



**Town of Shelburne**  
**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting**  
Monday May 15th, 2023

**Council Members Present**

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

**Staff Present**

Sherry Doane, CAO  
Candy Venning, Executive Coordinator  
Jane Crowell, Finance Manager

**Call to Order**

Mayor Harold Locke called the Council meeting to order at 6:08pm.

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 May 15th 2023, with the addition of In-Camera item *MGA 22(2)(c) personnel Acker/Nickerson*  
**CARRIED**

**Approval of the Minutes**

**THAT** Council approves the Minutes from the Special Town Council Meeting held on April 26th, 2023.  
**Davis-Nickerson**  
**CARRIED**

**THAT** Council approves the Minutes from the Town Council Meeting held on May 1st, 2023.  
**Ringer-Davis**  
**CARRIED**

**Proclamations & Announcements**

- a) June, National Indigenous History Month, is commemorated each June to recognize and honour the history, heritage and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples in Canada, and all of their contributions - past and present.
- b) June, Pride Month takes place every year in June and is a celebration designed to recognise the influence of the LGBTQ+ community. Celebrating diversity and people's right to live how they choose without discrimination.

Pride Month promotes positivity and equal rights for all, helps raise awareness of issues facing the LGBTQ+ community and provides an opportunity to celebrate the culture of inclusivity, with parades, street parties, community events and more. Designed to help educate people, Pride Month events are attended by millions of people worldwide.

**Delegations**

None

**Correspondence**

**Action:**

None

**Information**

Mixed Curling Provincials Thank you letter from Matthew King

**THAT** Council accept the letter from the Curling Club

**Ringer-Davis**

**CARRIED**

**Council Items**

a) *Land-Use By-Law* Amendment, Second Reading regarding Pocket Communities

CAO Mentioned that at the Public Hearing it was requested that Council consider adding an affordability requirement. Mayor Locke, Davis & Councillor Acker responded that although affordability is very important, we don't have authority to dictate pricing on private land.

**M23-072** **THAT** Town Council gives second reading of the *Land-Use By-Law* as written, to amend parts 2, 6 and 7, adding the option of allowing Pocket Communities in Residential – General (R-1) and Residential – Mobile (R-M) zones.

**Acker-Nickerson**

**CARRIED**

b) Town of Shelburne 2023-24 Operating Budget

Finance Manager spoke on changes to the 2023 / 2024 Operating Budget as follows.

- Budget for 2023/24 is increasing to \$4,463,569 from \$4,354,937
- Page 2- Other Transfers-Transfer from other funds (own reserves) from \$213,209 to \$321,841 for a difference of \$108,632 which represents this years' landfill project (Phase 1) that was approved in 2021/22 to come from Operating Reserve.
- Page 2 – Total revenue from \$4,354,937 to \$4,463,569.
- Page 6, Waste collection, Solid Waste – New Line TCA-Landfill Project from \$0 to \$108,632
- Page 8, Total expense from \$4,354,937 to \$4,463,569.

Councillor Acker asked if there would be a vote specifically on the residential tax rate, with the Mayor responding negatively. CAO stated that based on feedback received from the community, the budget can be tweaked before the motion. Councillor Acker expressed her concerns that she had previously raised at the Apr 26 meeting, repeating that she believed the best interest of the community would not be served and her intention was to reject the decrease to the tax rate. No other Council member spoke.

**M23-073** **THAT** Council approves the Fiscal Year 2023-24 General Operating Budget as amended.

**Davis-Ringer**

**Vote For: Davis, Ringer, Locke. Vote Against: Acker, Nickerson.**

**CARRIED**

c) OHV use in Town limits, Councillor Davis

Councillor Davis raise the opportunity regarding use of OHV in Town, on streets/designated routes and had heard zero negative responses to date. The new *Act* has strict rules for riders regarding licensing, speeds etc. Councillor Acker reminded others of the plebiscite and their subsequent vote to keep them off trails. The CAO also reminded Council that they had asked Administration to write the Minister for us to be part of the first then next trial and subsequently the *Road Trails Act* was introduced into the Legislative Assembly. Council asked for a Staff Report.

d) CAO Update

- King St. Centre \$250, 890 project is nearing completion. Front and back door replacement remain the only items outstanding., reminding Council that ACOA contributed \$187,500, ToS contributed \$27,140, MDS contributed \$26,250, and Little Peoples Place \$10,000.
- Commissary Accessibility Marina & Park, (2 Victoria St) is looking for a letter of support from the Town. Their signed lease with the province grants them 72,000 square feet of infill land for 5 years (Until April 30<sup>th</sup> 2028) plus 48,500 square feet of water lot. They are not asking for any money they are just looking for a letter of support. Council asked for more details.
- A complaint was received from a Town resident regarding an active sawmill in town that they believe do not belong in within Town limits, save for historical demonstrations. They are asking Council to add a by-law prohibiting their use. Discussion arose regarding sawmills, whether they were in residential or commercial areas and was there a problem with continual noise. Council asked for a Staff Report.
- Deer feeding in Town. After multiple complaints from citizens regarding the danger and property damage caused by deer within Town limits, it was noted that at least part of the problem is people feeding them. The CAO again requesting the current *Feeding Waterfowl and Pigeons By-Law* to include deer and Council reminded the CAO that they had agreed there is a problem and had previously asked that it be added to the *By-Law*. CAO will follow up for next council meeting.
- On June 7<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Region 3 Emergency Management Exercise. This will be a tabletop exercise only, starting at 9am, and wanted to remind all not to be concerned when they see numerous emergency vehicles parked at the Community Centre.
- Mike Rhuland was announced as the new Water Plant Operator, starting May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thanks were offered to Trevor Marriott for acting in the interim and for helping to set up Mike Rhuland for success as he moves forward.

**Committee Reports**

- a) Community Participation & Volunteerism Committee Minutes for March

**THAT** Council accepts the CP & V Committee minutes as presented.

**ACKER-Davis**

**CARRIED**

**Staff Reports**

- a) SVFD Report, April  
b) Building Inspectors Report, April  
c) By-Law Officers Report, April

**THAT** Council accepts the Shelburne Volunteer Fire Department Report, Building Inspectors Report and By-Law Officers report as presented.

**Davis-Ringer**

**CARRIED**

**New Business**

None

**Upcoming Meetings**

- a) Town Council Meeting, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 6pm, Council Chambers
- b) Spring Cruise Ships arriving May 27<sup>th</sup> and June 4<sup>th</sup> (both at 8am)
- c) Town-Wide Yard Sale, June 10<sup>th</sup>
- d) SRHS will be hosting a Pride Parade on June 3<sup>rd</sup>

**In-Camera**

MGA 22(2)(g) Legal Advice

MGA 22(2)(c) Personnel

**THAT** we move in Camera under *MGA 22(2)(g) legal advice* and *MGA 22(2)(c) personnel*.

**Acker -Ringer**

**CARRIED**

**Adjournment**

**THAT** the Regular Town Council Meeting of May 15th, 2023, be adjourned at 7:29pm.

**Davis**

**CARRIED**

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Mayor

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Executive Coordinator