



Town of Shelburne

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting

Council Chambers
September 6th, 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

Appellant

Andrew Newstead, Town Resident

Call to Order

Mayor Harold Locke called the Council meeting to order at 6:10pm 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.”

Mayor Locke then proceeded to explain the process for the Dangerous and Unsightly appeal. The appellant identified himself and was then given 10 minutes to present and support his appeal. The Town declined the appellant’s request.

Approval of the Agenda

THAT Council approves the Agenda for September 6th, 2022, as presented

Nickerson-Davis
CARRIED

Approval of the Minutes

THAT Council approves the minutes from the Town Council Meeting held on July 18th, 2022, as presented.

Acker-Ringer
CARRIED

Proclamations & Announcement

- a) *Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day/Month-September 9th,2022 and the Month of September*

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is a lifelong disability that affects the brain and body of people who were exposed to alcohol in the womb. Each person with FASD has both strengths and challenges and will need special supports to help them succeed with many different parts of their

daily lives.

The Government of Canada officially recognized September as FASD Awareness Month in 2020. FASD Awareness Day was first started by three parent advocates from Canada and the United States. They wanted to bring attention to FASD and the impact prenatal exposure to alcohol has on fetal development. They chose to recognize FASD Day on the ninth day of the ninth month to highlight the importance of going alcohol free for the full nine months of pregnancy.

b) Volunteers of the Month-August-Shelburne Events Committee

The Shelburne Events Committee is being recognized as the Volunteers of the Month for August for their hard work and dedication to many community events.

The Shelburne Events Committee idea began last summer and has been a great success over the past year. Last December, the Committee planned their first event in collaboration with the Municipality of Shelburne and the Town of Shelburne; "Miracle on Dock St.". It was held as a stationary parade of floats, along with a festive Christmas market, fireworks display and was a huge success. In the Spring, the Committee held an Easter Egg hunt with face painting, balloons, and lots of treats for everyone to enjoy. Most recently, this past weekend, they revamped Founders Days into a Shelburne signature summer event, Dock Street Days. It was a weekend jam-packed with entertainment, exciting events for all ages, food, fun and fireworks as well as a chance to explore Shelburne's diverse cultural history along with an opportunity to celebrate the present through reunions with friends and family gatherings. The whole weekend was enjoyed by many, and all their hard work planning was appreciated.

The Committee presently consists of Val Kean, Brendan Pippy, Angie Shand, Danyelle Rapp, Christina Sears, Jamie Matthews, Sylvia Bell & Erika Goulden.

For all that the Shelburne Events Committee has done and continue to do, the CP&V Committee and Town Council recognize them as the Volunteers of the Month for August. Thank you!

c) Volunteer of the Month-September-Darrell Locke

Darrell Locke is being recognized as the Volunteer of the Month for September for his many years of hard work and dedication to our community.

For all his adult life, Darrell has been a serving member of the Shelburne Volunteer Fire Department, being 47 years come this November. As the Fire Chief for over 10 years, Darrell has spent countless hours volunteering in our town, community, and county, as well as serving his country. Darrell is looked upon with the greatest respect and admiration. Darrell also serves on the Shelburne County Firefighters Association serving as President.

Darrell's dedication to the community whether it be driving Santa through the streets at Christmas time, organizing BBQ's when the Bluenose is in Town, giving tours to the Elementary school at the Fire station, participating in firefighter training, hosting firefighter competitions with other local departments or responding to numerous calls all year long, night and day, is appreciated and applauded.

Darrell can often be found at the Firehall on a Saturday morning washing one of the trucks or doing routine maintenance on them. A true leader that is known for rolling up his sleeves and getting the tasks at hand done. The SVFD is well respected in the firefighting community with Darrell at

the helm. Darrell is also known for his thoughtfulness and always goes above and beyond for those that work closely with him through Fire Dept work as well as his By-Law Enforcement job. He is a true gem to know!

For all that the Darrell Locke has done and continue to do, the CP&V Committee and Town Council recognize him as the Volunteer of the Month for September. Thank you!

Delegations

None

Correspondence

Action:

a) Shelburne & Area Chamber of Commerce-request for signage project

There was discussion around the signage project among Council and there was also confusion if the ask from the Chamber was \$2000 or \$20,000. Staff will get clarification and report back at the next meeting if \$20,000, but a decision was made to provide some funding and in-kind support presuming the request was for \$2000.

M23-024 **THAT** Council approves \$1000 towards the signage project for the Chamber of Commerce from the Grants to Organizations fund and in-kind support erecting the sign.

Information:

- a) Property Valuation Services Corporation (PVSC)
- b) Thank you, card from-Clara Jurgenliemk,

THAT Council accepts the above for information.

Council Items

a) CAO Update

Deer Request from Councillor Davis

CAO explained to Council that we are in the process of doing By-Law reviews and wondering if Council is interested in the addition of "Feeding Deer" into the *Feeding Waterfowl & Pigeons By-Law* while we undertake this review. The information we found when researching the request from Councillor Davis regarding birth control options for the deer to control population has many hoops to jump through and before even beginning an application process, we feel it would be best that we have it included in one of our By-Laws already. Council all agreed and directed staff to proceed with the addition of this in the By-Law.

