



Town of Shelburne
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting
December 4th, 2023
APPROVED

Council Members Present

Mayor Harold Locke
Councillor Sheldon Ringer
Councillor Elizabeth Acker
Councillor Rick Davis

Regrets

Councillor Ben Nickerson

Staff Present

Sarah Mattatall, Chief Administration Officer
Ken Smith, Interim CAO

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 December 4th, 2023.

Davis-Acker

CARRIED

Approval of the Minutes

THAT Council approves the Minutes from the regular Town Council Meeting held on November 20th, 2023.

Ringer-Davis

CARRIED

Proclamations and Announcements:

a) National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women-December 6th, 2023

I would like to recognize that December 6th is The National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, informally known as White Ribbon Day. It has been over 30 years since the murder of 14 young women at Polytechnique Montréal in 1989. This act of violence shook our country and led Parliament to designate today to remember these women.

b) Human Rights Day-December 10th, 2023

I would like to recognize that December 10th, 2023, is the 75th anniversary of Human Rights Day. This day is a chance every year to reaffirm the importance of human rights in re-building the world we want, the need for global solidarity as well as our interconnectedness and shared humanity.

c) Volunteer of the Month – December

Andrea Huskilson is being recognized as the Volunteer of the Month for December for her hard work and dedication to our community. Andrea has volunteered for many years all over Shelburne County, coaching soccer, sitting on school committees, managing hockey teams and more. She started the Group Me to We Tri-County that saw students from all over Tri-County go to third world countries to help build schools, hospitals, work on water systems, etc. Over the last few years, Andrea has volunteered during Dock Days in the beer tent, where all proceeds went to the Roseway Hospital Auxiliary and Ohio Ball Field. Most recently, Andrea has been the visionary for the Town of Shelburne's event Whoville! Andrea, along with many other volunteers, spend a lot of time and effort each year, making Whoville the success it is. On top of all this, Andrea is a busy mom, a successful businesswoman and works with the NS International Student Program. For all that Andrea 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 December. Thank you!

Delegations/Presentations:

Correspondence

Action:

- a) Use of Fence – Robin Walker

Councillor Acker spoke to the letter, explaining what they want to use the fence for.

M23-135 **THAT** Council approve the use of the fence at the corner of King and Water Streets for the Purple Ribbon Campaign until December 10th, 2023.

Acker-Ringer

CARRIED

Information:

- a) Housing Needs Assessment

THAT Council authorize staff to invite the Director of Economics and Statistics, Project Lead, Housing Needs Assessment Project to a January Council meeting.

- b) Exit 26 speeding letter response – Letter from Province
c) Offshore Wind Advocacy Letter
d) Redeployment of Digby to Saint John Ferry letter to Minister

Harold explained that we no longer need to send a letter regarding the redeployment as the government has decided to keep it.

Council Items

- a) Letter of Support – Community Gardens

M23-136 **THAT** Council authorize the Mayor to sign the letter of support regarding Community Gardens.

Acker-Davis

CARRIED

- b) Letter to Curling Club

M23-137 **THAT** Council authorize the Mayor to sign the letter to the Curling Club.

Davis-Ringer

CARRIED

- c) Roseway Manor Announcement

Harold read the announcement from MacLeod Cares regarding the 112-bed nursing home that will be going next to Hillcrest Academy in the Town of Shelburne. Councillors all mentioned how happy they were, this will be a great for the Town of Shelburne. Ken mentioned that after speaking with Mahone Bay, the funds will not be as great as we had thought, but still a wonderful opportunity for

the Town.

d) EPR Report

Harold spoke to the report and explained what it was and that consumers won't have to pay for waste, it'll be producers.

M23-138 **THAT** Council authorize staff to register for Extended Producers Responsibility on or before December 31st, 2023.

Acker-Davis

CARRIED

Committee Reports:

a) Port Committee Meeting Minutes -November 16th, 2023.

Staff Reports

a) Port Committee Meeting Update

M23-139 **THAT** Council approve the write-offs as reported by the Finance Manager and as recommended by the Committee.

Davis-Acker

CARRIED

M23- 140 **THAT** Council approve spending the \$100,000 out of reserves and to seek funding for repairs to a portion of the Berlin Wall.

Acker-Davis

CARRIED

Harold commented that this might not be necessary but if it is, we want to be prepared and confirmed that this is coming out of Port Reserves, not Town.

b) MCGP Update

Ken spoke regarding the three projects. Ken spoke to consultants and discussed the brownfield project being the 3rd Phase of the dump project. The 2nd Phase will be the capping, and the 3rd Phase will begin a green space project – walkways, ponds, etc. It was stated that the brownfield project would be about \$600,000 and a 2-3year project.

M23-141 **THAT** Council rank the projects in the following order:

1. Capital Upgrades to the water, sanitary sewer and storm water systems.
2. Reclamation of a brownfield site.
3. Accessibility chances for the relocation to the second floor.

This ranking be subject to #1 being more costly than #2 when applications are completed.

In Camera MGA 22(2) c – personnel matters

THAT Council went in camera at 6:22pm.

Acker-Ringer

CARRIED

New Business

Deputy Mayor Ringer wanted to an article on CBC regarding online banking. He said there was woman who was defrauded out of thousands of dollars, and we all need to be aware of the risks of online banking, especially with the recent closure announcement of Scotiabank. He said that online banking is not secured and that in person banking with a teller is always a better way, he said this is yet another reason Scotiabank needs to stay open and hoping that we hear something soon in regards to the letter we wrote.

Mayor Locke wanted to thank the Shelburne Events Committee for putting on an amazing Miracle on Dock Street, he said it was a wonderful event and so nice to see so many people out enjoying time

with their families.

Upcoming Meetings / Events

- a) Next Council Meeting – Tuesday, January 2nd, 2024, Council Chambers, 6pm

Adjournment

THAT the Regular Town Council Meeting of December 4th, 2023, be adjourned.

Davis

CARRIED

Mayor

Executive Coordinator