



# Town of Shelburne

## Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting

Council Chambers, 168 Water St.

Tuesday April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### **Council Members Present**

Mayor Harold Locke  
Deputy Mayor Rick Davis  
Councillor Elizabeth Acker  
Councillor Sheldon Ringer  
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 Kespukwitek, 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 then acknowledged although the families and loved ones of the victims left behind are by far, the most impacted, the tragedy that unfolded in Portapique in April of 2020 has affected us all. Council then took a few moments in silence.

### **Approval of the Agenda**

**THAT** Council approves the Agenda for April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, with the correction of National Volunteer Week being April 24<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>.

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

### **Approval of the Minutes**

**THAT** Council approves the minutes from the Special Town Council Meeting on April 19th with the following amendments as read by the CAO.

- Under Council Items (b)-*Residential Assessment from PVSC is up approximately 6%*
- Under a few highlights of Expenses- General Gov't Services are \$755,699 which as well as adding Regional before the word Library
- Under Capital (5 Year) adding Canada Community Building Fund.
- Under Marine Terminal-will come from current leases, the Federal Govt. and the 2022-23 budget is forecasting transfer to reserve for \$85,000.
- Under Closing Remarks-announces a 3-cent reduction/\$100 assessment to our Residential/ Resource tax rate.

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

### **Proclamations & Announcement**

a) National Volunteer Week April 24<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>

On behalf of Council, I would like to recognize that National Volunteer Week is April 24<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> and we appreciate all the wonderful volunteers we have in our community. We will be honouring all our *Volunteers of the Month* at a reception in the fall.

b) Mental Health Week-May 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>

Mental Health Week is May 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>, and we encourage all use the resources we have available in our area as well many resources on the Canadian Mental Health Week.ca website. Bring empathy alive with the people in your life. Be there, listen completely, and see the world through their eyes. It is how to really help.

c) Volunteers of the Month-Illuminate Nova Scotia

On Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup>, love was poured over our community. An event called Illuminate Nova Scotia was held at the Shelburne Community Centre. The centre was transformed into a magical Cinderella's castle as prom night for our special needs community in Shelburne. It was a night where they came dressed in their best and had their shoes shined, and their hair, makeup and nails done. After a photo session, they had their big moment walking down the red carpet, as every single person was celebrated one by one! Near the end of the night, each guest was crowned King or Queen of the Prom.

This night was hosted by our local Hope Wesleyan Church with Pastor Joanne Ozon and her amazing team. We would like to recognize Pastor and Mike Ozon, Janie and Bub Brannen, Dorothy Peacock, Cora and Randy Jeddry, Vivian Williams, Pastor Brad Eisan, Lori Dexter, Debbie and Lee Townsend, Krysteane Rapp, Leah Weare, George and Pam Thorburn and Stephanie Harris. This event would not have been possible without their time and dedication.

For all that the Illuminate Nova Scotia Volunteers have done and continue to do in lifting the spirits of our community, the Town of Shelburne's Council and CP&V Committee, recognize them as the Volunteers of the Month for April. Thank you!

### **Delegations**

None

### **Correspondence**

Action:

a) Ryan Eickmeirer-Lobby Registry Meeting Request

*No action*

Information:

b) Honourable Joyce Murray-Ghost Gear Fund

**THAT** Council accepts the above document for information.

**Acker-Davis**

**CARRIED**

### **Council Items**

a) Eastern Shelburne County Accessibility Action Plan

Executive Coordinator informed this Accessibility Action Plan was started close to a year ago now with the Accessibility Committee and thanked them for their hard work putting this plan together. Council and the CAO have had this document for a week or so now and have reviewed and made suggestions. This final document which includes the Eastern Shelburne County Accessibility Action Plan as well as the Town's individual plan as Appendix C.

**M23-002** *THAT* Council approves the Eastern Shelburne County Accessibility Action Plan as presented.

**Acker-Nickerson**

**CARRIED**

b) Town of Shelburne 2022-23 General Operating Budget

There were no concerns, questions, or discussion from any feedback that Council received from residents since the draft general operating budget went public last week. Council proceeded with the following motions for budget approval:

**M23-003** *THAT* Council approves the fiscal year 2022-23 General Operating Budget in the amount of \$3,880,974.

**Acker-Nickerson**

**CARRIED**

**M23-004** *THAT* Council approves the decrease to residential/resource tax rate fiscal year 2022-23 by 3 cents, from \$2.06 to \$2.03 per \$100 of assessment.

**Nickerson-Acker**

**CARRIED**

**M23-005** *THAT* Council approves the Wastewater charge for fiscal year 2022-23 at \$260 per unit.

**Acker-Ringer**

**CARRIED**

**M23-006** *THAT* Council approves the Solid Waste charge for fiscal year 2022-23 at \$276.47 per unit due to the increase in solid waste management charges as determined by Region of Queens and MDS.

**Davis-Nickerson**

**CARRIED**

**M23-007** *THAT* Council approves the Sewer Connection revenue remain in Operating Budget and that the Sewer Connection rates for fiscal year 2022-23 for Residential connection rate at \$400 and the Commercial/Institutional/Industrial connection rate at \$1,000.

**Ringer-Acker**

**CARRIED**

**M23-008** *THAT* Council approves the recommended changes for 2022-23 to the Town of Shelburne Low Income Property Tax Exemption Policy, section 3, sub-section II, part c., to qualifying household incomes, as follows:

- Total household income of \$23,000 or less for a rebate of \$400
- Total household income of \$23,001 to \$28,750 for a rebate of \$200
- Total household income of \$28,751 to \$34,500 for a rebate of \$100

**Nickerson-Ringer**

**CARRIED**

### **Committee Reports**

None

### **Staff Reports**

a) Building Inspector-Monthly Building Report

b) SVFD-Monthly Report

c) By-Law Enforcement Officer-Monthly Report

Councillor Acker noted nice to see the construction value higher compared to last year in the building inspector report. Councillor Ringer acknowledged the great work the By-Law Officer is doing around the Town and the report.

*THAT* Council accepts the above reports for information.

**Acker-Davis**

**CARRIED**

### **New Business**

*Councillor Nickerson*

On behalf of Council, I wish to send our congratulations to both SRHS senior boys and girls basketball teams for making this year's provincials. As well, congratulations to the SRHS Senior Boys Basketball Team for winning the Division 3 Provincial Championship on April 10th, here at home in Shelburne! A great job by the coaches, players, parents, administration, and volunteers!!!

*Mayor Locke*

Would like to have the Town Council Meetings Policy on the agenda for next meeting to discuss changing the start time.

**Upcoming Meetings**

Port Committee Meeting on Thursday April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022-4pm in Town Hall

Town Council Meeting on Monday May 2nd, 2022-6:30pm in Council Chamber

Mayor Locke also mentioned there will be a Community Litter Clean Up-Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup>, which Town staff, Council and some CP&V Committee members will be participating in. The Town Office will be closed for the day.

**Adjournment**

**THAT** the Regular Town Council Meeting of April 19th, 2022, be adjourned at 6:45 pm.

**Davis**

**CARRIED**

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Mayor

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Executive Coordinator