

OCTOBER 5, 2015
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

A meeting of the Stellarton Town Council 1 was held on Monday, October 5, 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 asked for one minute of silence in honour of Catherine Campbell.

AGENDA

The Agenda was approved as amended to include Code of Conduct, on motion by Coun. D. Taylor, seconded by Coun. J. MacLellan. **Motion Carried.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of August 10, 2015 approved on motion by Coun. S. Lawand, seconded by Coun. K. Francis. **Motion Carried.**

PLANNING DIRECTOR: MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – SEPTEMBER

Planning Director R. Burek absent; Monthly Activity Reports attached.

Motion to accept the Planning Director's Monthly Activity Report by Coun. K. Francis, seconded by Coun. J. MacLellan. **Motion Carried.**

FIRE CHIEF MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

Fire Chief Dwight Campbell read the monthly activity report for September 2015, attached.

Coun. D. Taylor moved to receive the Fire Department's Monthly Activity Report for September 2015, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

Jaws of Life

Fire Chief D. Campbell reported that nine members of the Stellarton Fire Department took the course and are qualified to use the Jaws of Life; the Department is looking at purchasing a set, approximate price of \$40,000, and when paid in full, they will belong to the Town.

Coun. D. Taylor made motion to agree to the purchase by the Stellarton Fire Department of the Jaws of Life, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

Coun. K. Francis asked about Fire Prevention Week. Chief D. Campbell informed Council of activities planned at the schools as well as the parade in New Glasgow.

RECREATION DIRECTOR MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

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

- Recreation Facilities: winterizing; tree removed from Foster Ave Horseshoe beds
- Local Sports Users update
- Stellarton Memorial Rink; ice-making; bookings
- Website updates; recommendations
- Community Garden
- Joint Occupational Health and Safety

Questions/Comments:

Coun. S. Lawand re Evansville Ball Park / Dog Park; citizens' concerns; is the Town going to continue utilizing this park for a Dog Park.

Recreation Director P. Corbin reported that the new signs have to be installed.

Coun. K. Francis re garbage cans for dog waste; P. Corbin stated that disposal bags are planned for waste receptacles; very popular through the winter months.

Coun. J. MacLellan commented on the benefits of the service, but keep monitoring area.

Coun. D. Taylor asked about the Community Garden Committee; lack of volunteers.

P. Corbin replied; looking at more promotion; including businesses and school.

Coun. D. Taylor inquired on a list of programs being offered.

P. Corbin provided information; refer to the Highland Connect website.

Coun. K. Francis suggested holding a Rink Commission meeting in the near future to discuss Rink issues. He also commented on promoting the Community Garden to generate more interest and awareness.

Coun. J. MacLellan commented on Community Garden and Town's Website.

Coun. K. Francis made a motion to accept the Recreation Director's Monthly Activity Report for October 2015, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

ACTIVE PICTOU COUNTY SEPTEMBER REPORT

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

TOWN ENGINEER: MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – PUBLIC WORKS

Town Engineer B. Funke absent; Coun. J. MacLellan read the Town Engineer Monthly Activity Report, Transportation and Property Report, for August 2015.

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

Comments / Questions:

Discussion commenced. Coun. K. Francis suggested having next meeting at 5:00 p.m. and have Town Engineer attend to answer questions.

TOWN ENGINEER: MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – WATER UTILITY

Mayor J. Gennoe read the Monthly Activity Report for the Water Utility.

Comments / Questions:

Coun. S. Lawand commented on improved water quality.

Coun. J. MacLellan and Coun. D. Taylor had questions; wait until Town Engineer is present.

Town Clerk J. Eaton wanted clarity on Council II meeting times; Council agreed to hold the Council II meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Coun. J. MacLellan made a motion to accept the Town Engineer's Monthly Activity Report for the Water Utility, seconded by Coun. D. Taylor. **Motion Carried.**

TOWN ENGINEER: ROBERT LITTLE, ASPEN STREET – 72 FEET SERVICES TO LOT

Town Engineer not present. Town Clerk J. Eaton reported that Mr. Little made his request to the Town Engineer and has not yet received response; he needs approval of Council before going further. Couns. Lawand and MacLellan questioned if there would be any interference with future development; and will it be inspected by the Town; what if any effects to the Town's infrastructure.

Council agreed to defer this item, along with the two Engineer's reports, until next Council II meeting when the Town Engineer is present.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Coun. D. Taylor referred to past approval of a Code of Conduct policy; however, it was not signed and returned to Town Clerk. Coun. D. Taylor brought forward and read the Code of Conduct for Elected Municipal Officials. Copies given to Council for signing, to be returned to the Town Clerk for filing. Coun. D. Taylor suggested bringing signed copies to the Council II meeting.

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COUNCIL II MEETING TIME CHANGE

Coun. K. Francis commented that the Council II meeting will fall on the Federal Election date (October 19). Discussion commenced. Council agreed to hold the Council II meeting at 5:00 p.m. on October 19, 2015.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting of Stellarton Town Council I will be November 2, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

OPEN FORUM

None.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK