



Town of Shelburne
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting
June 17th, 2024
APPROVED

Council Members Present

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

Regrets

Councillor Ben Nickerson

Staff Present

Chief Administrator Officer, Sarah Mattatall
Finance Manager, Jane Crowell
Executive Coordinator, Jill Webb
Senior Planner, Mike Khan
By-law Officer, Dana Nash

Call to Order

Mayor 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 history, contributions, and legacies of the African Nova Scotian people and communities.

Approval of the Agenda

THAT Council approves the agenda for June 17th, 2024.

Davis-Acker

CARRIED

Approval of the Minutes

THAT Council approves the minutes from the regular Town Council Meeting held on June 3rd, 2024.

Acker-Ringer

CARRIED

Proclamations and Announcements:

a) National Indigenous People's Day, June 21st, 2024

Councillor Ringer Read: National Indigenous People's Day is a celebration held annually on June 21 in Canada to honor and recognize the rich cultures, heritage, and contributions of First Nations, Inuit, and Metis Peoples. Established in 1996, this day coincides with the summer solstice, a time traditionally significant for many Indigenous communities. Events across the country include cultural performances, educational activities, and ceremonies, fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation of Indigenous histories and ongoing contributions to Canadian society. National Indigenous People's Day is a day for all Canadians to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples.

b) Congratulations Graduates – June 27th, 2024

Congratulations to the Graduates of Shelburne Regional High School!

To the incredible Class of 2024, today marks a significant milestone in your lives, one that you've worked tirelessly to achieve. Your hard work, dedication, and resilience have brought you to this moment of celebration, and we couldn't be prouder of each and every one of you.

As you step out into the world, carrying the knowledge and experiences from your time at Shelburne Regional High School, remember that this is just the beginning of an exciting journey. Whether you're heading to college, starting a new job, traveling the world, or exploring new opportunities, know that you have the strength and skills to achieve great things.

Take a moment to reflect on all you've accomplished and the friendships you've made. Cherish these memories as you move forward to create new ones. We believe in you and can't wait to see the amazing things you'll do next!

Once again, on behalf of Town Council and Staff, congratulations to the Class of 2024! The future is bright, and it's all yours for the taking.

c) Canadian Multicultural Day, June 27th, 2024

On June 27, we honor the diverse cultures, traditions, and histories that make Canada such a rich and vibrant nation.

In a world that can often seem divided, let's remember the strength that comes from our unity in diversity. Every cultural thread adds to the beautiful tapestry of Canada, and together, we build a stronger, more inclusive nation.

Here's to celebrating our differences and the shared values that bring us together. Happy Canadian Multiculturalism Day!

d) Canada Day, July 1st, 2024

Canada Day, celebrated on July 1st, marks the anniversary of the Confederation of Canada. On this day in 1867, the British North America Act (now known as the Constitution Act, 1867) united the colonies of Canada, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia into a single Dominion within the British Empire. Today, Canada Day is a nationwide celebration of Canadian identity, values, and achievements. Festivities often include fireworks, concerts, parades, and citizenship ceremonies, as well as gatherings with family and friends to enjoy the diversity and unity of this vast and vibrant country. It's a time for Canadians to reflect on their shared history, cultural heritage, and the principles of equality, diversity, and inclusivity that define the nation.

Delegations/Presentations: NONE

Correspondence

Action:

- a) Email – Jay Pilzner, Fishermen Memorial.

Councillor Acker commented that it is a great idea to reinstitute the memorial. She mentioned that Karen Mattatall may have a lot of information as she was involved and that she encourages a group to take this on.

THAT Council direct staff to contact Jay Pilzner regarding the Fishermen Memorial.

Acker-Davis

CARRIED

M24-227

Information:

- b) Letter – Western Counties Regional Libraries

This was to provide Council with an update for information only. Councillor Acker did comment that she sits on the WCRL board and wanted thank her fellow Councillors to agree to give the extra money to them this year.

Council Items:

- a) 2024/25 Water Utility Budget

Finance Manager Jane Crowell quickly reviewed water budget and asked for questions. Councillor Acker mentioned change on pumping – did not go up 4%, but was 49%, because of how much we are using the plant. Councillor Acker asked if are anticipating a water rate increase to which Mrs. Crowell responded that we do not.

THAT Council approve the 2024/25 Water Utility Budget as presented.

Davis-Ringer

CARRIED

M24-228

- b) 194 Rodney Street, Land Use By-law Second Reading

Planner Mike Khan went over his presentation from the public meeting quickly and asked for questions. It was noted that neighbours that were not present for the meeting still have the opportunity to appeal for the next two weeks.

THAT Council approve the second reading to amend the Land Use By-law Zoning Map (schedule B) for PID 82539990 changing the land use from Residential Mobile Home (R-M) to Residential General (R-1).

Acker-Davis

CARRIED

M24-229

- c) Funding, Road Rehab

Mike Khan explained to Council that they are looking at applying for a Roads Grant that the government of NS put out. There are only allowed certain roads, he explained those roads are King, Water, Falls Lane and Ohio. We are also only eligible for one project per year and we have to cost share as well (50/50). We will

be putting in the application by the end of the week.

d) Alternate Voting Amendment – First Reading

THAT Council approve the first reading to amend the Alternate Voting By-law with the second reading to happen on July 15th, 2024.

Davis-Acker

CARRIED

M24-230

Committee Reports: NONE

Staff Reports

a) Solid Waste By-law Amendment

CAO Mattatall provided a verbal update to Council on our solid waste. She explained that the three units have collectively decided to all update their Solid Waste By-laws, so we are all on board as we all have shared services with Region of Queens. And with upcoming changes being downloaded from the province, the units thought it would be better to all update their by-laws and be cohesive with each other.

THAT Council of the Town of Shelburne give Notice of its Intention to Repeal the existing Waste Disposal By-law and replace it with the Solid Waste By-law and conduct First reading of the same; and further, that it gives notice of Second & Final Reading to consider the repeal of the Waste Disposal By-law and approval and adoption of the Solid Waste By-law at its meeting of September 3rd, 2024.

Acker-Ringer

CARRIED

M24-231

b) Building Inspector Report - May

c) By-law Officer Report - May

d) Wastewater Report - May

e) Water Utility Report - May

The above reports were reviewed for information only.

f) Accessibility Report

THAT Council of the Town of Shelburne approve Catherine Jones to be appointed a member of the Eastern Shelburne County Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Davis-Ringer

CARRIED

M24-232

g) SVFD Report - May

The above report was reviewed for information only.

In Camera: MGA 22 (2) (E) – Contract Negotiations

THAT Council went in camera at 6:16pm.

Acker-Davis

CARRIED

Council came out of in camera at 6:25pm.

THAT Council direct staff to transfer \$13,500 from our operating reserve to continue to employ Ken Smith to the end of March 2025.

Acker-Davis

CARRIED

M24-233

New Business:

Councillor Acker wanted to first say a thank you to public works staff who have been cleaning up Dock Street removing gravel and sand, fixing sod, etc. She received an email from a resident expressing her sincere thanks and wanted to pass that along.

This coming weekend is Spencer's Garden Centre 40th Anniversary, she encourages everyone to drop by and support this great business.

She wanted to acknowledge Barbie Barrett, pre-primary teacher at Hillcrest Academy, she has been the recipient of the Certificate of Achievement in NS for the 2024 Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Early Childhood Education. Congratulations Barbie!

She wanted to let her fellow Councillors know that there was a public engagement session last week at Hillcrest Academy hosted by the two School Advisory Councils (HCA/SRHS). The main purpose was to discuss combined bussing. The employees from TCRCE were not prepared for the parents/stakeholders who want combined bussing. Many points were made (costs, carbon footprint, better start and end times, childcare). Councillor Acker said she soke to the fact that the Town of Shelburne and MDS taxpayers are required to submit approximately \$1.8 million dollars each year from taxes collected. She was told later that many at the meeting had no idea that municipal governments must contribute to education. She is not sure how to move forward, however she would like staff to send a letter to Jared Purdy from Town of Shelburne Council that we support combine bussing. All Councillors in an agreement to send a letter.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

- a) Public Hearing, Roads Trail By-law, July 4th, 2024, 6pm, Shelburne Community Centre, Mt. Rm A.
- b) Visit www.shelburnecounty.ca for a list of Canada Day events happening in the area.
- c) We are one month away from Dock Street Days, July 19/20, 2024, follow the Shelburne Events page on Facebook to keep up to date on all activities planned.
- d) Next Council Meeting, Tuesday, July 2nd, 2024, 6pm, Council Chambers.

Adjournment

THAT the Regular Town Council Meeting of June 17th, 2024, be adjourned at 6:32pm.

Davis