

**DECEMBER 7, 2015
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA**

MEETING

A meeting of the Stellarton Town Council 1 was held on Monday, December 7, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT

Mayor J. Gennoe, Couns. K. Francis, D. Taylor, S. Lawand and J. MacLellan. Also present was the Town Clerk J. Eaton.

AGENDA

The Agenda was approved on motion by Coun. D. Taylor, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of October 5, 2015 meeting approved on motion by Coun. J. MacLellan, seconded by Coun. K. Francis. **Motion Carried.**

FIRE CHIEF MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

Fire Chief Dwight Campbell read the monthly activity report for November, 2015, attached; asked if Town wanted the Fire Department to put on the New Year's Levee again this year – Council agreed.

Coun. D. Taylor moved to receive the Fire Department's Monthly Activity Report for November 2015, seconded by Coun. K. Francis. **Motion Carried.**

Questions/Comments:

- Fire Chief D. Campbell informed Council that the house will be demolished as a result of the structure fire at 10 MacLean Street.

RECREATION DIRECTOR MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

Recreation Director P. Corbin presented the Monthly Activity Report, December 2015, (attached), highlighting:

- Recreation Facilities
- Trail from the Wellness Centre to the Track and Field Complex; application for land use is being submitted to Province
- Christmas Tree Lighting successful
- Stellarton Memorial Rink
- Recreation NS Conference – to be hosted in Pictou County next year
- Homecoming – meeting scheduled for December 16
- Job Occupational Health and Safety
- Sledge Hockey game
- Active Pictou County Coordinator has taken leave of absence; vacant position being advertised

Questions/Comments:

Coun. J. MacLellan made a motion to accept the Recreation Director's Monthly Activity Report for December 2015, seconded by Coun. D. Taylor. **Motion Carried.**

TRANS CANADA TRAIL CONNECTION

Recreation Director P. Corbin looking for Town support / approval on the proposed route and boundaries as per Natural Resources.

Coun. S. Lawand inquired about trail development, land usage.

P. Corbin provided more information re trail development, mapping, signs to be posted.

Coun. S. Lawand made motion to accept the boundaries as presented by Trans Canada Trails and our Recreation Director, seconded by Coun. K. Francis. **Motion Carried.**

Coun. D. Taylor commented that on December 17, 2015, there will be the Opening of the Riverview Home's new facility at 2:00 p.m., Mayors and Councillors of all the municipal units have been invited. The event is in need of a sound system, and Coun. Taylor requested the use of the Town's equipment, and have the Recreation Director set it up and return it.
Recreation Director P. Corbin agreed.

PLANNING DIRECTOR: MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT, UNSIGHTLY & DANGEROUS REPORT

Planning Director absent; Town Clerk J. Eaton stated that Council has the information on Monthly Activity Report as well as the Unsightly and Dangerous Properties; questions could be addressed at a following meeting.

Coun. D. Taylor made a motion to receive the Planning Director's Reports for the month of December, seconded by Coun. J. MacLellan. **Motion Carried.**

Questions/Comments:

Coun. D. Taylor re Unsightly & Dangerous Properties – follow up action to be taken; 15 Poole Avenue; legal advice; 10 MacLean Street.

Coun. K. Francis motioned the report on Unsightly & Dangerous Properties as submitted by the Planning Director be accepted, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

TOWN ENGINEER: MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – PUBLIC WORKS

Town Engineer B. Funke read the Town Engineer Monthly Activity Report, Transportation and Property, for November 2015, attached.

Questions/Comments:

Mayor J. Gennoe re basecoat on Old Foxbrook Road. Town Engineer B. Funke reported that both Old Foxbrook and Emmanuel will be done, future curbs will be considered.

Coun. S. Lawand re capital paving incomplete. Town Engineer B. Funke responded, delays included Heritage Gas installations, railway tracks, significant work required on some streets, as well as budget finalizing.

Coun. S. Lawand re frost in ground compromising asphalt quality; what to do in future to prevent such delays; better planning. B. Funke reassured the quality of asphalt.

Coun. D. Taylor pleased with amount of work done; inquired about area in front of the post office, safety issues near the cross walk; would a bump-out address pedestrian safety. Town Engineer B. Funke reported that bump-outs shorten the distance of travel at crosswalks for pedestrians and are effective; however, there are challenges with bump-outs. Mayor J. Gennoe mentioned the snowplow issues with bump-outs.

Coun. J. MacLellan suggested Town Engineer discuss situation with the Traffic Authority for recommendations.

Coun. K. Francis inquired about the traffic lights at Foord/Acadia. B. Funke reported that parts are ordered, poles will be erected tomorrow, wiring will then take place.

Coun. J. MacLellan re sidewalk on Pleasant Avenue Extension, will there be a sidewalk on Heritage? B. Funke provided details, visibility, will meet with Traffic Authority as well.

Coun. K. Francis made motion to accept the Town Engineer's Monthly Activity Report for November 2015, seconded by Coun. D. Taylor. **Motion Carried.**

TOWN GARAGE – ROOF REPAIRS

Town Engineer B. Funke informed Council of damages to the roof of the Town Garage; wind storm blew off shingles; recommends putting on a steel roof in the spring; applying a seal now to prevent leaking until then.

Coun. D. Taylor motioned to accept the recommendation of the Town Engineer to apply the “nova-seal” on Town garage roof, seconded by Coun. J. MacLellan. **Motion Carried.**

New metal roofing to come out of next year’s budget; estimate cost at 29,900.00.

BUILDING CANADA GRANT – SUMMER STUDENT OVERTIME

Town Engineer B. Funke updated Council on infrastructure work, Building Canada Grant, near complete; requires some overtime from engineering student to complete work; only about 8 to 10 hours.

Coun. K. Francis made motion to approve overtime for engineer student, approximately \$650 - \$800, seconded by Coun. J. MacLellan. **Motion Carried.**

TOWN ENGINEER: MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – WATER DEPARTMENT

Town Engineer B. Funke presented the Monthly Activity Report for the Water Utility.

Comments / Questions:

Coun. S. Lawand made a motion to accept the Town Engineer’s Monthly Activity Report for the Water Utility as presented, seconded by Coun. D. Taylor. **Motion Carried.**

P.C.R.A.S. – PAT CARTY – PARKING LOT EXPANSION PROJECT

Pat Carty addressed Council regarding the parking lot expansion project at the track facility; the need for expansion; hosting larger events; recommended. Mr. Carty is looking for Town support; he stated that Pioneer Coal is willing to donate gravel for the construction; donations/contributions include the other municipal units and Pictou County Truckers Association. He will work with the Town Engineer and Recreation Director to determine costs, and go from there. Mayor J. Gennoe feels all 6 municipal units should contribute. Discussion continued regarding developing plan; obtaining donations; timeline for completion.

Coun. D. Taylor made a motion to approve in principle, but to determine all costs before moving forward, to support this project and come up with a plan, seconded by Coun. K. Francis. **Motion Carried.**

Pat Carty spoke about safety issues around track; had to call police on cars going too fast; walkers use area; put up road barriers to prevent vehicles from driving around.

Coun. D. Taylor recommended referring this item to the Police Commission.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting of Stellarton Town Council I will be January 11, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

OPEN FORUM

None.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK