



## Town of Shelburne Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting

Council Chambers, 168 Water Street

June 20<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

### **Community Members Present**

Ed Benham

### **Call to Order**

Mayor Harold Locke called the Council meeting to order at 6:00pm 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 June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, as presented.

**Davis-Acker**  
**CARRIED**

### **Approval of the Minutes**

**THAT** Council approves the minutes from the Town Council Meeting held on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022, as presented.

**Acker-Nickerson**  
**CARRIED**

### **Proclamations & Announcement**

*National Indigenous People’s Day-June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022*

National Indigenous Peoples Day is tomorrow, June 21. This is a day for all Canadians to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples. I’d like to introduce Ed Benham who will be helping us with recognizing this day.

Kwe’, aqq pjila’si (Hello and welcome) Thank you (wela’liq) to the Shelburne Town Council for the invitation to deliver opening remarks at this evening’s meeting. I am honored to be invited for a second consecutive year.

Tomorrow we again acknowledge and celebrate National Indigenous People’s Day, a day to recognize

and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of First Nations, Inuit, and Metis peoples. The first people of Mi'kma'ki chose to sign treaties of Peace and Friendship with the Crown. These treaties were to ensure that all would coexist on this land in peace and with dignity. We stand now on that very land. The unceded territory of Mi'kma'ki which encompasses part of Quebec, the provinces of NB, NS, PEI and Nfld, as well as part of Maine and New Hampshire. The tribes that make up the Wabenaki Confederacy are Panuwapskek, Abenaki, L'nu, Peskotomuhkati, aqq Wolastoq. In English they are Penobscot, Western Abenaki, Mi'kmaq, Passamaquoddy and Maliseet.

My ancestry traces back to a rich and diverse ethnic background from the UK and Continental Europe, to African Canadian, as well as Mi'kmaw. Mi'kmaw is how I have always identified. Growing up in Shelburne, I had what some might call a somewhat unique childhood. Because of the interracial marriages within my family structure, I frequently had life experiences through three cultural perspectives. That combined with living ten years of my life in Toronto, Canada's Cultural Melting Pot, made me come to realize that regardless of our country of origin, or ethnic background, most of us strive for the same things in life. Whether it is a better life than our parents had or a better future for our children and beyond, it's also a push to better ourselves and have balance in our lives. As we push for and achieve these things, we lift ourselves, in doing so we also lift our communities, and in the bigger picture we lift our society as a whole.

I think that we would all agree that we are far from a utopian world, but there are small pockets that are much more welcoming than others. This takes me to something that I touched on briefly when invited to speak last year. That is, the efforts of past and present Shelburne Town Councils to make this a welcoming place to live and visit. I know that this will take continued effort on the part of present and future Councils. My hope is that this continues to be a lasting quality of Shelburne. I for one believe that Shelburne has grown greatly in that respect during my lifetime, and I am sure the vast majority would agree. It is great to see the growing cultural and ethnic diversity of our small community as we attract more and more people from around the globe. The diversity of a community is much like that of a forest. The more balanced and diverse a forest, the healthier it becomes, and I believe the same applies to a community. A healthy forest thrives because each tree is intertwined with and propped up by the roots of its neighbor, much like how a community thrives when a neighbor helps a neighbor. That said, I believe the more inclusive, accepting, and tolerant we become, the richer our life experiences become. Also, I believe that we are all stronger when we stand together and for each other. Thanks to all of you and the good people of Shelburne, our Town has become a much more welcoming place to live. My hope is that we can, as a community, continue to build on the basic principles of those treaties that were signed so long ago.

No matter your country of origin, faith, denomination, or gender identity, I encourage everyone to celebrate your culture, your beliefs, your heritage. Do whatever it takes, short of detriment to others, to keep your language and customs alive for future generations. Never forget who you are, your origins, or your past. We rely on lessons from the past to create a better future.

