

JANUARY 11, 2016
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

A meeting of the Stellarton Town Council 1 was held on Monday, January 11, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT

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

AGENDA

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

MAYOR J. GENNOE:

Media Release Statement in response to recent new article, attached, read by Mayor J. Gennoe.

PLANNING DIRECTOR:

YEARLY ACTIVITY REPORT AND UNSIGHTLY & DANGEROUS PROPERTIES REPORT

Planning Director Roland Burek presented the Monthly Report for December 2015 as well as the Yearly Activity Report for 2015; Annual Report ready for next Council meeting.

Planning Director R. Burek – Unsightly and Dangerous Properties Report – highlighting: #10 MacLean Street, fire damage, structure has been torn down and the site has been secured.

#15 Poole Avenue, a problem property.

#131 Hudson Street, Fire Marshall and Planning Director posted an Order on property based on complaint received from tenant – will be included on next report.

Questions/Comments:

Coun. K. Francis re number of unsightly properties, are they on the rise. Planning Director R. Burek provided some information, but had no statistics.

Coun. J. MacLellan re Poole Avenue property. R. Burek stated that Council action may be required; and or approaching legal council.

Mayor J. Gennoe inquired about fencing requirement for pools. R. Burek referred to the Town Bylaw.

Coun. J. MacLellan motioned to receive the Report for the Yearly Activity and Unsightly & Dangerous Properties, as submitted by the Planning Director be accepted, seconded by Coun. D. Taylor. **Motion Carried.**

FIRE CHIEF MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

Deputy Fire Chief Mike O’Sullivan read the monthly activity report for December, 2015, attached.

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

RECREATION DIRECTOR MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

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

- Recreation Facilities
- Trail from the Wellness Centre to the Track and Field Complex; application for land use submitted to Province

- Volunteer of the Year Award
- Stellarton Memorial Rink
- Homecoming dates are July 20 – July 24, 2016
- Job Occupational Health and Safety
- “Coldest Night of the Year” event
- 2015 Jumpstart and Kidsport numbers = assisted 260 kids, \$62,000 in Pictou County.

Questions/Comments:

Coun. K. Francis re Volunteer of the Year Selection Committee; willing to sit on Committee again this year.

Coun. D. Taylor re change of format for event.

P. Corbin responded that changes are at Provincial level, Recreation Nova Scotia.

Coun. D. Taylor re Homecoming dates; asked about Adult Skating attendance, advertising.

Coun. J. MacLellan commented on Volunteer of the Year; Coldest Night of the Year; and Albion coasting hill with signage of where not to coast.

Recreation Director P. Corbin re Dog Park and garbage.

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

TOWN ENGINEER: MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – PUBLIC WORKS

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

Questions/Comments:

Coun. K. Francis re more information to be provided about Pleasant Street sidewalk extension. Town Engineer B. Funke replied that concrete can be placed safely at any time on unfrozen ground; all work continues.

Coun. D. Taylor asked about snow removal; positive comments; does the business park impact amount of time/equipment for snow removal. Town Engineer B. Funke replied that equipment should suffice for normal winter conditions.

Coun. J. MacLellan made motion to accept the Town Engineer’s Monthly Activity Report for December 2015, seconded by Coun. D. Taylor. **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. K. Francis asked if Town was still in partnership with CBCL. B. Funke stated that we are still with CBCL – the main project for the Water Treatment Plant design was completed, more tweaking is necessary; \$5,000 consultative work budgeted from CBCL; ensuring complete automation with the distribution system.

Coun. K. Francis made a motion to accept the Town Engineer’s Monthly Activity Report for the Water Utility for December 2015 as presented, seconded by Coun. D. Taylor.

Motion Carried.

TOWN ENGINEER: REQUEST – WATER MODELING STUDY

Town Engineer B. Funke explained the need for a “Water Modeling Study”, to determine how much water is going in every part of the system, in order to refine the amount of chlorine being used; other benefits; estimated cost is \$10,500.

Mayor J. Gennoe inquired if this was a CBCL project. B. Funke confirmed that it was; best for this issue.

Coun. K. Francis made a motion that \$10,500 be approved for the Water Modeling Study as presented by the Town Engineer, seconded by Coun. J. MacLellan. **Motion Carried.**

COUNCILLOR S. LAWAND

Question: reason for snow plowing delay?

Town Engineer B. Funke stated that mechanical repairs caused the delays.

Question: Time of Old Foxbrook Road paving.

Town Engineer B. Funke replied that work was performed on the storm sewer, did a base level of paving, and requested from Council to put on a top layer of paving next year with the possibility of having curbing.

Update re: New Truck and Plow

Town Engineer B. Funke reported that the new truck / plow is being monitored; scheduled to come off the assembly line January 28; then shipped to us; estimated arrival in Stellarton is the middle of February.

HIGHLAND SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Agreement attached.

Mayor J. Gennoe asked for a motion for Council to sign lease agreement with the Highland Soccer Association.

Coun. K. Francis made a motion to sign the Amended Lease Agreement dated June 28, 2007, between the Town of Stellarton and the Highland District Soccer Association.

Motion Carried.

Coun. D. Taylor noted that Council had a lengthy discussion over this topic at a previous Council meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting of Stellarton Town Council I will be February 1, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

OPEN FORUM

Brian Atkinson, 78 Acadia Avenue, comments:

- Statement by Mayor re the MOU
- Steering Committee to speak with citizens to address any concerns.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK