

FEBRUARY 1, 2016
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

A meeting of the Stellarton Town Council 1 was held on Monday, February 1, 2016 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 with the addition of Report about the Steering Committee for the Memorandum of Understanding, seconded by Coun. K. Francis. **Motion Carried.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from November 2, 2015 were approved on motion by Coun. K. Francis, seconded by Coun. J. MacLellan. **Motion Carried.**

The minutes from December 1, 2015 were approved on motion by Coun. J. MacLellan, seconded by Coun. K. Francis.

COUN. TAYLOR – MOU

Coun. D. Taylor gave update on the process; documents ready to go the Public Utility and Review; upcoming special meeting scheduled for February 5; public sessions planned for March; Plebiscite in May; have until June 20 to withdraw if the Town decides.

PLANNING DIRECTOR:

2015-2016 ANNUAL REPORT AND UNSIGHTLY & DANGEROUS PROPERTIES REPORT

Planning Director Roland Burek presented the Annual Report on the activities of the Department.

Coun. D. Taylor made motion to receive the 2015-2016 Annual Report as presented by the Planning Director, seconded by Coun. J. MacLellan. **Motion Carried.**

Planning Director R. Burek – Unsightly and Dangerous Properties Report – bringing Council up to date re ongoing and new properties that are subject to dangerous and unsightly complaints. He underlined specific ones, looking for direction from Council. #12 and 14 MacLean Street, R. Burek recommends issuing a demolition order for the accessory building located at the rear of the property.

Coun. D. Taylor moved to accept the recommendation of the Town Planner and issue a demolition order for the property 12-14 MacLean Street accessory building, seconded by Coun. J. MacLellan. **Motion Carried.**

Planning Director R. Burek contacted Town Solicitor re #15 Poole Avenue, but have not heard back as yet.

FIRE CHIEF MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

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

Coun. J. MacLellan moved to receive the Fire Department's Monthly Activity Report for January 2016, seconded by Coun. D. Taylor. **Motion Carried.**

RECREATION DIRECTOR MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

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

- Recreation Facilities
- Trail application for land use submitted to Province
- Volunteer of the Year Award; nominations accepted until February 12
- Stellarton Memorial Rink
- Website updated
- Homecoming dates are July 20 – July 24, 2016; first meeting held
- Application for Summer Students submitted
- Recreation Summit planning

Questions/Comments:

Coun. K. Francis re Volunteer of the Year nominations.

Coun. D. Taylor re trail grant; P. Corbin explained process in obtaining land use from Province as well as funding application.

Coun. D. Taylor asked about the Shared Strategy for Recreation Summit and Recreation NS Conference. P. Corbin re Pictou County / Highland Region hosting these conferences; Summit will occur February 23, 24, and the Recreation NS Conference possible dates will be the last week of September.

Coun. J. MacLellan re sign at Miner's Monument.

Coun. J. MacLellan made a motion to accept the Recreation Director's Monthly Activity Report for February 2016, seconded by Coun. K. Francis. **Motion Carried.**

RECEPTION – VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Recreation Director P. Corbin proposed changes to the reception; less formal, no alcohol, time change suggestions. Council discussed holding event following a Council meeting in the Town Hall Multi-Purpose Room. Discussion commenced. Council agreed to wait until nomination deadline (February 12) before making final decision.

TOWN ENGINEER: MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – PUBLIC WORKS

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

Questions/Comments:

Coun. S. Lawand re recent snow storm and snow removal operations. Town Engineer B. Funke replied that snow clearing went well; the Public Works crew performed the best with the equipment available; difficult plowing but overall a very good job.

Coun. S. Lawand commented that other towns have better street cleaning and what are they doing different. B. Funke stated that bigger equipment makes a difference i.e. graders, loaders, and various factors such as timing, routes, salting, snow conditions, etc.; New Glasgow has more equipment / operators.

Coun. S. Lawand re new truck and how will it impact better service. B. Funke stated that the target date to receive new truck is mid-February, beneficial to have an extra winged vehicle, more horse power, easier to get around, more efficient.

Coun. D. Taylor also commented about snow removal; positive comments; the cost of purchasing new equipment is very high; more planning on future purchases. Town Engineer B. Funke replied that replacement equipment should be looked at on an annual basis, as well as rotation of equipment and the use of private contractors to supplement services.

Coun. K. Francis re comments from businesses within Town, especially on Foord Street.

Coun. J. MacLellan made favorable comments on a great job.

Coun. J. MacLellan made motion to accept the Town Engineer's Monthly Activity Report for January 2016, seconded by Coun. D. Taylor. **Motion Carried.**

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TOWN ENGINEER: MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – WATER DEPARTMENT

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

Comments / Questions:

Coun. D Taylor made a motion to receive the Town Engineer's Monthly Activity Report for the Water Utility for January 2016 as presented, seconded by Coun. K. Francis.

Motion Carried.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting of Stellarton Town Council I will be March 7, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

OPEN FORUM

None

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK