



Town of Shelburne
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting
Via Zoom
Monday January 17th, 2022

Council Members Present

Mayor Harold Locke
Deputy Mayor Rick Davis
Councillor Elizabeth Acker
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 6:30pm.

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 January 17th, 2022, as presented.

Acker-Davis
CARRIED

Approval of the Minutes

THAT the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on January 4th, 2022, be approved as presented.

Davis-Nickerson
CARRIED

Proclamations & Announcements

- a) Bell Let's Talk Day
We would like to recognize January 26th as "Bell Let's Talk Day." The national Bell Let's Talk Day is an opportunity to start a conversation in your workplace, with a friend or colleague, and help decrease the stigma surrounding mental health.

- b) National Non-Smoking Week
We would like to recognize January 16th-22nd as National Non-Smoking Week. Smoke free outdoor spaces help keep our communities healthy and safe and help to de-normalize smoking and vaping while keep outdoor places like parks, sidewalks, and parking lots free from litter. Many of our Town owned parks now have signage up since we passed the Smoke Free Outdoor Spaces Policy last year.

c) African Heritage Month Proclamation

WHEREAS February is recognized internationally as African Heritage Month -a time to recognize and salute the many contributions and ongoing achievements of people of African Descent all over the world and here in the Town of Shelburne in the Province of Nova Scotia, we honour and pay tribute to a time of greater understanding.

WHEREAS we are in the 8th year of the International Decade for People of African Descent

WHEREAS this year's theme: "Through Our Eyes: The Voices of African Nova Scotians" promotes all the ways and all the voices of African Nova Scotians who blazed the trail for change despite anti-black racism.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Harold Locke, do hereby proclaim the month of February to be African Heritage Month in the Town of Shelburne. I encourage residents, businesses, and community groups to participate in the activities and celebrations and to take the opportunity to reflect on the story of Nova Scotia's vibrant African Nova Scotian Community.

d) January Volunteers of the Month

Tottie's Crafts Society has existed since 1977 and was created to foster interest in 18th century crafts and to raise money to maintain and help the continued growth of the Historic Complex on Dock Street.

Since its inception, the group has donated over \$150,000 to various waterfront projects such as the upgrading the old Guildhall, the Cox warehouse, the Tourist Bureau, the Orderly Room on Ann St and 'market square'. The group has helped the Ross Thomson House, Dory Shop and with Founders Day support. Recently \$15,000 was donated to the Shelburne Fire Department and for 2022, there is major work planned for the Coyle House on Dock St, their present location.

Volunteers have come and gone over their forty plus years of existence, but this past year, we are grateful for the support of Mona Foged, Judith O'Brien, Ellen Miller, Holly Renaud, Donna Jeffery, Verna Roache-Williams, Linda MacLachlan, Lorin Hesse, Claudia Lorenson, Pierrette Tremblay, Shirley Crockett and Germaine Osborn.

For all that the Tottie's Crafts volunteers have done and continue to do for us, the Town of Shelburne's CP&V Committee and the Town Council recognizes Tottie's Crafts Society as the Volunteers of the Month for January. Thank you!

Delegations

None

Correspondence

Action:

a) Sustainable Fisheries Solutions and Retrieval Support Contribution Programme (SFSRS)

M22-046 THAT Council directs staff to write a letter to the Honorable Joyce Murray, Federal Fisheries Minister, supporting funding continuance to at least 2027.

Davis-Nickerson

CARRIED

Information:

- a) Shelburne Longboat Society
- b) Sou'West Nova Transit

Council accepted both these letters and directed staff to write a letter of thanks to Phil Crosbie of the Shelburne Longboat Society on behalf of Council.

Council Items

- a) Grants to Organizations

Executive Coordinator informed the viewing audience the Grants to Organizations Program for 2022/2023 is now open and accepting applications. A reminder to residents that our program grants funds to community and non-profit organizations. Usually, organizations receiving funding assistance should be incorporated as non-profit under the Joint Stock Companies Societies Act but those groups that have an executive, membership and positive history are eligible to apply as well. The deadline for applications is January 31st and any questions at all please email, call, or stop in the Town Office.

- b) ACCA 2022 Membership Approval

M22-047 *THAT* Council approves the Town continue membership with ACCA (Atlantic Cruise Canada Association) for 2022 and forward.

Acker-Davis
CARRIED

- c) PVSC Property Assessment 2022

CAO informed that property assessments for 2022 are in and residents should see them in their mailboxes. In 2021, 42 properties were sold (42 residences, 6 residential lots), 527 residential properties are still eligible for CAP, there are 948 dwelling units in Town (vs. 944 in 2021), 93 acres of property in the Town and 90 properties with exemptions to taxes which are being reviewed and possibly pushed back to PVSC (outside schools, library, municipal) for review.

Committee Reports

- a) Audit Committee-July 23rd, 2021

THAT Council accepts the Audit Committee minutes from July 2021 as presented.

Acker-Ringer
CARRIED

Staff Reports

- a) SVFD Monthly Report-December

THAT Council accepts the SVFD monthly report from December.

Acker-Nickerson
CARRIED

- b) Building Inspection Monthly Report

THAT Council accepts the monthly building report from December.

Nickerson-Davis
CARRIED

New Business

Councillor Davis inquired on the hiring of a By-Law Officer. The CAO informed Council that interviews are in progress and she anticipates by the next Council meeting the position will be filled.

Councillor Nickerson wanted to recognize Public Works for the great job they have done over the past few weeks with snowstorms. Councillor Nickerson said a few people have commented to him what a

great job they have done. The CAO also wanted to mention there have been some issues with residents not observing the Winter Parking bans. It slows down the process for Public Works when vehicles are left on the streets during a snowstorm, we have been brainstorming to try to find a solution to help out Public Works. Residents are reminded to avoid parking on streets 1 hour after snow has started until 2 hours after the snow has stopped to allow Public Works to safely remove snow.

Upcoming Meetings

- a) Town Council Meeting- February 7th, 2022, at 6:30pm at Council Chambers (TBD)
- b) Budget Workshops-begin January 31st, 2022- Location TBD
- c) RCMP Advisory Committee- January 19th, 2022 at 7pm via Zoom

Adjournment

THAT the Regular Town Council Meeting of January 17th, 2022 be adjourned at 6:52pm.

Davis

CARRIED

Mayor

Executive Coordinator