



Town of Shelburne
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday April 19th, 2021
Shelburne Community Centre, 63 King St., Shelburne, NS

Council Members Present

Mayor Harold Locke
Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Acker
Councillor Rick Davis
Councillor Benjamin Nickerson
Councillor Sheldon Ringer

Staff Present

Sherry Doane, CAO
Robin Smith, Executive Coordinator

Call to Order

Mayor Harold Locke called the Council meeting to order at 7:01pm.

Approval of the Agenda

THAT Council approves the Agenda for Monday April 19th, 2021 with the addition of Audit Committee Minutes from January 13th, 2021 as well as Section 11, In-Camera, Section 22 (2) g of the MGA- legal advice eligible for solicitor-client privilege.

Davis-Ringer

CARRIED

Approval of the Minutes

THAT the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on April 6th, 2021 be approved as presented.

Acker-Nickerson

CARRIED

Proclamations

THAT Council recognizes Matthew King as Volunteer of the Month for April 2021.

Matthew has been a tireless volunteer for the Shelburne Curling Club for the past several years. He coordinates the ice making team and is at the club 4-5 times a week working on the ice, maintaining equipment and overseeing the operation of all aspects of the facility.

Matthew also plays a leading role as Vice President of the Curling Centre faithfully attending Board and Executive Meetings. This year he assisted in organizing activities for Curling Day in Canada and developed and ran a curling foundations program this past fall which brought close to 20 new members to the centre.

For all Matt has done and continues to do for us, the Town of Shelburne recognizes him as the Volunteer of the Month for April.

Delegations

None

Correspondence

None

Council Items

- a) MGA Amendments-Bill 47-Accessibility Funding
Discussion was held regarding Bill 47 among Council members. The Bill amends the MGA and the HRM Charter to allow municipalities to provide direct financial assistance to businesses for the purpose of improving accessibility for people with disabilities. This bill has already gone to 3rd reading but Council felt there is a financial and administrative burden this bill will impose.

M22-008 THAT a letter in opposition to Bill 47 be sent to the Standing Committee on Law Amendments with copies to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, M.L.A. Colten LeBlanc, NSFM and all 50 units in opposition to the Bill.

Acker-Davis

CARRIED

- b) MGA Amendments-Bill 50-Code of Conduct (Info)
CAO discussed this Bill which is also in the 3rd reading. This bill explains the process and will require us to make some changes to our Code of Conduct.
Council accepted the Bill Amendments for information.
- c) MGA Amendments-Bill 98-Virtual Council Meetings
Council discussed this Bill; it allows for flexibility for future council meetings for various reasons. Councillor Acker mentioned her only concern was the section that stated a notice to the public must be given by publication in a newspaper circulating in the municipality. Staff will investigate if section 19-4(A) is one of the options or if in the newspaper is required.
- d) Land Use By-Law First Reading
Rezoning from Residential (General) and Commercial to fully Commercial of PID#80143563
CAO informed Council owners of PID#80143563 on King St. and are requesting to be zoned fully commercial. A public hearing will be schedule for Thursday May 13th, 2021, followed by a second reading at the Tuesday May 18th, 2021 Council Meeting.

M22-009 THAT the proposed Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Planning Strategy for the Town of Shelburne be amended to include revisions allow King St (PID#80143563) to go from being zoned Residential (General) and Commercial to fully Commercial.

Davis-Nickerson

CARRIED

Committee Reports

- a) CP&V Committee Minutes

THAT Council approves the CP&V Minutes from March 4th, 2021 as presented.

Ringer-Acker

CARRIED

- b) Audit Committee Minutes

THAT Council approves the Audit Committee Minutes from January 13th, 2021 as presented.

Nickerson-Davis

CARRIED

Staff Reports

- a) Shelburne Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Report

THAT Council accepts the Shelburne Volunteer Fire Dept Monthly Report as presented.

Acker-Ringer

CARRIED

- b) Building Report-Andrew Goreham

THAT Council accepts the March Building Report as presented.

Davis-Acker

CARRIED

- c) Staff Report-Hospitality Policy

THAT Council intends to adopt the Hospitality Policy (with any amendments) at the May 18th, 2021 Council Meeting.

Davis-Nickerson

CARRIED

New Business

Councillor Acker

- a) Councillor Acker spoke that on Friday April 15th the Federal Gov't announced a new Federal Program that will assist existing facility upgrades or construct new facilities. The Program is called the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings (GICB) program, the goal is to make the buildings more energy efficient and lower carbon footprint, more resilient and higher performing. It is a 5-year project and there is 1.5 billion dollars set aside. This Council has prioritized improvements towards Child Care Facility as our #2 priority. There are two ways to access the funding, the first is a Scheduled intake over 5 years which is a very competitive process and is for building brand new buildings. The second is a Continuous Intake in which applicants with small and medium retrofit projects to existing community buildings ranging in total eligible cost from \$100,000 to \$3 million will be accepted on a continuous basis and funded on a rolling intake basis.

M22-010

Councillor Acker made the motion:

Recognizing that we have prioritized improving our childcare facility as our #2 priority, we direct staff to reach out to Municipality of the District of Shelburne and Little Peoples Place to begin the process of applying for the and in the timeline as such that we will apply as early as possible.

Acker-Nickerson

CARRIED

Discussion was also held regarding the possibility of hiring someone with experience for the grant

writing process as well as the possibility of a working group. CAO will reach out to MDS and LPP and report back at the next meeting.

In Camera

MGA Section 22 (2) g- legal advice eligible for solicitor-client privilege

THAT Council goes in-camera at 7:31pm

Acker-Ringer

CARRIED

Council came out of in-camera at 7:44pm

Business coming out of In-Camera:

THAT Council direct staff to seek legal advice.

Acker-Nickerson

CARRIED

Upcoming Meetings

- a) Accessibility Committee-Wednesday April 21st, 2021 at 6pm-Shelburne Community Centre
- b) Town Council-Monday May 3rd, 2021 at 7pm-Shelburne Community Centre

Mayor Locke would like to invite all residents of the Town of Shelburne to participate in a Community Clean up during the week of April 19th-24th.

The Town of Shelburne staff, Council and CP&V Committee will be out on Thursday April 22nd (Earth Day) between 11am and 2pm collecting litter within the Town. Anyone wishing to join please do and if you would like to pick up garbage bags or gloves for pick up this week, please contact the Town Office. Please keep an eye on the Town Facebook page and website as it may be rescheduled if weather does not permit on Thursday.

Adjournment

THAT the Regular Town Council Meeting of Tuesday April 19th, 2021 be adjourned at 7:47pm

Davis

CARRIED

Mayor

Executive Coordinator

