



**Town of Shelburne**  
**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting**  
Shelburne Community Centre  
Monday June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021

**Council Members Present**

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

**Staff Present**

Sherry Doane, CAO  
Robin Smith, Executive Coordinator

**Others Present**

Ed Benham

**Call to Order**

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

**Approval of the Agenda**

THAT Council approves the Agenda for Monday June 21<sup>st</sup> as presented.

**Acker-Davis**  
**CARRIED**

**Approval of the Minutes**

THAT the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 be approved as presented.

**Davis-Nickerson**  
**CARRIED**

**Proclamations & Announcements**

Mayor Locke introduced Ed Benham and welcomed him to our meeting.

**Ed Benham**

Kwe'aqq pjila'si (Hello and welcome). Thank you (wela'lin) to the Shelburne Town Council for the invitation to deliver opening remarks at this evening's meeting. I consider it a great honour to be here. Coming from a rich and diverse ethnic background my lineage traces back to African Canadian, the UK and Continental Europe as well as Mi'kmaw. Mi'kmaw is how I have always self identified.

Today we acknowledge and celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day, a day to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of First Nations, Inuit, and Metis peoples. I was flooded with thoughts when asked to deliver opening remarks tonight. Do I focus on the positive or do I attempt to address some of the ongoing and current concerns of Indigenous Peoples? Given the lack of time for preparation I have condensed my message to some of what has been top of my mind for most Canadians and First Nations Peoples in recent months. If I have forgotten anyone, please accept my sincere apology.

I no longer serve in any official capacity as a First Nations representative; however, I would like to make these acknowledgements to and on behalf of all Indigenous peoples. To the Knowledge Keepers, Elders, Residential School Survivors, Children, Two Spirited and all people of First Nations descent, know that you are appreciated. Know that your contribution to society matters. To the murdered and missing indigenous women, know that you are not forgotten. To the Residential School Survivors, know that the sharing of your stories has helped to heal others. This year marks a significant milestone, the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of National Indigenous Peoples Day. It saddens me beyond words to know that this milestone also marks the discovery of more than 200 unmarked graves, graves of children who did not survive Residential School. To those children and to those whose whereabouts remain unknown, know that your stories are yet to be told.

Another acknowledgement I would like to make is to the Shelburne Town Council, past and present, as well as the residents of Shelburne. Recognition of the efforts made to make Shelburne a more inclusive and welcoming place to live and call home. Thanks to you and the good people of Shelburne, our Town has become much more culturally diverse in the past couple of decades. No matter your country of origin, faith, or denomination, I encourage everyone to celebrate your culture, your heritage. Do whatever it takes, short of detriment to others to keep your language and customs alive for future generations. Never forget who you are, your origins or your past. We rely on lessons from the past to create a better future.

Wela'liq. (Thank you all)

In closing, I would like to offer thanks to the creator for delivering everyone here safely and ask for a safe return home to your families. We ask that all may have clear vision, as well as an open mind and an open heart, so that this and future meetings can be fruitful and as productive as possible.

Msit nokomaq. (All my relations)

#### Mayor Locke

On June 27<sup>th</sup> we recognize Canadian Multiculturalism Day which is a day marked to celebrate and reflect upon the wealth of diversity that enriches our society.

Canada Day follows on July 1, Canada's birthday – a celebration of the ratification of the Constitution Act this day in 1867.

These are all important dates for our country and provide us with a good opportunity to reflect on our values of diversity and what multiculturalism means to us as a society and to the fabric of our country.

#### Deputy Mayor Acker

I would like to take this time to recognize the Volunteers of the Month for June, our Vaccination Clinic Volunteers.

TLC Pharmasave became the first pharmacy in Nova Scotia to administer COVID vaccinations in early March 2021. Colleen and Matt MacInnis, the owners of TLC Pharmacy, recognized early on that the scale of this project was unprecedented. They reached out to their community members for support and were rewarded with a large number of eager volunteers who all gave their time willingly in the middle of a pandemic for the benefit of their community. Since then, TLC has successfully administered over 3000 vaccines in over 22 clinics both at the pharmacy and at the Shelburne Firehall. A feat they could not have tackled without their dedicated volunteers.

Thank you to Sharon Burrill, Jan Pulfrey, Barb Turney, Jennie Huskison, Joan Perry, Susan Nash, JaneAnn Doane, Harold Locke, Penny Smith, Dana Nash, Mike Turney, Pat Melanson and Christine Curry. You have stepped up for our community and we are extremely grateful!

For all that they have done and continue to do for us, the Town of Shelburne's CP&V Committee recognizes them as the Volunteers of the Month for June. Thank you!

*Councillor Sheldon Ringer*

I would like to take a moment to recognize Emma Swansburg of Shelburne for her recent offer to play hockey at Neumann University in Pennsylvania. Emma is a 17-year-old who was born and raised in Shelburne and attended school here until leaving when she was 16 to play for the Cape Breton Lynx hockey program. Her hockey days started with the local Shelburne Flames as a goalie which she continues with today. On behalf of Council, I would like to congratulate Emma on her accomplishments, your hard work is admired, and you should be very proud. We wish you all the best on your journey wherever it takes you!

**Delegations**

**None**

**Correspondence**

- a) Department of Municipal Affairs-Bill 47  
THAT Council accepts the letter for information.

**Council Items**

**None**

**Committee Reports**

- a) CP&V Committee  
THAT Council approves the CP&V Committee minutes as presented from April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**Acker-Ringer**

**CARRIED**

**Staff Reports**

- a) Building Report-Manager of Inspection Services-Andrew Goreham  
THAT Council accepts the building report as presented.

**Nickerson-Ringer**

**CARRIED**

- b) Monthly Report-SVFD President-Mike Shand  
THAT Council accepts the monthly SVFD report as presented.

**Acker-Nickerson**

**CARRIED**

- c) Staff Report-Shared Service with MDS- GST/HST Tipping Fees  
THAT Council accepts the staff report as presented.

**Acker-Davis**

**CARRIED**

**New Business**

*Councillor Nickerson*

Councillor Nickerson updated everyone on the Accessibility Committee. The Committee has met 4 times and has recently put out an RFP for a Consultant for an Accessibility Plan.

*Councillor Ringer*

Councillor Ringer requested a discussion and update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant from the CAO. The CAO informed Council that regarding the problem as it exists today, approximately 3 weeks ago the initial odours arose and staff started taking action. There are good bacteria that needs to go into the

system to properly function along with the aerators. One of the problems is that 2 of our 4 aerators/fans are broke down and are due to be shipped back very soon. The second thing is that the good bacteria died, and we are unsure why. We are trying to figure out the root cause, at some point something got fed into the wastewater plant, which gave an abundance of “food” and the bacteria “gorged” and died off. We have gotten more “seed” from another plant and placed it into our plant to bring back the bacteria. Another issue is the geo-bag had too much polymer going into it and not allowing the proper separation. The bacteria piece takes approximately 4 weeks to take effect and the CAO stressed this process unfortunately takes longer than anyone wishes it to, and we empathize with the residents. We feel this situation will be in a much better place within the next week or so and the staff is working hard to figure out the root cause. All lift stations have been tested and all have active bacteria, so the root cause could not be found there.

Mayor Locke stated that we would like to solve this issue properly and would like to assure residents that the staff are all working very diligently.

The CAO did mention that she has been corresponding with the Dept. of Environment and providing the correct reporting requirements. Councillor Ringer did ask if the CAO could check with the engineer who did the Wastewater Plant upgrades if they might have any input on the cause as well.

#### *Councillor Acker*

Councillor Acker indicated she has been asked by some residents why our local Shelburne NSLC does not offer cannabis products. Councillor Acker wrote a letter as a resident and got a response stating that Shelburne was not a location being considered in this fiscal year but possibly on the next capital projects list. It was also indicated that residents here are driving to Barrington or Liverpool or paying for delivery of products for their purchases. Councillor Acker asked the rest of Council if they agreed with sending a letter asking to be placed on the list for a Cannabis outlet in the 2022-23 fiscal year.

**M22-023** THAT in light of the fact that Shelburne does not have a cannabis outlet at the NSLC, 40 King St and that our citizens must pay a mail delivery charge or drive to Liverpool or Barrington to acquire cannabis products, I move that a letter be sent to Beverly Ware, Communications Advisor for the NSLC and Greg Hughes, President of NSLC Board asking that Shelburne be placed on the list for a Cannabis outlet in the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

**Acker-Davis**

**CARRIED**

#### In Camera

#### **MGA Section 22 (2) e- Contract Negotiations**

THAT Council goes in-camera at 7:21pm

**Davis-Ringer**

**CARRIED**

Council came out of in-camera at 7:48pm

**M22-024** THAT Council direct staff to move forward with the lease agreement with the Shelburne and Area Minor Baseball Association for the Albert Acker Field.

**Davis-Nickerson**

**CARRIED**

#### Upcoming Meetings

a) Town Council- July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 7pm at Shelburne Community Centre

#### Adjournment

THAT the Regular Town Council Meeting of June 7th, 2021, be adjourned at 7:50pm.

**Davis**

**CARRIED**

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Mayor

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Executive Coordinator