



Town of Shelburne Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting

Council Chambers, 168 Water Street
Monday May 2nd, 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

Delegations:

Val Kean, Shelburne Events Committee
Brendan Pippy, Shelburne Events Committee

Call to Order

Mayor Harold Locke called the Council meeting to order at 6:30pm and stated:

“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 May 2nd, 2022, as presented.

Acker-Davis
CARRIED

Approval of the Minutes

THAT Council approves the minutes from the Town Council Meeting held on April 19th, 2022 as presented.

Davis-Ringer
CARRIED

Proclamations & Announcement

Lyme Disease Awareness Month

WHEREAS Lyme disease is a serious illness caused by the bite of a blacklegged tick infected with the bacterium *Borrelia burgdorferi*; and WHEREAS blacklegged ticks carrying a variety of diseases or illnesses can now be found in all parts of Nova Scotia; and WHEREAS awareness, education and practicing preventative measures, such as daily tick checks and proper tick removal, can help reduce your chances of contracting tick-borne diseases; THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Mayor Harold Locke, on behalf of the Town of Shelburne, do hereby proclaim May 2022 as “Lyme Disease Awareness Month”. Dated at Town of Shelburne, Nova Scotia, this 2nd day of May, 2022

Delegations

Mayor Locke welcomed Val Kean & Brenda Pippy of the Shelburne Events Committee.

Val and Brendan came to update Council on Dock St. Days planning to date and presented a draft schedule/budget as well. The Committee is collaborating with many community partners to plan this event; Acadia First Nation, Black Loyalist Heritage Centre, Shelburne Rec Dept, Shelburne Exhibition, Pet Projects, the Regiment, Shelburne County Museum, Guild Hall Market, Long Boat Society as well and many local businesses. The Committee is excited to work with all partners on this event and are trying to make this exciting and inclusive for all.

There has been confirmation of funding from the Town and Municipality as well as some local businesses and the committee is waiting to hear back on a provincial funding grant. There will be a public call for donations on social media soon.

The date for Dock St. Days will be July 29, 30th & 31st, and there will be a lot of different events, something for everyone. Councillor Acker asked where residents can go to look for information and Brendan indicated there is a Facebook and Instagram Account named "Shelburne Events Committee" which has all information posted that the committee is involved in planning. They are building on the success of Miracle on Dock St. with this event and are really looking forward to this summer event. Val indicated that anyone wishing to donate; businesses or personal, that can be done through the Town Office.

Mayor Locke thanked Val and Brendan as well as all the Committee for their hard work in planning this event for so many to look forward to. The Town has enjoyed working together and helping.

Correspondence

Action:

a) Shelburne & Area Chamber of Commerce-Business of Community Invite-May 31st

THAT Council accepts the invitation for the Shelburne & Area Chamber of Commerce's Business of Community Invite for May 31st 2022, and sends an RSVP for all Councillors attending.

Davis-Ringer

CARRIED

b) Municipality of Barrington-Regional Emergency Management Organization Request

THAT Council commits to participating in discussions for a Regional Emergency Management Organization with the other four Shelburne County municipal units.

Acker-Ringer

CARRIED

Council Items

a) Town Council Meetings Policy

THAT Council intends to amend the Town Council Meetings Policy at the next regular Council Meeting on May 16th, 2022, with a change in the start time of Council meetings to 6pm ATL going forward.

Nickerson-Davis

CARRIED

M23-009

Committee Reports

- a) CP&V Committee Minutes-November 4th, 2021

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

Davis-Ringer

CARRIED

- b) Port Committee Minutes-October 21st, 2021

THAT Council approves the Port Committee minutes from October 21st, 2021, as presented.

Acker-Ringer

CARRIED

Staff Reports

- a) Non-Resident Deed Transfer & Property Tax

The CAO explained the staff report to Council and informed as well that these two taxes have already been passed by the province and now receiving Royal Assent without consultation from the municipalities. Councillor Acker raised concerns of who is going to collect his money and has the province worked out the logistics. She also believes that we may be the only province that has introduced taxes like this. Councillor Acker recognizes the need for housing and how desperate we are here in Nova Scotia but by introducing these taxes it certainly does not encourage investors to come here. Mayor Locke expressed he feels its the responsibility of Municipal governments to collect property taxes and for the Provincial governments to be responsible for things like hospitals roads etc. Councillor Ringer stated that we have been lucky that since the pandemic we have had many people purchase property and move here permanently. Council agreed it would be nice to know that this money that will be collected from these two taxes would be distributed evenly amongst the province for housing initiatives etc.

