



Town of Shelburne
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting
Monday February 21st, 2023

Council Members Present

Mayor Harold Locke
Deputy Mayor Ben Nickerson
Councillor Elizabeth Acker
Councillor Sheldon Ringer

Absent

Councillor Rick Davis

Staff Present

Sherry Doane, CAO
Candy Venning, Executive Coordinator

Call to Order

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

“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 February 21, 2023, as presented.

Acker-Nickerson

CARRIED

Approval of the Minutes

THAT Council approves the Minutes from the Town Council Meeting held on February 6th, 2023.

Ringer-Nickerson

CARRIED

Proclamations & Announcements

None

Delegations

None

Correspondence

Action:

a) NS Public Works Ferry Study Parameters

NSPW reached out to (at least) southwest municipalities asking for feedback on data elements they should collect in studying the US-NS ferry coming in through Yarmouth. In speaking with other nearby municipalities, there was a suggestion to respond as a group on the economical importance to the

region (noting the deadline was extended a week).

M23-053 **THAT** Council directs Administration to participate with other municipal units in the southwest region in responding to the Ferry Survey, on behalf of the Town of Shelburne.

Acker Ringer

CARRIED

b) Group ATN Consulting Inc., OHV Pilot Project Evaluation summary

Administration summarized the consultant's report citing that of particular importance is the suggestion that the pilots sites have permanent status and the province consider new sites be piloted. Council had previously 'put it's hand up' to be a part of the project but the complication in phase 1 was the requirement for the province to own the road they piloted. Council read about the successes and benefits to other communities and agreed we would like to be considered for next phase.

M23-058 **THAT** Council directs Administration to draft a letter based on Section 4 of the Evaluation, asking the Province to consider the Town of Shelburne in the next phase of the pilot project.

Ringer-Acker

CARRIED

c) Kids Fair Play Fund, Contribution request

Adam Dedrick presented to Shelburne County Leaders on this initiative and the incredible value to our community. This Council appreciated the details on the impact to the benefit for kids, citing that the expectation balances the requested cost to the direct impact. The committee will of course, still apply for sponsorship however, they need all the municipalities to support consistently.

M23-059 **THAT** Council will consider adding Kids Fair Play Funding as a line item in the Operating Budget going forward as well as consider the requested increased amount.

Acker-Nickerson

CARRIED

Information:

None

Council Items

a) Port of Shelburne 2023 Prices

Administration summarized the four changes to the pricing as recommended by the Marine Terminal Committee that reviewed line items that are or will be impacted on fuel/power increases. This included increasing the port passenger fees applied to cruise ships, now being close to the highest in the province, citing that the budget needs to consider supporting the fixing of the Dock Street wharf given this is the first view cruisers see when they arrive by tender. Questions on the whether the increase was enough was raised and addressed as Council has the flexibility to change at any time, if necessary.

M23-060 **THAT** Council approves the Shelburne Marine Terminal Pricing for 2023 as recommended by the Shelburne Port Committee.

Acker-Ringer

CARRIED

Committee Reports

None

Staff Reports

a) By-Law Officer, January Report

D23-A118

b) Building Inspection, February Report

D23-A123

c) Shelburne Volunteer Fire Department, January Report D23-A122
THAT Council accepts the Staff Reports, as presented.
Acker-Ringer
CARRIED

d) GST/HST Refund on Tipping Fees D23-A124

Administration suggested the Town not appeal the fees even though we have a right to, as it would likely be a waste of time, recommending we instead, accept the fees. Details that another nearby municipality did appeal and failed, were shared to Council.

M23-061 **THAT** Council accepts the GST/HST refund on Tipping Fees in the amount of \$6,625.15, and no appeal be initiated on the Town's behalf.

Ringer-Acker
CARRIED

New Business

Councillor Acker spoke to the NSFM Code of Conduct meeting she attended. They discussed both sanctions and investigations, citing the potential funding options for the investigations. In the end, as many municipalities felt that they rarely if ever have a conduct issue, they were not interested in setting up another bureaucratic entity so the idea was dropped.

Councillor Acker spoke about the Shelburne County Housing Coalition meeting stating that the participants were looking forward to setting up some common goals and priorities as housing remains a major issue here, across the province and across the country.

Upcoming Meetings

a) Town Council meeting Monday March 6th at 6pm, in Council Chambers

In-Camera

THAT Council go in-camera under the *MGA 22(2)(e), contract negotiations.*

Acker-Ringer
CARRIED

M23-062 **THAT** Council directs the CAO to negotiate with Clearwater Seafood Company on their berthing contract with the Town of Shelburne.

Acker - Ringer
CARRIED

Adjournment

THAT the Regular Town Council Meeting of February 21st, 2023, be adjourned at 6:42pm.

Ringer
CARRIED

Mayor

Executive Coordinator