



**Town of Shelburne**  
**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting**  
Guild Hall  
Monday July 19<sup>th</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

**Call to Order**

Mayor Harold Locke called the Council meeting to order at 7pm.  
The Town of Shelburne is located on the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq, (Mi'kma'ki), in the District of Kespukwitk, home to Acadia First Nation. We are all Treaty people. We also acknowledge the histories, contributions, and legacies of the African Nova Scotian people and communities.

**Approval of the Agenda**

THAT Council approves the Agenda for Monday July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021, as presented.

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

**Approval of the Minutes**

THAT the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021, be approved as presented.

**Acker-Ringer**  
**CARRIED**

**Proclamations & Announcements**

*a) July Volunteers of the Month*

Every morning around 8am you will see this truck along with some dedicated community members out watering the beautiful hanging baskets on Dock Street. Thank you for answering the call for volunteers and helping the Town look beautiful.

Thank you to Lorin Hesse, Rob Wallace, Rachel & Jay Yellin, Jay Pilzer, Don Leggett, Wayne Thomas, Mary Jane Puxley & Chris Sharpe, Louise Lindsay & Andy Blackmer, Barb & Mike Turney, Jane Muir, Maeve & Bradd Wilson. 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 the Dock St. Watering Crew as the Volunteers of the Month for July. Thank you!

*b) Emancipation Day-August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021*

Thank you for granting me this opportunity to speak to and proclaim August 1<sup>st</sup> as Emancipation Day. I have referenced the writings of Tony Ince, Minister of African Nova Scotia Affairs and Minister

Responsible for the Office of Equity and Anti-Racism Initiatives.

August 1<sup>st</sup> is the day in 1834 when the British Parliament abolished slavery across the British Empire, freeing about 800,000 enslaved people of African descent throughout the British colonies, including here in Nova Scotia. Marking this occasion on the same day every year here in Shelburne and across Nova Scotia. Marking this occasion on the same day every year here in Shelburne and across the province will allow Nova Scotians to honour the history and important contributions made by African Nova Scotians and the 52 historic communities across the province. Emancipation Day will be a day to reflect on past wrongs and learn from them; a day for Nova Scotians including Shelburnites to educate themselves about the impacts of anti-black racism and systemic racism in our society. Thank you.

- c) That Council recognizes August 9th, 2021, as National Peacekeepers Day.
- d) That Council recognizes August 15th, 2021, as National Acadian Day.

### **Correspondence**

- a) SRHS-Letter  
THAT Council acknowledges the thank you letter from SRHS regarding the Town of Shelburne bursary this year.
- b) Western Counties Regional Library  
THAT Council accepts the letter from WCRL for information.
- c) Shelburne & Lockeport Analytics  
THAT Council accepts the report for information.  
Mayor Locke also noted we have since switched from this website and we are now using [www.shelburnecounty.ca](http://www.shelburnecounty.ca)

### **Council Items**

- a) Shelburne Arena User Data Report  
Mayor Locke spoke to how detailed the report was considering the difficulty in keeping track of how was coming using the arena and coming in and out. Deputy Mayor Acker spoke to the report, she had spent some time reviewing the document and brought up that at our May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Council Meeting the Town had received a bill from the Arena and motion M22-018 was made *That the position from the Town of Shelburne Council has not changed since November 2020 regarding funding to the Shelburne County Arena and will not be paying this invoice but will be paying 30% of the deficit.* Councillor Acker put forward the motion tonight;  
**Acker-Davis**  
THAT based on the document that the Town had asked for; the Arena User Data Report that shows MDS at 60% and TOS at 40%, so move that we pay the additional 10%.

Discussion was held between all of Council regarding usage vs. population as well as negotiating a contract going forward. The CAO reminded Council they have all just been invited to a Council meeting with MDS the end of August to which the Shelburne Arena will be presenting, and more information and discussions can be held between the 2 units. Deputy Mayor Acker tabled her motion until more information and specifics can be attained.

- b) **CAO Update**  
Insurance Update  
The CAO informed Council that there is a \$13,839.10 Insurance claim cheque coming back to the Town from the claim at 107 Water St. (Shelburne Harbour Yacht Club). We received a partial refund from the deductible, and it will be going into reserves.

### Road Resurfacing

As Council approved in the Budget, \$100,000 plus \$10,000 for intersections our Public Works team has begun creating a list of suggested work for road resurfacing this fall. The CAO will present a list to Council in September which they will decide the priority roads.

### King & Water St. Intersection

The CAO informed Council she has received some recent concerns from residents regarding dangers at the King and Water St. intersection. This has been a topic of discussion over the years for Council and the CAO will provide more information at the September Council meeting in a Staff Report towards a possible solution.

### Accessibility Committee Update

Executive Coordinator updated Council on the Eastern Shelburne County Accessibility Committee. They recently had an RFP out seeking proposals from qualified consultants for the development of an accessibility plan for all 3 units. The deadline was Friday July 16th, and the committee did receive 2 proposals. There was a maximum price of \$10,000 plus HST on the RFP and the Committee plans to apply for a grant to cover half of that amount.

The staff members on the Committee are Robin Smith, TOS; Adam Dedrick, MDS and Frances Scott, TOL. There has been a formula approach based on population as a consistent way of doing things. Frances had worked some numbers and an idea of what we would be looking at for numbers if it were going to be a total expenditure of \$5000, this would translate into \$3270 from MDS, \$1325 from TOS and \$405 from TOL.

## **Committee Reports**

None

## **Staff Reports**

- a) Building Report- Manager of Inspection Services, Andrew Goreham  
THAT Council accepts the Building Report for information
  
- b) Monthly Report- SVFD President, Mike Shand  
THAT Council accepts the monthly report for information

## **New Business**

### *Councillor Acker*

Councillor Acker informed Council about a zoom meeting she participated with the Tri. County Housing Coalition recently. Val Kean from MDS as well as Robin Walker of Tri County Women's Centre were a part of the meeting who have composed a list of all landlords in the area. Councillor Acker brought it up to Council as she knows how serious the housing issue is here in our area and knows how overwhelming it is for so many in our area. Housing is part of the provincial obligation but has been downplayed on Municipal units.

Councillor Acker would like Executive Coordinator to compose a letter to the other municipalities in Shelburne County requesting participation on housing initiatives to email Robin Walker and hopefully a group can be established.

The CAO did inform Council that Compass is still going ahead with the Heritage Hall Project for developing housing and will provide an update at the next Council meeting.

Councillor Ringer

Councillor Ringer would like a letter written to the province regarding the status of the CAP program and what protection the province was going to be offering homeowners if the CAP is removed.

Councillor Acker also brought up looking into the direct rental (i.e.: Air BnB) industry and seeing if further discussions/developments have occurred regarding commercial tax vs. residential tax.

**Upcoming Meetings**

- a) Accessibility Committee- Wednesday July 21st, 2021, at 6pm-Community Centre
- b) Port Committee-Thursday July 22nd at 6pm-Community Centre
- c) Audit Committee- Friday July 23rd at 3:30pm-Community Centre
- d) Town Council- Tuesday September 7th, 2021, at 7pm-Community Centre

Mayor Locke also wanted to inform residents that the Bluenose II will be in Shelburne on the afternoon of August 14<sup>th</sup> and staying overnight.

**Adjournment**

THAT the Regular Town Council Meeting of July 19th, 2021, be adjourned at 7:35pm.

**Davis**

**CARRIED**

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Mayor

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Executive Coordinator