



Town of Shelburne
Minutes of the **Regular Council Meeting**
Monday, February 3rd, 2020
Council Chambers, 168 Water Street, Shelburne, NS

Council Members Present

Mayor Karen Mattatall
Deputy Mayor Nolan Young
Councillor Rick Davis
Councillor Harold Locke
Councillor Sheldon Ringer

Staff Present

Darren Shupe, CAO
Julie Ferguson, Clerk

Call to Order

Mayor Mattatall called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda

Locke - Young

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Town Council Meeting of February 3rd, 2020 be approved.

CARRIED

Approval of the Minutes

Young-Davis

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting held on January 20th, 2020 be approved.

CARRIED

Locke – Ringer

THAT the Minutes of the Special Town Council Meeting held on January 27th, 2020 be approved.

CARRIED

Proclamations

- a) **African Heritage Month – February**
 - a. **Proclamation – February 4th, @ 10 am Birchtown**
- b) **National Flag Day – February 15th**

Delegations

None

Correspondence

Action Required:

- a) **Curling Club Funding Request**

Davis – Young

THAT the funding request from the Curling Club for their ice plant be deferred to budget discussions.

CARRIED

For Information:

b) Minister Porter – Letter – Bill 58

Council Items

a) Councillor Locke – Bait Shed Scope of Project

Discussion was held regarding the previous motions made by Council on November 4th, 2019 in regards to Mr. Hartigan's Bait Shed project and concept. Staff asked Council for more clarity regarding the motions in order to help Mr. Hartigan with moving his project forward in terms of asset management and Town ownership.

Young – Locke

THAT Council rescind the following motion from November 4th, 2019:

"Young – Locke

THAT Mr. Hartigan be given permission to complete the bait shed portion of the project.

CARRIED"

CARRIED

Locke – Young

THAT the CAO set up a meeting with Mr. Hartigan to discuss the bait shed project and options for moving forward with it.

CARRIED

b) Councillor Locke – Waste Collection Inquiry

Locke – Davis

THAT the CAO prepare a staff report on the present waste management agreement and whether he feels the Town should look at alternative service delivery options.

CARRIED

c) Councillor Young – Joint Council Meeting re: provincial funding

Young – Ringer

WHEREAS the Municipality of the District of Shelburne's council will no longer take part in consolidation discussions without confirmation of provincial funds for Town assets;

AND WHEREAS the province stated that no funding would be received without the units coming together to meet and discuss specific assets;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town invite the Municipality of the District of Shelburne and the Town of Lockeport to a joint council meeting with an invitation to a provincial representative to also attend.

CARRIED

d) Councillor Davis – Plebiscite re: Dissolution

Davis – Locke

Whereas, the Town of Shelburne has been unsuccessful in entering into an agreement on consolidation with the Municipality of The District of Shelburne,

And whereas, the town is now faced with two final options moving forward with respect to the town's future viability,

And whereas, those options are limited to Dissolution or, taking cost saving measures including reducing costs and trimming of some non vital services, and potential divestiture of any property currently owned by the town,

I move that the Town of Shelburne include on the ballot of the next election in October 2020, these questions in the form of a Plebiscite:

- (A)** That the Town reduce costs and services to maintain the financial viability of the Town,
Or (B), that the town notify the UARB of it's intention to dissolved.

And, that the Town in the meanwhile make a proactive effort towards informing the electorate of the Town of Shelburne what the ramifications and end result would be for both options, so that those voting will be able to make an informed decision before the time comes to cast their vote.

TABLED

Young – Ringer

THAT Councillor Davis' motion be deferred to a future date.

CARRIED

Staff Reports

a) Staff Report – Council Meetings Policy Updates (Council Packages)

Locke – Young

THAT Council approve the amendments to the Town Council Meetings Policy to include online access to Council Packages and Committees of Council Packages.

CARRIED

b) Staff Report – MPAL

Young – Ringer

THAT Council defer the decision on the continuation of participation in the MPAL program to budget deliberations.

CARRIED

c) Staff Report – Records Management

Davis – Young

THAT Council accept the Records Management report for information.

CARRIED

Davis – Locke

THAT Council send a letter of thanks to Robin Smith for the records management work that she undertook this year.

CARRIED

Committee Reports

a) CP & V

Locke – Young

THAT Council accept the Community Participation and Volunteerism for January 2020.

CARRIED

b) Port Authority

Locke – Davis

THAT Council accept the Shelburne Port Authority report for January 2020.

CARRIED

Council also noted that Councillor Norman Wallet will be replacing former Councillor David Levy on the committee.

c) Asset Management

Young – Ringer

THAT Council the Asset Management Committee for the January 2020.

CARRIED

New Business

a) Councillor Young – Thank You to Residents

Councillor Young thanked residents for reaching out and contacting council with questions regarding the discussion to be held on Thursday.

b) Mayor Mattatall – Public Meeting

Mayor Mattatall reminded residents of the Public Question and Answer Session that is planned for this Thursday, February 6th @ 7pm at the Community Centre Auditorium. Questions can be submitted in advance as well to the Town Clerk at clerk@town.shelburne.ns.ca or through Facebook Messenger.

c) CAO – Email from Susan Elliot of Little People’s Place

The CAO read an email from Susan Elliot of Little People’s Place in order to clarify some of the discussion that have been happening on social media regarding the day care services. Little People’s place leases the building from the Town but the programming is provided through grants from the province and user fees. For the building on the waterfront, they have a 35 year lease and have put over \$100,000 into renovations. In the King Street Centre, they are one of several tenants who pay rent.

d) Mayor Mattatall – Apology to the residents of the Municipality

Mayor Mattatall apologized for some of the comments that she has read over social media from members of the public who have called the residents of the municipality “parasites” on the Town. The Town appreciates the cooperation of the Municipality and hopes that this discussion can remain positive.

Upcoming Meetings

Thursday February 10th, 2020	Asset Management	5pm	Council Chambers
Thursday February 13th, 2020	CP & V	7pm	Council Chambers
Monday February 17th, 2020	Town Council	7pm	Council Chambers
Thursday February 20th, 2020	Port Authority	7pm	Council Chambers

Adjournment

THAT the Regular Town Council Meeting of Monday February 3rd, 2020 be adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk