



Town of Shelburne

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting

(Via Zoom)

Monday March 7th, 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.

Mayor Locke noted this Council meeting was changed to being held via Zoom due to some of the staff isolating at home.

Mayor Locke also started the meeting by sending our thoughts and prayers to the people of Ukraine and by offering our condolences to the family of the CAO on the recent passing of Norma Doane.

Approval of the Agenda

THAT Council approves the Agenda for March 7th, 2022, with the deletion of item 6(e) request for Letter of support as it did not meet the required format for presentation to Council.

Ringer-Davis
CARRIED

Approval of the Minutes

THAT the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on February 7th, 2022, be approved as presented.

Acker-Nickerson
CARRIED

Proclamations & Announcements

- a) We would like to recognize March 8th as International Women's Day, a day to celebrate the historical, cultural, and political achievements of women.
- b) March 21st, 1966, is when the United Nations proclaimed the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Every year, March 21 is recognized as a day where the international community can come together in an effort to eliminate all forms of racial discrimination.

- c) Shannon Brannen has been an active volunteer in our community for many years and her hard work deserves to be recognized.

For the past 2 years Shannon has been the Breakfast Program Coordinator for Hillcrest Academy. She has spent countless hours organizing/training the volunteers, purchasing the groceries, and prepping for the program to run successfully as well as dedicating a few mornings a week volunteering herself. The past 2 years have had many challenges and changes for the program, but Shannon has adapted and made sure the kids still have options for a healthy breakfast to start the day. Before taking the responsibility of the program coordinator Shannon volunteered one day a week for many years and has always been someone to count on. Shannon is always finding ways to fundraise creatively for the Breakfast Program and her time and efforts are appreciated!

Shannon also volunteers with the Ladies Auxiliary for the CGC Fire Department, and through the years she has been involved in Discover Shelburne County and the Shelburne Chamber of Commerce.

For all that Shannon has done and continues to do, the Town of Shelburne's CP&V Committee and the Town Council recognize her as the Volunteer of the Month for February. Thank you!

Delegations

None

Correspondence

Action:

- a) Shekara Grant's Open Letter on the Filming of Washington Black in Shelburne-letter of support for Response

THAT Council acknowledges receipt and accepts the letter from Jessika Hepburn of Mahone Bay and that the Mayor on behalf of Council has responded to the Open Letter from Shekara Grant

Acker-Ringer

CARRIED

- b) Autism NS-request for Month flag raising

THAT Council recognizes April as Autism Acceptance Month and holds a flag raising mini event on April 25th, 2022.

Nickerson-Davis

CARRIED

- c) Patch at 91 King St-request for repaving

M22-051

THAT Council directs the CAO to have the paving at 91 King St. completed in as timely a manner as possible.

Acker-Ringer

CARRIED

- d) Yarmouth Acadian Shores-request for funding

THAT Council directs administration to respond to Yarmouth Acadian Shores that we will consider funding if budget allows.

Davis-Acker

CARRIED

Information:

- a) Civic Addressing of Shelburne-email from Canada Post

THAT Council accepts the email from Canada Post for information, noting impacted citizens will be contacted directly by Canada Post.

- b) 1792 Project

THAT Council accepts the letter from the 1792 Project.

Council Items

- a) Working with MDS regarding summer staff for VIC opportunity

Executive Coordinator informed Council that Val Kean of the Municipality of Shelburne has been in contact and inquired if the Town would like to partner on a summer staff opportunity at the Visitor Information Centre this summer and focus more on having the staff do some pop-up social media promotions of the area as well as updating the business directory. Council was pleased and more than happy to work together on a shared agreement for the summer.

M22-052 *THAT Council directs the Administration to work with MDS toward a shared agreement with summer staff for the Visitor Information Centre.*

Acker-Ringer

CARRIED

- a) IWK Champion Child

Every year, The Children's Miracle Network has their member hospitals identify a remarkable child to serve as their Champion. Together these kids represent the more than 2.3 million children treated in our Canadian member hospitals each year. Their stories demonstrate the incredible advances that have been made in child health care in our country, and the personal journey children and their families take to overcome illness or injury.

Katie Hallett, a student at Hillcrest Academy and living in Shelburne County has been chosen as the 2022 Champion representing the IWK. Katie joins other amazing children representing children's hospitals across Canada.

It is not uncommon to hear patients say that IWK Health in Nova Scotia is like a home away from home. For ten-year-old Katie, it was her home for the first 630 days of her life.

At birth, Katie was diagnosed with Laryngeal Cleft Type IV, the most severe type of a rare opening between her larynx and esophagus that causes life-threatening respiratory and feeding issues.

Over her first six years, she had scores of surgeries to reconstruct her trachea and esophagus. Then her tracheostomy tube was removed that was helping her breathe. This was a special day for Katie and her family. It was a milestone they were not sure would ever happen and it meant freedom from machines for Katie, giving her the opportunity to participate in normal childhood experiences like swimming.

Katie continued to have a few more surgeries and is now closely monitored by an incredible multidisciplinary team of healthcare professionals at IWK Health including ear, nose, and throat (ENT), respiratory, orthopedics, physiotherapy, nephrology, a dietician, and a pediatrician – with all playing a very important role helping Katie to rehabilitate and move forward. Katie has been a lot healthier as she has gotten older, but her family still views her team as their lifeline. They are always there to provide guidance and reassurance as Katie continues to thrive.

Meanwhile, Katie is doing all that she loves to do – going to school, being with friends, dancing, riding her bike, listening to music, playing with her dog Shadow, doing crafts – and being the lovable and energetic kid that she is.

M22-053 *THAT* Council directs staff to send a letter to Katie Hallett to congratulate her on being selected as the IWK Champion Child for the year and support any activities or events that take place in Shelburne for her over the next year.

Nickerson-Acker
CARRIED

b) Local Business-offer of Appreciation

The Town of Shelburne Council would like to take a moment to recognize and show appreciation to all the businesses and residents that have observed and respected public health guidelines the past 2 years. It has not been easy for many, but together we have done well and are moving on to learning to live with Covid.

There are two local business that have recently had their last day of business and I would like to recognize them.

First The Seadog Saloon, formerly known as the Tavern, who Alan Reid has run since 2004. Thank you, Alan, for 18 years of friendly service and great food on the Shelburne waterfront. We wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

Secondly, Charlotte Lane Café, owners Roland & Kathleen Glauser who recently retired in November of 2021 after 27 years of business in the Town of Shelburne. Thank you to Roland and Kathleen for providing world class food and bringing people from near and far to your restaurant. Happy Retirement!!!

Councillor Acker noted that Charlotte Lane has been sold and looks like someone new will be taking over, great news for the community!

M22-054 *THAT* Council directs staff to send letters of thanks to Alan Reid of The Seadog Saloon and Roland & Kathleen Glauser of Charlotte Lane Café for their business contributions to the Town of Shelburne.

Nickerson-Acker
CARRIED

Committee Reports

None

Staff Reports

a) Founders Days Event

Executive Coordinator summarized the staff report. As with many events over the past 2 years Founders Days has been cancelled, due to the Event's Coordinator position being eliminated at the Town as well as there no longer being an active volunteer group.

A Shelburne County Events Committee has been created that planned Miracle on Dock St. This Committee and some community members identified this as an opportunity to work together to establish a signature annual event that will pay tribute to our rich shared history, highlighting our first nations, the settlement of Birchtown and the landing of empire loyalists. We have a rich and sometimes complicated story that needs to be acknowledged, shared, and celebrated.

Val Kean, Community Development Coordinator has been in communication with Executive Coordinator from the Town of Shelburne regarding planning for this upcoming year. The group would like to re-brand with community input and plan a festival that will make the residents proud, invite families to visit home and encourage visitors to plan their trip to Shelburne. The group is committed

to incorporating all local culture through education, interaction and partnership-coming together in celebration as one community with a tightly woven history.

The group has applied for a grant through the Festival and Community Event Development Program and hoping to have some Town and Municipality of Shelburne financial support along with local businesses. They are also looking for the Town of Shelburne to commit to being the hosts for this year which would include our insurance policy covering the festival for this year and Town staff providing some administration work. Going forward in the years ahead the group will look at discussing and possibly becoming their own non-for-profit group.

M22-055 *THAT* the Town of Shelburne agrees to be the host of the festival for the Shelburne County Events Group.
Ringer-Davis
CARRIED

New Business

- a) Councillor Nickerson wanted to update Council that the Accessibility Committee has a draft Accessibility Plan. We should be seeing it come to Council soon.

Upcoming Meetings

- b) Budget Workshop – Tuesday, March 8th, 2022 - 6pm, via Zoom
- c) CP&V Committee Meeting- Thursday March 10th, 2022- 6:30pm, Council Chambers (cancelled)
- d) Town Council Meeting-Monday, March 21st, 2022-6:30pm, Council Chambers

Adjournment

THAT the Regular Town Council Meeting of March 7th, 2022, be adjourned at 7:05 pm.
Davis
CARRIED

Mayor

Executive Coordinator