

**DECEMBER 5, 2016  
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA**

**MEETING**

A meeting of the Stellarton Town Council 1 was held on Monday, December 5, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**PRESENT**

Mayor Danny MacGillivray, Couns. B. Knight, S. Lawand, S. Campbell and G. Pentz. Also present was the Town Clerk J. Eaton.

**AGENDA**

The Agenda was approved on motion by Coun. G. Pentz, seconded by Coun. B. Knight as amended to include MacGregor Avenue concerns; and Seniors Christmas. **Motion Carried.**

**DECLARATION: CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from November 7, 2016 were approved on motion by Coun. S. Lawand, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz. **Motion Carried.**

**PLANNING DIRECTOR:**

**MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT**

Planning Director R. Burek presented November 2016 Monthly Report to Council (attached); commenting on:

- One building permit issued
- Winter Work Schedule
- Adoption of Uniform Subdivision Bylaws
- Civic Addressing Updates
- Policy Clarification for newly adopted Inter-municipal Planning Strategy and uniform Land Use Bylaw
- Updates to Specific Plans and Municipal Documents/Development Agreements; Stellarton Source Water Protection Plan; Albion Business Park Concept Plan
- Site Plan Application for 39 Emmanuel has been withdrawn by the applicant

Questions:

Coun. S. Lawand re the Albion Business Park Concept Plan. R. Burek provided background on the original Park Plan; 800 acres of land; discussions with the Town Engineer; revamping of the original plan for Council's review.

Coun. S. Lawand re the Source Water Protection Plan.

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to receive Planning Director's report, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

**FIRE CHIEF:**

**MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT**

Fire Chief D. Campbell read the monthly activity report for November, 2016, attached.

Coun. B. Knight moved to receive the Fire Department's Monthly Activity Report for November 2016, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

**RESPONSE RE: PICTOU COUNTY FIRE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOC. FINANCIAL REQUEST**

Chief Campbell provided comments; no benefits to the Town; does not recommend contributing.

### **NEW YEARS LEVEE**

Chief Campbell stated that numbers were very low the previous New Years Levee; recommended not to hold it this year; Council agreed not to have the levee this year.

### **RECREATION DIRECTOR MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT**

Recreation Director P. Corbin presented the Monthly Activity Report, December 2016, (attached), highlighting:

- Recreation Facilities
- Wellness Trail update
- Website
- Dog Park Survey – correspondence received re Dog Park Proposal
- Christmas Event – Sound equipment; fuse blew
- Multisport Program
- Committee recommended over a Commission; Terms of Reference

Questions/Comments:

Coun. S. Lawand re Dog Park; recommends finding an alternative area; parking concerns.

Coun. G. Pentz inquired re land off MacGregor close to Track.

Discussion commenced.

Recreation Director P. Corbin will bring back to Council some other options on suitable locations for a dog park along with some designs.

Coun. Lawand re Wellness Trail, would like to see the schematics. P. Corbin provided details of location of trail; some private property; mostly Town owned property.

Coun. B. Knight re the formation of a Recreation Committee; utilize some previous Terms of Reference. P. Corbin commented that if Council wishes to form Committee, a motion would be needed; he will bring the Terms of Reference for Council's consideration. Coun. B. Knight made motion to go forward with the formation of a Recreation Committee, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz. **Motion Carried.**

Coun. S. Lawand made motion to receive the Recreation Director's Monthly Activity Report for the month of December 2016, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

### **TOWN ENGINEER: MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – PUBLIC WORKS**

Town Engineer B. Funke read the Monthly Activity Report, Transportation and Property, for November 2016, attached.

Questions/Comments:

Coun. G. Pentz re new truck. B. Funke provided information; more flexibility and faster delivery by Public Works; can be used every day; more versatile.

Coun. S. Lawand re first snow storm; some mechanical failures of the machinery; received complaint calls. B. Funke responded re fleet; failures occur on a 12 year old vehicle; unpredictable; challenging; now have a spare.

Coun. S. Lawand re patching work on Poplar Street, very poor job. B. Funke commented on policy; Public Works personnel should be on site for any reparation work to ensure proper material is used.

Coun. B. Knight re mechanic. B. Funke reported that Public Works has 2 Red Seal mechanics on staff.

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to receive the Town Engineer's Monthly Activity Report for November 2016, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

**TOWN ENGINEER: MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – WATER DEPARTMENT**

Town Engineer B. Funke read the Monthly Activity Report for the Water Utility for November, 2016, attached.

Questions/Comments:

Coun. B. Knight re communication with the residents. B. Funke reported that water quality is good and safe to drink at all times; residents can contact department with any concerns; a technician will address issue.

Coun. S. Campbell re timeline for the Acadia Street waterline. B. Funke stated that the majority of the excavation work to be completed by the end of this year; and full restoration (on both Acadia and Pleasant) to be completed by July / August 2017; may be two to four weeks behind schedule; major project.

Coun. S. Lawand re Acadia Street project; pothole complaints ongoing; very concerned with contractor. B. Funke replied; contractor ordered to keep potholes filled; weather and traffic challenges; some paving work commenced to help alleviate problem.

Coun. S. Campbell re difficult for plows. B. Funke agreed that it's harder on all vehicles, reiterating that patching is ongoing.

Coun. S. Lawand made a motion to receive the Town Engineer's Monthly Activity Report for the Water Utility for November 2016 as presented, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

**RECOMMENDATION: ST. BERNARD STREET – WATER AND SEWER LINE REPLACEMENT – AWARD TENDER**

Town Engineer B. Funke reported that three tenders were received for the excavation portion of this project; lowest bid received was Tupperts Trucking; deadline to complete is August 31, 2017. The Canada / Nova Scotia Infrastructure Program has deadline of March 31, 2018 for all work to be completed. Another Tender call will take place for resurfacing street.

Coun. G. Pentz re tender process. B. Funke responded, policy followed, check all numbers and specifications; forward to Council.

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to accept the recommendation of the Town Engineer to award Tupperts Trucking the St. Bernard Street excavation tender, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. Coun. S. Campbell voted nay. **Motion Carried.**

**LIBRARY – LANDSCAPE TECHNICIAN AVAILABLE TO TOWN**

Town Engineer B. Funke stated that Library Rep. Mr. Stackhouse raised this issue; requested work to the railing on north side of library; stated that there is some funding available to hire a landscape technician; for any areas in Town; planning / design work; areas such as the rotary, parks, etc., reporting to Town Engineer.

Discussion commenced.

Coun. S. Lawand motioned to proceed with the hiring (through library funding) of a Landscaping Technician, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz. **Motion Carried.**

**COUN. S. LAWAND:**

**FOSTER AVENUE AREA CONCERNS – PQ PROPERTIES**

Coun. S. Lawand received email re PQ Properties interest in building in an area on Foster Avenue; subsidence concerns; sidewalk is being constructed.

Town Engineer B. Funke responded; history of subsidence concerns on Foster Avenue; report being prepared; sidewalks and roads are maintained by Town; monitored on a regular basis; provincial guidelines; municipal guidelines; property damage much more catastrophic.

Town Planner R. Burek comments; building in this area is permitted, but geotechnical studies may be required to indicate any work that should be done to ground, to minimize the possibility of a catastrophic event; vary from project to project.

Town Engineer B. Funke will reply to email.

#### **TOWN CLERK – APPROVAL TO TENDER EXCESS EQUIPMENT**

##### **2011 DODGE CHARGER**

##### **2013 DODGE CHARGER**

Coun. S. Lawand motioned to offer to tender on the 2011 Dodge Charger and 2013 Dodge Charger, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz. **Motion Carried.**

#### **COUN. G. PENTZ:**

##### **MACGREGOR AVENUE CONCERNS**

Coun. G. Pentz re soil being removed from behind the NSCC, to the Weeks property on MacGregor Avenue; received calls of concerns about the dirt and rocks flying up from these vehicles; street not being cleaned; contractor informed of situation, but nothing was done for a day and a half; unacceptable wait for safety concerns. Recommends that the Town Engineer talk with contractor to ensure it does not reoccur. Town Engineer B. Funke will speak with contractor.

#### **COUN. B. KNIGHT:**

##### **SENIORS CHRISTMAS**

Coun. B. Knight commented that Council used to host a Christmas event at each of the Seniors buildings, on Maple and Acadia Avenue; he recommends reinstating these events; sweets, entertainment; cost estimates; to come out of the Mayor and Council expense budget; maximum of \$1,000.

Coun. B. Knight made motion to reinstate the Christmas event at both Seniors' buildings at a maximum cost of \$1,000, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

#### **OPEN FORUM**

Brian Atkinson comments:

- Public transit pros and cons
- Concerns re costs
- Soccer complex expenses / Wellness Centre expenses
- MOU debt
- Contribution based on population

Dave Pettipas comments:

- 39 Emmanuel Street
- Snow plowing concerns
- Fence damage; photos; no issue
- Civic issue; should not affect zoning

Patricia Lloyd comments:

- Snow plowing issues on Water Street and MacGregor Avenue

#### **NEXT MEETING**

Next Council I meeting will be January 9, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

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**ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

**MAYOR**

**TOWN CLERK**