



Town of Shelburne

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting

Council Chambers, 168 Water St.

Monday April 4th, 2022

Council Members Present

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

Regrets

Councillor Ben Nickerson

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 informed the viewing audience that Councillor Nickerson sends his regrets for tonight's meeting.

Approval of the Agenda

THAT Council approves the Agenda for April 4th, 2022, as presented.

Acker-Davis

CARRIED

Approval of the Minutes

THAT Council approves the minutes from the Town Council Meeting on March 21st with the amendment Motion M22-061 to read as "decommission" as opposed to "remediation".

Davis-Ringer

CARRIED

Proclamations & Announcement

a) Town of Shelburne's 115th Birthday-April 4th, 2022

In the spring of 1783, 5,000 settlers arrived on the shores of Shelburne Harbour from New York and the middle colonies of America. Four hundred families associated to form a town at Port Roseway, which Governor Parr renamed Shelburne later that year. This group became known as the Port Roseway Associates. In the fall of 1783, the second wave of settlers arrived in Shelburne. By 1784, the population of this new community is estimated to have been at least 10,000, the fourth largest in North America, much larger than either Halifax or Montreal. The Black Loyalists, who settled at the same time, were allotted land on the northwest arm of Shelburne Harbour. They founded the largest free Black settlement in North America, called Birchtown, in honour of General Birch.

The Town of Shelburne was incorporated on April 4th, 1907. Tonight, we celebrate 115 years. Happy Birthday to the Town of Shelburne!

Delegations

None

Correspondence

Information:

- a) WCRL Newsletter-March 2022
- b) SRHS Bursary
- c) Civic Numbering Information
- d) Town of Shelburne Community Clean-Up-April 17th-23rd

THAT Council accepts the above documents for information.

Mayor Locke also informed everyone the Community Clean-Up information can be found on the Town website and Facebook page. Councillor Acker inquired about the cost of the civic numbers from Lions Club and Executive Coordinator confirmed they are \$22 for all numbers, not \$22 for each number. Our By-Law Officer had also recently noticed many homes and businesses do not have their civic numbers up and this may cause a potential risk of emergency service arrival delays.

Council Items

- a) CAO Update

Tree Update

We have ordered some trees and working with a local landscape architect to get a planting back campaign started. We took down many dead one's last year and we will be working on getting new ones planted around Town as well as up at the cemetery.

Fire Hydrants

We are working with the Fire Chief to review those hydrants that are out of commission or marked as out of commission.

Marine Association

The Marine Association is looking to install a pump out station near the dock, which visiting and local boat owners could use this facility instead of releasing in the ocean (per guidelines). This would be positive for the environment and community.

Water Quality Testing Insert

CAO provided Council with a one-page draft water quality testing insert and is looking for feedback to put in with the tax bills going out later this month.

Cruise Ship Visits

CAO has been working with Aquila and the Port Manager regarding the upcoming cruise ship visits this year. We have five coming for 2022 as well as the Bluenose and five more scheduled already for 2023. We would like to work with the Chamber of Commerce, businesses and the community in general to make this opportunity a great success.

Invitation to Submit an Expression of Interest

An invitation to submit an *Expression of Interest* for a parcel of Town property will be posted in the Vanguard on Wednesday April 6th as well as on our website and Town bulletin boards.

b) Potential Off-Leash Dog Park

Deputy Mayor Rick Davis discussed the idea of a potential off-leash dog park at the site of the Town's sawdust property between Transvaal and Minto streets. The CAO and Deputy Mayor took a walk last week throughout the property and realized the cost of fencing would be the largest concern. Deputy Mayor Davis felt many people would want to use an off-leash dog park.

Councillor Acker felt it would be a wonderful asset for the Town and would love to see an off-leash dog park however, she felt it would be an expensive project and would be more comfortable if we had a group interested in such, to undertake the project. Most of the assets we have in the Town have been initiated within the community. The Town has not yet budgeted for an off-leash dog park and was not mentioned during the workshop on the strategic planning. Councillor Ackers feels more comfortable having a group come to the Town with ideas/have discussion rather than asking our staff to take on such a project. The CAO then suggested we put out a request on our website and social media for any dog owners that would wish to become a part of an ad-hoc committee to talk about a potential off-leash dog park. Councillor Acker then agreed to support the motion as presented. It was also noted to include Municipality of Shelburne in the discussions as many residents from both the Town and MDS would benefit from the use of an off-leash dog park.

M23-001

THAT Council directs staff to investigate the costs of a potential off-leash dog park and report back.

Davis-Ringer

CARRIED

Committee Reports

a) CP&V Committee

THAT Council approves the CP&V Committee minutes from November 4th, 2021, as presented.

Acker-Ringer

CARRIED

b) WCRL Newsletter-March 2022

THAT Council accepts the newsletter for information.

Staff Reports

Waste Diversion Officer Report-October 2021 to February 2022

Councillor Acker noted once again the thoroughness of the report and appreciates the work the Waste Diversion Officer puts into it. Councillor Acker noted in the report regarding the metal contract and the clean up debris that was left was a problem this time as well as raising a concern of the costing of the new compost containers. One more item to note was to remind residents of the *Waste Disposal By-Law* which has times for curbside placement, bin removal deadline, etc. as well as other important information.

THAT Council accepts the Waste Diversion Officer Report for information.

New Business

Mayor Locke

The mayor spoke about the pending movie filming, saying that the producers have not told us any news regarding not filming here however, there are plenty of false rumours and accusations swirling around social media. None of these seem to be from the decision makers. We do know that Shelburne was a very attractive option for Disney however, they decided to start at the east end of the province (Louisburg) and work their way to Shelburne rather than what they had initially elected which was to start in Shelburne. As what happens in the movie business is that, whenever possible, directors try and get as much filming done at each location before moving to the next. It therefore has been assumed that scenes that were intended to be filmed in Shelburne have likely been done elsewhere so this greatly reduces the anticipated scheduled time in Shelburne. It is unfortunate that the schedule

was flipped however, that is completely their prerogative.

Shelburne is an excellent option for the film business looking for a period setting as some of our structures in the historical district were built as early as 1783 and with the beautiful harbour view and buried electrical lines, it is an easy choice. We are grateful to have been an option and harbour no animosity – that’s the movie business! We have had great success in the past with the film industry selecting Shelburne as their first choice and we look forward to the opportunity to show off this beautiful town and friendly community in the future.

Councillor Acker

Congratulations to both SRHS Senior Girls and Boys Basketball Teams going to Provincials this coming weekend. As well the Senior boys are hosting here at home, will be some great basketball to take in for anyone interested. Also, the Junior Girls are hosting Districts at the SRHS gym on Wed. April 6th.

Councillor Ringer

Congratulations to Paramedic Jim Currie for his dedication and service the past 41 years. He retired on March 31st. Councillor Ringer asked staff to send a letter of Congratulations to Mr. Currie on behalf of Council.

Upcoming Meetings

- a) Special Town Council Meeting-Budget-Tuesday April 5th, 2022-6pm, Community Centre
- b) Town Council Meeting-Tuesday April 19th, 2022-6:30pm, Town Council Chambers
- c) Port Committee Meeting-Thursday April 21st, 2022-4pm, Town Hall Auditorium

Adjournment

THAT the Regular Town Council Meeting of April 4th, 2022, be adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Davis

CARRIED

Mayor

Executive Coordinator