Applications for 1st Generation Landfill Decommission

The Town has two grant applications in and have been approved for the Provincial Grant towards the Decommission of the 1st Generation Landfill. This grant will be providing funding for 50% of the first year of the four-year project. There is also an application in for a Federal/Provincial Grant which we are hoping to hear a decision shortly.

Staffing Update

CAO informed Council and the viewing public that as of August 10th we have hired a new Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator and he is doing excellent in his job to date.

RCMP Staff Sgt.

CAO informed Council that the RCMP Staff Sgt. Will be attending the 1st meeting in October to introduce himself as well as being designated at our Traffic Authority.

b) Amend Motion M23-004 from April 19th, 2022

M23-025 **THAT** Council amends Motion M23-004 from April 19th, 2022, to be:

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 and the Commercial rate stays at \$3.88 per \$100 of assessment.

Davis-Ringer

CARRIED

Committee Reports

a) Audit Committee Minutes-December 6th, 202

THAT Council approves the Audit Committee Meeting Minutes from December 6th, 2021, as presented.

Acker-Davis

CARRIED

Staff Reports

a) SVFD-Monthly Report (July)

b) Building Inspector-Monthly Report (July)

c) By-Law Officer-Monthly Report (July)

d) Waste Diversion Coordinator Report Q1-FY 2022-23

THAT Council accepts the above reports for information.

e) Staff Report-Wastewater Treatment Plant Budget Overage

M23-026 **THAT** Council approves the payment of the unbudgeted invoice of \$25,599.89 and directs staff to ensure the anticipated cost for the reduced removal cycle is budgeted for bi-annually (every two years) going forward.

Ringer-Acker

CARRIED

f) Staff Report-Fiscal Year End 2021-22

M23-027 **THAT** Council approve the Financial Statements as presented by Belliveau Veinotte Incorporated for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022.

Acker-Ringer

CARRIED

M23-028 **THAT** Council approves a transfer of \$327,883.16 from General Operating to General Operating Reserve.

Nickerson-Davis

CARRIED

New Business

Councillor Davis

Last weekend Barrington NS was the hosts of the 2022 World Double Bit Axe Throwing Championships and on behalf of Council I'd like to congratulate Felicia Townsend of Shelburne, she made semi finals for women and placed 11th in the world. Also, Suzy Atwood, one of the organizers of the event and from Barrington placed 2nd for Team Canada in the team's competition.

Councillor Acker directed staff to send letters of congratulations to both Felicia and Suzy on their accomplishments in the World Championship.

Councillor Acker

Councillor Acker recognized the Municipality of the District of Shelburne Recreation Department. Since

the Town no longer has a recreation department the program offered by the Municipality benefits many children from the Town and municipality. From all reports Councillor Acker has heard all day camps, senior luncheons, picnics and programming offered have proven to have been very successful and great for our community. There were a variety of opportunities for everyone from ages three to eighty-three. Councillor Acker feels that she could challenge to find another recreation department in this province that offers what MDS Rec Department does. The staff is amazing at what they do, and we are truly lucky to have such a wonderful service. Councillor Acker directed staff to send a letter of thanks to the Municipality of the District of Shelburne's Recreation Department to let them know how pleased we were and all the positive comments we have heard.

Councillor Acker also wanted to inquire if anything has been happening with regards to Housing, Heritage Hall and Courtney House particularly. Councillor Acker directed staff to reach out in regard to the Housing Authority and report back.

Councillor Acker had mentioned a few meetings ago about the need for many groups in our community to have more volunteers as well as the many new residents in our area that are looking to volunteer. Executive Coordinator indicated to Councillor Acker that there is a section of the Fall newsletter that is going out with tax bills soon with all the info she has mentioned. Also, Executive Coordinator will work with Val Kean at the Municipality to do social media posts etc.

Lastly Councillor Acker wanted to mention how great the paving jobs in Town look and how pleased she is with how things are looking. The Mayor agreed.

Councillor Nickerson

Councillor Nickerson also wanted to note how great the paving around Town was looking. Councillor Nickerson wanted to also wish everyone all the best heading back to school and remind everyone about the influx of extra kids as well as stopping for all buses.

In Camera

THAT Council goes in camera at 7:07pm to discuss:

MGA Section 22-2 (e) Contract Negotiations

Council came out of in camera at 7:21pm.

No motions came out of in camera.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

- a) Municipal Boundary Review Open House-September 13th, 2022-6 to 8pm, Community Centre
- b) CP&V Meeting-Thursday September 15th, 2022- 6pm, Council Chambers
- c) Public Hearing-Sale of Unopened Streets-Monday September 19th, 2022-5pm, Community Centre
- d) Town Council Meeting-Monday September 19th, 2022-6pm, Community Centre

Adjournment

THAT the Regular Town Council Meeting of September 6th, 2022, be adjourned at 7:22pm.

DAVIS

CARRIED

Mayor

Executive Coordinator