. Motion Passed

7. Business arising from Previous Minutes

There was no business arising from the previous minutes.

8. 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

There were no Community members present for the Meeting.

9. Presentations

Eastern Shelburne County Accessibility Plan 2025-2028 and staff report– Michelle Vachon, Accessibility Coordinator.

Michelle Vachon presented the Accessibility plan stating that the plan will need to be updated every three years. When Council asked how the Town of Lockeport is doing regarding Accessibility compliance, Michelle stated that the main issues in Lockeport seem to be sidewalks in Town as well as the rumble strip on Hall Street.

03-14-25-04

It was duly moved and seconded that the Town of Lockeport approve the Eastern Shelburne County Accessibility Plan 2025-2028 that has been accepted and passed by the Accessibility Committee. The Plan has been developed for the Municipality of the District of Shelburne, the Town of Shelburne, and the Town of Lockeport. Motion Passed

10. Finance

- List of invoices already paid in the amount of \$68,820.68.

A couple of concerns were brought up about the invoices, one being the invoice to Seeblick Printing for brochures that could have been printed in house, and the second was the cost of RCMP and their lack of presence in the Town of Lockeport. The RCMP matter will be brought up at the next RCMP Advisory Board meeting in April. It was noted that no calls to the RCMP went unanswered, Councillor Malik would like to see them more in town.

- Senior Services budget for 2025-2026.

Council is curious about all the programs offered by Seniors Services, so it was suggested that Shawna Symonds for Senior Services be invited to do a presentation for Council. Also, it was suggested that the Christmas meal for Lockeport be prepared here in Lockeport, and those that can attend, have a sit-down meal so that they can enjoy a hot meal with friends, and have delivery for those seniors who cannot attend.

03-14-25-05

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve a grant in the amount of \$3,341.50 to Senior Services for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. Motion Passed

- Transfer of funds for Fire Hall renovation

03-14-25-06

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$62,516.91, from the Sustainable Growth Fund account to the General Operating Account, to cover the progress claim towards the ongoing firehall project, submitted by Garian Construction, dated March 10, 2025.

Motion Passed

11. Other Business

- Draft Nomination form for Local Business Showcase

03-14-25-07

It was duly moved and seconded that Council adopt a policy and draft nomination form, both paper and electronic, for Local Business Showcase, like the Volunteer policy and nomination form as developed by the Recreation Committee.

- Discussion of the construction of a wooden walkway attached to the current Beach Centre walkway that will go over dunes near high traffic area, with a retractable accessibility ramp that can connect to the beach and be secured during storms and winter season.

Councillor Hillen discussed how the new accessible beach ramp will be made with it going in beside the stairs that are already there. It will go over the dunes and then a wheelchair ramp will be attached with a winch so that it can be removed during a storm and in the winter. There are a few rocks that will need to be distributed elsewhere on the beach. Councillor Kevin Chetwynd also noted that with that, first Responders will be able to access the beach with a stretcher.

03-14-25-08

It was duly moved and seconded that Council agrees to move forward with the ramp project, but it is not to exceed the budget already in place for the project. Motion Passed

- Budget to purchase paint for both large buoys located in Lockeport to promote images of Lockeport that is reflective of the pride of our community.

03-14-25-09

It was duly moved and seconded that Council allow the Heritage and Tourism Advisory Committee explore the cost of refurbishment of both metal buoys, including sandblasting and painting, to promote aesthetic pleasing images of Lockeport that is reflective of the pride of the community. Motion Passed

- Interpretive Signage

03-14-25-10

It was duly moved and seconded that Council allow the Heritage and Tourism Advisory Committee to explore updating the interpretive signage around the Town's historical items and places. Motion Passed

03-14-25-11

It was duly moved and seconded that Council allow the Heritage and Tourism Advisory Committee explore reaching out to businesses to sponsor interpretative signs. Motion Passed

- Discussion to promote the establishment of a Lockeport Farmers & Artisan's Market

Councillor Malik has reached out to the Farmers Market of Nova Scotia and received great information from them. Councillor Malik is also hoping to have music at these events as an Open Mic.

03-14-25-12

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve Councillor Malik utilizing space at the Seacaps Park and Pavilion for future public Farmers and Artisan's Markets, to be held Saturdays from noon until 3 pm from July until September. Councillor Malik must coordinate these Markets with the Community Coordinator. Motion Passed

- Community Theatre project

Councillor Malik is wondering if there is an interest in Community Theatre for the fall/winter season. It was suggested that she talk to the residents of the Town and hold a meeting to gauge Community interest.

- Schedule a dangerous and unsightly premises Committee meeting to address unoccupied derelict homes within the Town of Lockeport.

A date will be determined for Council to discuss unoccupied derelict homes, especially those that pose a safety risk. Council will work on a list of properties of concern to bring to the Town Clerk/Treasurer. There will need to be a list compiled, pictures and specifics noted in any letters that are sent out to ratepayers.

12. Council Reports

- Mayor Derek Amalfa
- Deputy-Mayor Anna Chetwynd

Deputy Chetwynd discussed her report and the meeting with the representative from Nova Scotia Health and assured Council that they have no intention of closing the ER department at Roseway Hospital and their end goal is to have it open 24/7.

- Councillor Craig Hillen
 - o Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes and Terms of Reference
- Councillor Kevn Chetwynd
- Councillor Candace Malik

13. Correspondence

There was nothing for Correspondence.

14. Information Only

- News Release from Heather Fairbairn, media contact – Finance/Treasury Board RE: Financial Measures (2025) Act Introduced
- Letter from the Honourable John Lohr - Minimum Planning Regulations in relations to wind turbines in HRM
- Letter to Tim Houston, Premier of Nova Scotia from Laurette Geldenhuys of behalf of Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment (CAPE)

- regarding repealing the Uranium Exploration and Mining Prohibition Act and amendments to permit hydraulic fracturing of natural gas in Nova Scotia
- Letter from Nancy Covington MD on behalf of the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment – banning uranium mining.

15. Date of next meeting

- March 28, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

16. “In Camera”

- “Personnel Issue”

03-14-25-13

It was duly moved and seconded that Council go “In Camera” to discuss Personnel. Time 3:40 p.m. Motion Passed

The council resumed regular session at 4:05 pm.

17. Adjournment

03-14-25-14

There being no further business at this time, it was duly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Time 4:05. Motion Passed

Mayor, Derek Amalfa

Town Clerk/Treasurer, June Harding

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