

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2017**  
**STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA**

**MEETING**

A meeting of the Stellarton Town Council 1 was held on Monday, September 11 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**PRESENT**

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

**AGENDA**

The Agenda was approved as amended to include 5.A. Fire Chief's Monthly Report, on motion by Coun. G. Pentz, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

**DECLARATION: CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from June 5, 2017 were approved on motion by Coun. G. Pentz, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

**PLANNING DIRECTOR:**

**MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORTS**

Planning Director R. Burek presented reports to Council (attached); for July, August and September, highlighting:

- NS Planning Directors Annual Conference
- Adoption of Uniform Subdivision Bylaws
- Civic Addressing Updates
- Policy Clarification for IMPS and LUB; Dangerous and Unsightly Property
- Updates to Plans and Development Agreements

Questions/Comments:

Mayor D. MacGillivray re summary offence tickets (SOT). R. Burek did not recommend; checked with other municipalities.

Coun. B. Knight re follow up on Unsightly Properties after letters are sent.

R. Burek provided information; biggest issue is absentee owners; only options include court action or perform the clean-up and put lien on property.

**RENAMING PORTION OF ASPEN COURT TO ASPEN STREET**

Planning Director R. Burek gave history of when area was being developed; Aspen Court, where it starts now, is really an extension of Aspen Street. R. Burek recommends starting Aspen Court where the extending Aspen Street would begin; the numbering is in place; he will submit update to the NS Civic Addressing File to have that looked after.

Coun. S. Lawand recommends sending letters to the affected residents prior to change. R. Burek agreed and will include mapping for further clarification.

Coun. B. Knight re the number of streets, avenues, courts, etc. named similar i.e. Aspen Street and Aspen Court; may be confusing for emergency response. R. Burek commented that change is not always welcomed by residents; provided some information; could look long-term for possible changes / improvements.

**FAIRVIEW AVENUE CIVIC NUMBERS**

Planning Director R. Burek reported that a request was made from a resident of Fairview Avenue re 10 Fairview Avenue and 10 Fairview Street; letter was sent to

resident at 10 Fairview Avenue asking if they would be open to changing their civic number. They were not interested; common response. Coun. B. Knight commented on name changes; would like to rename the shorter street with one house on it. Discussion commenced. R. Burek will contact the home owner with street name suggestion and report back to Council. R. Burek further commented that there is little impact since mail is delivered to post office.

**COUN. B. KNIGHT: FAIRVIEW AVENUE – 911 CONCERNS**

Addressed above.

**FIRE CHIEF:**

**MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT**

Fire Chief D. Campbell read the monthly activity reports for July and August 2017, attached.

Coun. G. Pentz moved to receive the Fire Department's Monthly Activity Report for July and August 2017, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

**RECREATION DIRECTOR**

**MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT**

Recreation Director P. Corbin presented the Monthly Activity Report, September 2017, (attached), highlighting:

- Facilities; Fields; Old Foster Trail, Albion Ball Field
- Website
- Homecoming; small deficit of @ \$600
- Summer Program
- Special Events
- Committees

Comments \ Questions:

Mayor D. MacGillivray re Evansville Ball Field work; the new Trail widening; Homecoming; Day Camp numbers; Splash Park; Recreation Committee meeting date? P. Corbin reported that meetings will commence in October.

Coun. G. Pentz re programs during winter months.

Coun. B. Knight positive feedback on summer programs and events.

Coun. S. Lawand re update on the Dog Park; waterslide usage.

P. Corbin re Dog Park – schematics complete, 80' x 70' fenced at 4'; need a motion for approval of location.

Coun. S. Lawand made motion to build the Dog Park at the back of the upper soccer field, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell.

Discussion:

Mayor D. MacGillivray concerns re location; possible damage to soccer fields; both Town Engineer and Recreation Director have similar concerns.

Coun. S. Lawand comments, same layout and location similarities as in Halifax.

Fencing higher on the side of the soccer field; Coun. S. Lawand suggested having an 8' fence on one side, and reduce area of 80' x 70' to 60' by 70'.

Discussion.

**Motion Carried.** Mayor D. MacGillivray voted nay.

Coun. S. Lawand made motion to approve \$600 to cover the deficit of the Homecoming Festival, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz. **Motion Carried.**

Recreation Director P. Corbin reported on the waterslide situation; the amount of staff required; the amount of equipment; etc. Day Camp utilizes the Splash Pad.

### **OLD FOSTER TRAIL – BACKGROUND, HISTORY RESEARCH**

Recreation Director P. Corbin outlined the process; land was not clearly marked, nor was there anything indicating that there was a “road status”, but everything worked out. Coun. S. Lawand commented that there was a disconnect and a road did exist in that area; future advertising and planning to avoid similar situations.

Coun. G. Pentz re Evansville Ball Park off-season dog park. Recreation Director P. Corbin provided background; now with new Ball League using the fields regularly, not recommended for a dog park. An official Dog Park has been approved by Council and will be ready for use soon.

Coun. S. Lawand made motion that the Evansville and Rick Crowe Ball Fields will be used for ball only, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.** Couns. B. Knight and G. Pentz voted nay.

