

NOVEMBER 2, 2015
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

A meeting of the Stellarton Town Council 1 was held on Monday, November 2, 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.

Mayor J. Gennoe introduced new Building Inspector Emily Jones.

AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of September 14, 2015 approved on motion by Coun. S. Lawand, seconded by Coun. K. Francis. **Motion Carried.**

PLANNING DIRECTOR: MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

Will be available next Monday.

FIRE CHIEF MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

Fire Chief Dwight Campbell read the monthly activity report for October, 2015, attached. Coun. D. Taylor moved to receive the Fire Department's Monthly Activity Report for October 2015, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

Questions/Comments:

Coun. K. Francis comments re wood burning stoves; burning other items
Fire Chief D. Campbell spoke about wood stove safety.

RECREATION DIRECTOR MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

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

- Recreation Facilities
- Local Sports Users update
- Stellarton Memorial Rink; ice-making; bookings
- Recreation NS Conference
- Job Occupational Health and Safety
- Workplace Wellness Award
- Christmas Tree Lighting planned for November 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Allan Park.

Questions/Comments:

Coun. D. Taylor congratulated P. Corbin for being selected to sit on the Board of Directors for Recreation Nova Scotia.

Coun. S. Lawand re soccer program; Family Day in February event; P. Corbin replied that no plans yet for Family Day.

Coun. J. MacLellan re update on trail development toward the Pictou County Wellness Centre and sidewalk access. P. Corbin reported on issues with the Province (crown land) around trail development; nothing to report re sidewalks.

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

ACTIVE PICTOU COUNTY REPORT

Active Pictou County Report for October provided to Council (attached).

TOWN ENGINEER: MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – PUBLIC WORKS

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

Questions/Comments:

Coun. D. Taylor comments – Foord Street paving, great job; Pleasant Street / Heritage intersection; sidewalk markings. Town Engineer B. Funke re Pleasant Street requires a slight widening for the bicycle lane; sidewalk installation. Crosswalk installation to accommodate wheelchair accessibility; Contractor very busy, delaying crosswalk painting.

Coun. K. Francis comments – Crosswalk in front of the Post Office is a much better location. Town Engineer B. Funke re crosswalk safety, Traffic Authority recommendations, high quality product used when painting crosswalks.

Coun. J. MacLellan comments – garbage cans on main street, overflowing; any solutions. Town Engineer B. Funke commented on the challenges with garbage, small crew, person usually responsible is on sick leave; they do respond if complaint calls come in.

Coun. S. Lawand comments – street paving incomplete. Town Engineer B. Funke replied that October and November months very busy with paving projects; some delays but paving continues; gave information on best paving practices.

Coun. S. Lawand re crosswalk markings, can Town purchase the product to paint markings. Town Engineer B. Funke responded that it's a labour intensive process; spray machines and rollers used; will do cost analysis for next year to determine if there would be any saving by the Town Crew performing the work.

Coun. S. Lawand re width of a standard street (21- 24 feet). Town Engineer B. Funke provided information, various factors such as bike lanes, sidewalks, allowances for snow, wider is safer.

Coun. S. Lawand re Hemlock / Cedar intersection. Town Engineer B. Funke has not done complete design yet.

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

TOWN ENGINEER: MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – WATER UTILITY

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

Comments / Questions:

Coun. S. Lawand commented on improved water quality, discoloration diminishing.

Coun. K. Francis made a motion to accept the Town Engineer's Monthly Activity Report for the Water Utility, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

TOWN ENGINEER: TWO REQUESTS: ACOUSTIC LEAK DETECTION

AUTOMATIC FLUSHING EQUIPMENT

Town Engineer B. Funke provided background information and the need to purchase the Acoustic Leak Detection, price is approximately \$4600, but will save money in the long term.

Discussion commenced.

Town Clerk J. Eaton stated that this equipment would be operational and there are funds available.

Coun. D. Taylor made motion to purchase the Acoustic Leak Detection from the Water Operating Budget for the approximate cost of \$4600, seconded by Coun. J. MacLellan.

Motion Carried.

Town Engineer B. Funke provided background information and relevant regulations which governs the Water Utility; Automatic Flushing Equipment will prove beneficial and recommends purchasing at an approximate cost of \$5300.

Coun. D. Taylor made motion to purchase the Automatic Flushing Equipment to be used on St. Andrew's Court for the price of \$5300, out of the Water Utility Operating budget, seconded by Coun. K. Francis. **Motion Carried.**

Coun. S. Lawand inquired why the St. Andrew's location was chosen. Town Engineer B. Funke replied that it was an optimal dead end test site for chlorine residual testing.

COUN. S. LAWAND: COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM MATTER

Coun. S. Lawand commented on attending the Communities in Bloom AGM where a couple of issues were brought up. The Committee received a bill for the installation of the plaques in the Allan Park; they would have preferred quotes prior to paying expenditures. Another issue was the pots and baskets being watered after the summer students were finished. The Committee does not want to purchase any more of these flower pots/baskets unless they get a commitment from Public Works that they will be watered on a regular basis in the future.

Some discussion commenced.

Town Engineer B. Funke stated that Public Works will try harder next year; challenges include vacations and weather.

Coun. S. Lawand will report back the CIB Committee that the Town and Public Works will be more committed next year in regards to flower / green space maintenance.

LETTER FROM MINISTER MARK FURY

Mayor J. Gennoe read letter from Minister Mark Fury in response to Council's letter of September 16, 2015, in relation to the proposed amendments to the Liquor Licensing Regulations.

Coun. K. Francis voiced concerns as part of the Municipal Alcohol Project committee.

OPEN FORUM

None.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting of Stellarton Town Council I will be December 7, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK