



Town of Shelburne

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting

Council Chambers
July 18th, 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

Delegation

Melissa Strachan, Shelburne County Arts Council
Alex Balkam, Artist

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 Kespukwitik, 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 July 18th, 2022, with the deletion of Item 2A.

Acker-Davis
CARRIED

Approval of the Minutes

THAT Council approves the minutes from the Town Council Meeting held on July 4th, 2022, as presented.

Ringer-Davis
CARRIED

Proclamations & Announcement

a) *Emancipation Day-August 1st, 2022*

On March 24, 2021, the House of Commons voted unanimously to officially designate August 1 Emancipation Day. It marks the actual day in 1834 that the Slavery Abolition Act of 1833 came into effect across the British Empire.

Canadians are not always aware that Black and Indigenous Peoples were once enslaved on the land that is now Canada. Those who fought enslavement were pivotal in shaping our society to be as diverse

as it is today.

Therefore, each August 1, Canadians are invited to reflect, educate, and engage in the ongoing fight against anti-Black racism and discrimination.

Emancipation Day celebrates the strength and perseverance of Black communities in Canada.

b) *National Peacekeepers Day-August 9th, 2022*

Since 1948, more than 125,000 Canadian peacekeepers have participated in dozens of international efforts all over the world.

National Peacekeepers' Day was established in Canada in 2008. It provides an opportunity for Canadians to express the pride and respect they have toward personnel of the Canadian Armed Forces, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and provincial and municipal police forces, as well as Canadian diplomats and civilians who have worked in support of international peace and security operations.

c) *National Acadian Day-August 15th, 2022*

The Acadian people, pioneers, and builders of the country, have celebrated Acadian Day on August 15 since 1881, the year in which the first national Acadian convention was held in Memramcook, New Brunswick. The National Acadian Day Act was passed by the Government of Canada in 2003.

National Acadian Day highlights the contribution of Acadians to the Canadian cultural fabric, recognizes their historical presence on the land, and celebrates their cultural specificity in all its diversity.

d) *Volunteers of the Month*

The Town of Shelburne's Community Participation and Volunteerism Committee (CP&V) is being recognized as the Volunteers of the Month for July by Town Council.

The CP&V Committee began in 2012 and have seen numerous community, Council, and staff members over the years. The Committee was created to provide the Town with a mechanism for coordination with the many volunteer initiatives being undertaken by community members. The Committee will assist the Town Council in coordinating with these community initiatives to ensure the Town is kept informed and is therefore able to support the work of community volunteers. The Committee also identifies new and existing opportunities to promote increased participation. Some events and activities that the Committee have taken part in the past year are community litter clean ups, assisting with the Grants to Organizations recommendations and SRHS bursary, the creation of "Who-Ville" at Atlantic House Park, helping at many community events (i.e.: charity runs, festivals such as The Whirligig, Cruise ship visits etc.) and much more.

The Committee presently consists of Chair Bonnie Mahaney, Community Members; Cheryl Bower, Holly Renaud, Deby MacAlpine, Mary Ayer, Andrea Huskison, Council Members; Ben Nickerson & Rick Davis, Staff Member; Robin Smith

For all that the Committee has done over the years and continue to do, the Town Council recognize them as the Volunteers of the Month for July. Thank you!

Delegations

Melissa Strachan of Shelburne County Arts Council presented a proposal to Council, along with Alex Balkam, who was the chosen through a public request for proposals in 2021, to produce project *Animal Sittings*. Alex's art was based on images derived from trail cameras in the wilderness areas of

Shelburne County and the pieces involve a series of glow-in-the-dark surfaces. The final pieces include a large family of bears, a fisher, and a deer. The Shelburne County Arts Council is now seeking sites within the Town of Shelburne for permanent installation of the project. Melissa and Alex reviewed the art and potential sites with Council and answered their questions. The Shelburne County Arts Council has also committed to maintaining the project at \$1200/per year for 5 years as well as assisting in the installation process.

Council was excited about these new pieces of Public Art and fully support the Shelburne County Arts Council in this project. The mayor directed Melissa and Alex to work with the CAO regarding details of installation etc.

Correspondence

Action:

- a) Housing NS Invoice

The CAO updated Council on the substantive invoice that is 16% higher than their estimate, in that she had emailed the Deputy Minister why the jump in cost and questioned again why bother giving an estimate for us to budget when the final bill comes in so much higher. He did respond that would investigate and get back to us. No action required at this time.

Information:

- a) Province of Nova Scotia-Environment and Climate Change
- b) Sou'West Nova Transit Update
- c) Property Valuation Services Corporation (PVSC)

THAT Council accepts the above for information.

Council Items

- a) Rescind Motion M23-010 from May 2nd, 2022

M23-021 **THAT** Council rescinds Motion M23-010 from May 2nd, 2022, stating "That Council directs administration to write to 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-Ringer

CARRIED

Committee Reports

None

Staff Reports

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

- d) Staff Report-SMT (Port) Write-Off's 2022-23

M23-022 **THAT** Council approves the write-offs for the Shelburne Marine Terminal as recommended.

Davis-Acker

CARRIED

New Business

Councillor Davis

Councillor Davis mentioned concerns about the deer population in the Town and fears that some of them may carry diseases. Councillor Davis has been looking into some options that work as a “birth control” of sorts to try to downsize the population, including salt licks, pellets and tranquilize options. Councillor Acker directed staff to contact DNR and gather more information.

Councillor Acker

Councillor Acker requested that the Source Water Protection Committee re-engages and directs staff to put out a request for Committee Volunteers.

CAO

The CAO informed Council that over the next month while Council does not meet, administration is going to begin reviewing Town By-Laws and Policies and producing drafts of changes to begin the process involving the public feedback/public hearings. The CAO, Executive Coordinator and By-Law Officer will be working together over the next month.

In Camera

THAT Council goes in camera at 6:49pm to discuss:

MGA Section 22-2 (e) Contract Negotiations

MGA Section 22-2 (a) Acquisition, Sale, Lease and Security of Municipal Property

Council came out of in camera at 7:24pm.

M23-023

THAT Council directs staff to conduct public hearings regarding the sale of unopened streets in accordance with MGA Section 22-2 (a) Acquisition, Sale, Lease and Security of Municipal Property.

Davis-Acker

CARRIED

Upcoming Meetings/Events

- a) Town Council Meeting-September 6th, 2022-6pm, Council Chambers
- b) Dock St. Days-July 30-31st, 2022

Adjournment

THAT the Regular Town Council Meeting of July 18th, 2022, be adjourned at 7:26pm.

CARRIED

Mayor

Executive Coordinator