



Town of Shelburne
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting
Council Chambers, 168 Water St.
Monday December 6th, 2021

Council Members Present

Mayor Harold Locke
Councillor Elizabeth Acker
Councillor Ben Nickerson
Councillor Sheldon Ringer

Regrets

Deputy Mayor Rick Davis

Staff Present

Sherry Doane, CAO
Robin Smith, Executive Coordinator

This meeting began with a Public Hearing for Land-Use By-Law Amendments, 28 Falls Lane PID#80140486. The CAO had received one call from a resident next door who could not attend this evening who wanted to express her concern about the potential changes that might occur due to any developments impacting natural waterflow of nearby brooks. The CAO informed her if there were any developments to the property it would need to go through the Building Inspector and that her concerns would be taken into consideration.

Call to Order

Mayor Harold Locke called the Council meeting to order at 6:44pm.

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 December 6th, 2021, as presented.

Acker-Nickerson

CARRIED

Approval of the Minutes

THAT the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on November 15th, 2021, be approved as presented.

Nickerson-Ringer

CARRIED

Proclamations & Announcements

- a) We would like to recognize December 10th is observed as Human Rights Day. This is a chance every year to reaffirm the importance of human rights in re-building the world we want, the need for global solidarity as well as our interconnectedness and shared humanity.

- b) Although not on the agenda we would also like to recognize that today December 6 as The National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. It has been over 30 years since the murder of 14 young women at Polytechnique Montréal in 1989. This act of violence shook our country and led Parliament to designate today to remember these women.
- c) I would also like to, on behalf of all Town Council and Staff of the Town of Shelburne, wish all residents best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy Holiday season!

Delegations

None

Correspondence

Action:

- a) Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation

A letter was received from the Foundation looking for Council to contribute towards a short-term locum housing initiative. There was reference to a letter that had previously been sent out for Council's support for the Student Sponsorship Program at the Roseway Hospital. The Town did not receive this so the CAO contacted Roseway Hospitable Charitable Foundation to have it sent to include as well.

Council discussed the short-term housing initiative and Councillor Acker raised questions regarding how many other Municipal Units would be sharing on this housing initiative. The CAO committed to inquiring and will report back at the next meeting with more information. Council all agreed they would be willing to help this initiative but would just like a little more information regarding which other units were sent the letter as well.

Regarding the Student Sponsorship Program Letter Council will include it in their budget discussions.

Information:

- a) Dept. of Municipal Affairs

THAT Council accepts the letter regarding Code of Conduct for information.

- b) Renewal of the Water Approval for the Roseway Hydro System

- c) THAT Council accepts the letter for information. The CAO committed to inquire about if NS Power were considering re-activating the plant and will report back at the next meeting.

Council Items

- a) Town of Shelburne Christmas Card Contest

We would like to take this time to thank the many students of Hillcrest Academy for producing some amazing artwork. We received well over 200 entries, and it was very hard to pick one for a Christmas card. In the end we did choose 3, so I would like to recognize Averie Jamieson in Primary, Bella MacDonald in Grade 5, and McKenna Page in Grade 6. Thank you again to all for your time and we have some hung up on the bay doors for all to see.

- b) Christmas Events

As many of you know the past two weekends have been filled with some very exciting Christmas events and activities and it has been a pleasure to see this community come together to plan and organize. Thank you to all those who made Who-Ville happen and such a fun night for many families. The display and set up at Atlantic House Park would not have been possible without the generous donations, volunteer time and support from:

Andrea Huskilson Townsend

The Property People

Home Hardware Shelburne
Belliveau Veinotte
Shelburne Furniture
Catlin Perry
Andrew Chetwynd
Nicki Taylor
Therese Cruz
Shara Mahaney
Mary Ayer
Taylor Burton
Jessica Jurgenlienk
Danny Holmes
Annette Holmes
Shelburne & Area Chamber of Commerce
A1 Pizza-Bill & Sarah Chidiac
Brendan Pippy
The Town of Shelburne & CP&V Committee

I would also like to note this will be set up for the whole holiday season for all to enjoy!

Also, this past weekend the Town hosted our 1st "Miracle on Dock St" stationary parade. Through community partnership, municipal sponsorship and in cooperation with all our community organizations and businesses, it was a great success. Thank you to the Municipality of the District of Shelburne for working in collaboration on this event and also to the Guild Hall Market, Shelburne Historical Society, Shelburne Exhibition, Shelburne Volunteer Fire Dept. as well a number of community members that make up a Shelburne Events Committee and although she does not want her name mentioned I will say that Val Kean from the Municipality was instrumental in organizing this Events Committee that consisted of Angie Oake-Shand, Danyelle Rapp Sylvia Bell, Brendan Pippy Jamie Matthews, Erika Holmes-Goulden and Robin Smith.

We would also like to thank the following businesses who made financial contributions towards the amazing fireworks display along with contributions from the Municipality of Shelburne and the Town of Shelburne.

Shelburne Furniture and Appliances
TLC Pharmasave
Rhonda Steele-O'Callaghan
Shelburne & Area Chamber of Commerce
Environmental Solutions
Meghan Cox- Royal LePage Atlantic
Vernon d'Eon Lobster Plugs
The Ship's Galley Pub and Eatery
Celia J. Melanson Law Office
Shelburne Barrel Factory
Shelburne CBDC

I would also like to say Thank you to the Shelburne Volunteer Fire Dept Ladies Auxiliary for organizing an extremely popular Breakfast with Santa this year as well as craft sale that same weekend. It sounds like you had a very successful weekend of events as well!

Thank you all once again for making it 2 very successful weekends of events in Shelburne. The Mayor made a special thanks to all the work that Val Kean from the Municipality of Shelburne did as well as Executive Coordinator Robin Smith from the Town.

- Councillor Acker put forward the motion
- M22-042** *THAT* Council direct staff to send a letter of thanks to all those involved in the Who-Ville and Miracle on Dock St. weekend.
- Acker-Ringer**
CARRIED

Committee Reports

None

Staff Reports

- a) Staff Report-Tax Sale
- M22-043** *THAT* Council approves the above properties marked for tax sale.
- Nickerson-Acker**
CARRIED
- b) Staff Report-Water Hookup Campaign
- M22-044** *THAT* Council directs administration to allow viable and interested property owners to have the Town install individual/clustered water line infrastructures and take up to 2.5 years to pay, as applied to their twice-yearly tax invoices.
- Acker-Nickerson**
CARRIED

- c) CAO Update

The paving has been stalled at approximately 40% complete. The weather has not been co-operating at all and dry conditions are needed for paving. The sidewalks are still at 50% complete.

The Dept. Of Municipal Affairs & Housing has given an interim estimate for the operating and Infrastructure costs charged to the Town for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 2022. The range for the Town of Shelburne of \$57,964 to \$78,982 as the cost for the Town. The amount that we have budgeted is \$70,000. Rare are the chances that the final invoice will be anything but closer to the upper range. The budget will reflect the overage.

The CAO wanted to confirm with Council that the Town Office, as per in other years, will be closed to the public between Christmas and New Years and staff given the opportunity to use vacation days. The office will re-open to the public on Tuesday January 4th.

New Business

Councillor Acker wanted to recognize the “Movember Group” of guys representing all of Shelburne County who recently participated, and all monies raised went towards Men’s Mental Health. Many of those who participated were close friends with a young Shelburne County man who took his life this past August. As of November 30th, they had raised \$22,720! One of the members, Nicholas Brand; was named one of the top 10 Mo-Men in Canada and his photo will appear on billboards across Canada. Councillor Acker noted several of the men on this team are high school teachers and she can only imagine the source of help they will be for young men experiencing mental health issues. Councillor Acker directed staff to send a letter of congratulation to this group of Shelburne County Men to recognize the amazing job they did raising this money and bringing awareness to mental health.

In Camera

MGA Section 22: (e) Contract Negotiations

THAT Council goes In-Camera at 7:20pm

Ringer-Acker

CARRIED

Council came out of In-Camera at 7:45pm.

Council directed to staff to continue contact negotiations on Item #1.

Motions coming out of In-Camera

M22-045

THAT the Town of Shelburne Council directs Administration to agree to a five-year contribution commitment for the Shelburne County Arena starting next fiscal year (April '22- March'23) at \$19,500 with a 2% increase each fiscal year for the following four years thereafter and that we will no longer entertain any deficit requests from the Shelburne County Arena post the end of this fiscal year.

Ringer-Nickerson

CARRIED

Upcoming Meetings

- a) Accessibility Meeting-December 15th, 2021 at 6pm at Community Centre
- b) Port Committee-December 16th, 2021, at 6pm at Community Centre
- c) Town Council Meeting- January 4th, 2022, at 6:30pm at Council Chambers

Adjournment

THAT the Regular Town Council Meeting of December 6th, 2021, be adjourned at 7:47pm.

Acker

CARRIED

Mayor

Executive Coordinator