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

Town Engineer B. Murray read the Monthly Activity Report, Transportation and Property, for July and August 2017, skipping the June Report which is included in the July and August reports, attached.

Highlighting:

- Public Property
- Stellarton Memorial Rink
- Mechanical Equipment
- Crosswalks
- Street Paving
- Sidewalks

Questions/Comments:

Mayor D. MacGillivray re heat at the rink. B. Murray reported that heat should be running this week.

Coun. G. Pentz re landscaping on Foord Street timelines. B. Murray replied that work continues and should be complete before winter.

Mayor D. MacGillivray re status of new flooring in locker rooms at the rink. B. Murray stated that work is in progress.

Coun. B. Knight comments, positive, very pleased with work.

Coun. S. Lawand re Grant Street background information. Town Engineer B. Murray commented on drainage; contact with NSCC to discuss upgrades to the street; the parking lot has storm water controls in effect; should have no impact to neighbouring properties; however may need some gravel, and drainage ditches to help drain these properties; widening of the street; no capital items at the moment to address these issues.

Coun. S. Lawand recommends approaching NSCC to see how they can help on this issue.

Town Engineer B. Murray will be meeting with NSCC; will report back to Council.

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

Town Engineer B. Murray read the Monthly Activity Report for the Water Utility for July and August, 2017, attached.

Highlighting:

- Water Quality Testing
- Distribution Water Quality
- Water Treatment Plant
- Acadia Avenue Sewer and Water
- High Street, High Street Ext., Oxford, Poplar Water Main Installation

Questions/Comments:

Coun. B. Knight re Water Treatment Plant student work term. B. Murray replied that student completed Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the Water Treatment Plant.

Coun. S. Lawand made motion to receive the Town Engineer's Monthly Activity Report for July and August 2017, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz. **Motion Carried.**

Coun. S. Lawand made a motion to receive the Town Engineer's Monthly Activity Report for the Water Utility for July and August 2017 as presented, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

### **SALT TRUCK & BODY BIDS – RECOMMENDATIONS**

Town Engineer B. Murray reported that four quotes were received for the Salt Truck Chassie; Nova Truck Centre was low bid at \$159,275. Five quotes were received for the Salt Body. B. Murray recommends going with Larochelle's bid of \$116,809.18; a reputable name and has a local service provider.

Town Engineer B. Murray recommended to Council to award the Chassie to Nova Trucks for \$159,275.00 and the Salt Body quote to Larochelle for \$116,809.18, totaling \$276,084.18.

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to accept the Town Engineer's recommendations, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

### **BACKHOE TENDER – RECOMMENDATIONS**

Town Engineer B. Murray reported that three bids received; the lowest being Wajax at \$169,625; less \$23,000 trade in value for our old machine; recommends awarding the tender to Wajax for \$146,625.00.

Coun. G. Pentz motioned to accept Town Engineer's recommendation, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

### **SOLAR ENERGY – PILOT PROJECT**

Town Engineer B. Murray gave information on this project; municipalities can purchase solar equipment and sell back 100% of power to the utility; met with a supplier; quoted \$120,000 for the solar panels; fifty pound panels; approximately 170 panels for the rink's roof; a structural assessment is required, costing \$5,00 – 6,000. Does Council wish to proceed?

Discussion.

Coun. G. Pentz comments: cost factor is high; could be years before seeing a return

Coun. S. Lawand comments: big investment; unsure at the moment; maybe in the future.

Mayor D. MacGillivray concurred; no money in budget this year.

Town Engineer B. Murray added that this project will be offered in future years.

### **STREET LIGHT SURVEY**

Town Engineer B. Murray provided background information, no work done yet; proposes to go ahead with the survey in November; more dark hours; purchased a light sensor to assist in the evaluation.

Questions/Comments:

Coun. G. Pentz re street light in his neighbourhood.

Coun. B. Knight re several lights not working; NSP needs to be informed when light is out.

Discussion commenced.

Survey will encompass the entire Town.

**COUN. B. KNIGHT: ACADIA AVENUE PAVING**

Coun. B. Knight concerns over paving Acadia Avenue; capping then paving in spring when ground is settled.

Town Engineer B. Murray – two options; pave this year, or patching in the utility cuts with asphalt and letting it set for the winter and repaving in the spring.

Discussion commenced on best way to proceed.

Town Engineer B. Murray recommends putting repaving off until next year; there is no guarantee that it won't settle. B. Murray will check with the contractor re specifications of his contract; if two separate layers of asphalt (one now and one next year) are allowed.

Item will be discussed at Council II meeting when more information is gathered from contractor by Town Engineer.

**NEXT MEETING**

Next Council I meeting will be October 2, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

**OPEN FORUM**

Coun. B. Knight comments:

- Town history
- Foundry; mining
- Museum of Industry information

Brian Atkinson comments:

- Pictou County Wellness Centre; reduction of costs
- Acadia Avenue paving options; spring would be best

**ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned on motion by Coun. G. Pentz at 7:05 p.m.

**MAYOR**

**TOWN CLERK**