M23-010

THAT Council directs administration to write the Premier of Nova Scotia to express our profound disappointment regarding the one-time Provincial Deed Transfer Tax for Non-Residents and the annual Provincial Property Tax for Non-Residents, as included in the Financial Measures (2022) Act, that passed without any municipal consultation.

Acker-Davis

CARRIED

- b) CAO Update

Roseway Manor

CAO Updated Council regarding the Roseway Manor; Per your directive at previous Council, I want to report that the three administrators agreed to request the province support us with the tendering process as they are experts of procurement and long-term care, not us. As such, the Department of Seniors, and Long-Term Care (SLTC) are in the midst of developing an Expression of Interest, seeking a qualified service provider, whether they are for-profit or not-for-profit, that is interested in both:

- operating the existing Roseway Manor as it is today, and
- replacing or renovating Roseway Manor.

As stated by the province and the municipal administrators, the primary interest to all is to ensure high quality services are provided to those in need of long-term care in our community.

Expression of Interest (EOI)-Prince Street

CAO updated Council that the town-owned Prince Street property sold and will be working with Town lawyer to close the purchase. The monies from this sale will be put into the capital reserve.

Provincial Capital Assistance Program (PCAP)

CAO informed Council regarding the *Invest in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP)* that we had yet to hear back on regarding our application for the First-Generation Landfill Decommission Project however, administration was seeking approval to also apply under the *Provincial Capital Assistance Program* offered by the Province of Nova Scotia. The ICIP application is federal and provincial, for up to 75% of the cost. The PCAP is provincial and for up to 50% of the cost.

M23-011 **THAT** Council supports administration submit the Town of Shelburne's First-Generation Landfill Decommission Project, under the *Provincial Capital Assistance Program* for 2022-23.

Acker-Nickerson

CARRIED

King St. Centre

The Request for Tender (RFT) for the King Street Family Centre has been awarded and the work is scheduled to be completed by the end of October.

c) Town Beautification

The Executive Coordinator spoke to several activities taken place this year regarding the beautification of some of our parks and tourist areas. Again this year, the wonderful volunteers have raised their hands and committed to organizing the installation and daily watering of hanging baskets along the waterfront and the Fisherman's Memorial.

The Town also applied for a Develop NS grant under their Placemaker Program to do more work on the McKay Park and corner space of the Water and King Streets intersection.

THAT Council THAT Council accepts this report for information.

Davis-Ringer

CARRIED

New Business

Councillor Davis

Noted that he appreciated the replacement chairs in Council Chambers.

Councillor Acker

Attended a recent Chamber of Commerce meeting as a guest and noted the Delegation in attendance that night were residents that were opposed to the proposed Sandy Point wind farm. Councillor Acker indicated that it was interesting to hear things from their perspective and she appreciated that the Chamber remain a neutral party. The other meeting item was their relaunch event being held on the May 31st that will hopefully encouraging new members and businesses to consider Shelburne. Councillor Acker indicated to them that she believed the Town would also be interested in joining the Chamber as she felt it was an important gesture from the Town. There was also discussion at the Chamber meeting regarding the recently passed provincial bill regarding Non- Resident Deed Transfer & Property Tax, which Council had discussed tonight. As such, Councillor Acker would like to add to the agenda of the next meeting, under Council Items, for Council to consider agreeing to a Shelburne & Area Chamber of Commerce membership.

Councillor Ringer

Thanked all the community members who stepped up to participate in the community litter clean up around Town.

Upcoming Meetings

Town Council Meeting on Monday May 16th 2022, at 6:30pm in Council Chamber

Adjournment

THAT the Regular Town Council Meeting of May 2nd 2022, be adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Acker

CARRIED

Mayor

Executive Coordinator