



Town of Shelburne
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting
Monday March 6th, 2023

Council Members Present

Mayor Harold Locke
Deputy Mayor Ben Nickerson
Councillor Elizabeth Acker
Councillor Sheldon Ringer
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 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 March 6th, 2023, as presented.

Nickerson-Ringer

CARRIED

Approval of the Minutes

THAT Council approves the Minutes from the Town Council Meeting held on February 21st, 2023.

Davis-Nickerson

CARRIED

Proclamations & Announcements

a) Sarah Acker Nickerson is being recognized as the Volunteer of the Month for March for her hard work and dedication to our community.

Outside of being a busy mom, wife and a teacher, Sarah goes above and beyond her regular school hours and duties. For several years, Sarah has planned, organized, and decorated for Prom and Graduation – making it a special event for the students at Shelburne Regional High School. She not only organizes all activities for the students at lunch hours – games, crafts, karaoke, etc., she has also started two clubs – The Botanical Club and a Board Game Club. Sarah does all these things on her own time because she's dedicated to providing the students at SRHS with the best school experience possible.

On top of all that, Sarah also manages and takes care of the Shelburne Regional High School's Facebook

page, making sure it is up to date with the most recent information for students and their families. She also manages the Shelburne County Arena Facebook page, posting all the various activities happening at our Arena. To top it off, Sarah also is the President of the Shelburne Local NSTU and represents TCREC on several literacy initiatives.

For all that Sarah has done and continues to do for this community, the CP&V Committee and Town Council recognize her as the Volunteer of the Month for March. Thank you, Sarah!

b) We would like to recognize March 8th as International Women's Day, a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality.

Councillor Acker pointed out that Canadian Tire is donating 50% of their donations towards women's sports.

c) The United Nations proclaimed March 21st the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. On that day in 1960, police opened fire at a peaceful demonstration in Sharpeville, South Africa where 69 people were killed, and 180 were injured. Every year, March 21st is recognized as a day where the international community is urged to come together in an effort to eliminate all forms of racial discrimination.

Delegations

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Matt King was not present to delegate for the Shelburne Curling Club. Councillor Acker commented that the facility welcomes all curlers to the Mixed Curling, 3 year, Provincial bonspiel taking place March 23, as well as welcoming the public to attend the informal opening is March 24th at 7pm.

Correspondence

Action:

None

Information

None

Council Items

162 Mowatt Building

Councillor Davis thanked Staff for preparing some helpful figures regarding the costs associated with the building and he asked Council to postpone further discussion.

Committee Reports

a) Shelburne Port Committee Minutes, June 16th, 2022

THAT council accepts the minutes of the Port Committee Meeting of June 16th 2022 as presented

Davis-Ringer

Staff Reports

None

New Business

Councillor Nickerson wanted to congratulate the two Senior Basketball teams from SRHS, the Boys came in 4th and the Girls team came in 3rd.

Councillor Acker spoke about Western Regional Libraries virtual meeting on February 27th, 2023. A new funding model is coming as a result of a review committee from the province. Currently the Town

is paying all operating costs but 54% of library users are MDS and 36% in Town.
Should we be asking MDS for assistance in covering library costs?

Halifax has passed a By-Law which has changed how Air BnB's operate, allowing it only in commercial districts. Should the Town with the current housing crisis, also consider this?

Town of Yarmouth has reduced road speed from 50km/h to 30km/h, should we also look into it? Speeding has been raised as an issue within the Town especially along Falls Lane and Water street.

Councillor Davis commented that you can post signs with any speed limit you like but they won't enforce anything below 50km because it doesn't stand up in court.

Councillor Ringer mentioned the success of speed cameras in Ontario, said he had a conversation with Nolan Young regarding them.

Councillor Acker thanked Staff for researching costs for new garbage cans in Town. Three stream bins as required by the province, cost upwards of \$2000-\$4000 per unit. Staff suggested barrels from The Barrel Factory and asked staff to follow up by contacting the owner. We definitely need a new one on the corner of Water and King Streets. New Barrels along Dock street would also be great.

Councillor Acker spoke about demands on the Town budget with so many line items being added from Senior Services, to the Kids Play Fair Fund and the Arena. All the organizations are valid and all are worthy but do residents realize how much we're being asked to contribute? If any residents have more suggestions for finding funding, please get in touch. I wonder if residents realize the costs associated with things like a new plow, a new firetruck, new sewer lift stations and other infrastructure costs that are unseen? These requests are wonderful but we have a duty to maintain the basics. It's quite overwhelming at the budget workshops. Mayor Locke said that the amount of money asked for from organizations has continually increased over his six years in Council.

Councillor Acker wished to promote the CBBC Career College scholarship program, training new Continuing Care Assistants April 24th-December at Roseway Manor. It's a wonderful opportunity to get a career with a union, a pension, medical benefits etc. and you're guaranteed a job after training. The information will be posted on our website with printed information available in the Town office.

Councillor Davis spoke to the comments received after asking the public for input on RCMP priorities one of the questions asked was, how can we make suggestions about priorities when we don't know what RCMP is doing now? They may develop their own website or find a way to post a report as it's quite amazing what they do.

Mayor Locke wanted to sincerely thank the Public Works crews on behalf of Staff, residents and Council for all their hard work, going flat out the last week (due to multiple snowfalls).

Upcoming Meetings

- a) Town Council meeting Monday March 20th at 6pm, in Council Chambers
- b) CP & V Committee meeting Wednesday March 22nd, 6pm in Council Chambers

Adjournment

THAT the Regular Town Council Meeting of March 6th, 2023, be adjourned at 6:22pm.

Davis

CARRIED

Mayor

Executive Coordinator