Wela'liq. (Thank you all)

In closing, I'd like to offer thanks to the creator for delivering everyone here safely and ask for a safe return home to your families. We ask that all may have clear vision, as well as an open mind and an open heart, so that this and future meetings can be fruitful and as productive as possible.

Msit nokomaq.  
(All my relations)

*Canadian Multiculturalism Day-June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022*

On June 27th we recognize Canadian Multiculturalism Day which is a day marked to celebrate and reflect upon the wealth of diversity that enriches our society.

Canada Day follows on July 1, Canada's birthday – a celebration of the ratification of the Constitution Act this day in 1867.

*Volunteer of the Month for June-Richard Snow*

Richard Snow has been the Committee Head of the Guild Hall Summer Arts Series since 2019. He spends time putting out calls to musicians that would like to perform at the Guild Hall Summer Arts Series as well as putting in grant applications for funding. With the help of the Committee, Rick gets the summer line up organized as well as producing posters, maintaining the website and social media pages for promoting the upcoming events. Rick spends time each week setting up and tearing down at the Guild Hall, doing sound checks, helping any of the groups, collecting donations which go towards the upcoming concerts and at the end of season completing grant reports from funding.

As a retired Team Lead RN at Roseway Hospital, an instructor of Nursing at Dalhousie University and retired from the VON as well as tutoring, Rick has put all his time into working on music. He was in the Ghost Town Heroes band and The Dave Burbine band, where he also supported Dave when he entertained at the Manor and Bay Side Nursing Homes. Rick is now with One Meter Up and the duo of Bruce Reid and Rick Snow. He has hosted Open Mic at the Seadog and is currently carrying on the tradition of Open Mic at the Ships Galley. Bringing music to the community is where his greatest joy lies.

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

**Delegations**

None

**Correspondence**

Information:

- a) Shannon Stubbs-Shadow Minister for Rural Economic Development & Rural Broadband Strategy

**THAT** Council accepts for the letter information.

**Davis-Nickerson**

**CARRIED**

**Council Items**

- a) Municipal User Fees Policy

Executive Coordinator explained that the fee changes to Cemetery will not be effective until the Cemetery By-Law has been amended and passed. Council did not receive any feedback from residents regarding any of these fee changes.

**M23-018** **THAT** Council amends the Municipal User Fees Policy with the changes indicated.

**Acker-Ringer**

**CARRIED**

**Committee Reports**

CP&V Committee Minutes

**THAT** Council approves the CP&V Committee minutes from March 24<sup>th</sup> as presented.

**Davis-Ringer**

**CARRIED**

**Staff Reports**

- a) SVFD-Monthly Report (May)
- b) Building Inspector-Monthly Report (May)
- c) By-Law Officer-Monthly Report (May)

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

**Acker-Davis**

**CARRIED**

**New Business**

*Councillor Acker*

Councillor Acker wanted to remind residents and the viewing audience about the Kids Fair Play Fund Committee which has been ongoing for around for 25 years. The Fund used to get funding through Jumpstart, but that process will be changing. The Kids Fair Play Fund was in very good standing and since Covid they have not been able to do much for fundraising and are beginning to chip away at the bank account. Kids Fair Play is a very worthwhile organization that last year assisted 148 kids who otherwise would not have been able to participate in the activities and sports. The Fund is looking at doing some social media marketing and fundraising in the near future so watch for that online. All five municipal units are involved in the Kids Fair Play Fund and benefits all kids in the county.

**In Camera**

**None**

**Upcoming Meetings/Events**

- a) Bluenose Visit-June 25th, 2022-9am-Port (Open Deck 10am-8pm)
- b) Town Council Meeting is July 4th, 2022, 6pm here in Council Chambers, 168 Water St.

**Adjournment**

**THAT** the Regular Town Council Meeting of June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022, be adjourned at 6:17 pm.

**Davis**

**CARRIED**

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Mayor

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Executive Coordinator