

**OCTOBER 2, 2017**  
**STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA**

**MEETING**

A meeting of the Stellarton Town Council 1 was held on Monday, October 2, 2017 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 on motion by Coun. B. Knight, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

**DECLARATION: CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from September 11, 2017 were approved on motion by Coun. G. Pentz, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

**PLANNING DIRECTOR:**

**MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORTS**

Planning Director R. Burek presented report to Council (attached) for September, highlighting:

- Permits, demolition permit

Coun. G. Pentz motioned to accept Planning Director's Monthly Activity Report for September, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

**FIRE CHIEF:**

**MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT**

Fire Chief D. Campbell read the monthly activity report for September 2017, attached. Coun. B. Knight moved to receive the Fire Department's Monthly Activity Report for September 2017, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz. **Motion Carried.**

**RECREATION DIRECTOR**

**MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT**

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

- Facilities; Fields; Trails, Albion Ball Field, Valley Woods Playground, Dog Park
- Website
- Stellarton Rink
- Recreation Committee
- Recreation Nova Scotia Annual Conference

Comments \ Questions:

Coun. G. Pentz asked about free skating sessions. P. Corbin replied that there were free skates on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays after school skating; Friday night 7 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m. and Adult skating on Saturday evening.

Mayor D. MacGillivray re sign for Rick Crowe Field.

Mayor D. MacGillivray re timeline for Valley Woods Playground. P. Corbin stated that plans complete; waiting for grant approval; weather considerations; could be next spring for installation.

Mayor D. MacGillivray reported that meeting with AMA re website will take place on October 10 at 2 p.m.

Recreation Director P. Corbin for the record, Recreation Committee members are Ian Turner, Coun. G. Pentz, Coun. B. Knight, Patty Lloyd, and Peggy Williams.

Mayor D. MacGillivray concerns re geese droppings at PCRAS Track. P. Corbin stated that the group was looking at contacting Natural Resources for solutions on relocating geese.

Mayor D. MacGillivray reported that a Flag Raising for Official Town Flag will occur in October.

Mayor D. MacGillivray re KIOSK at Exit 24 status. Coun. S. Lawand comments, good to go; will provide content to DEANS to proceed.

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to approve Recreation Director's Monthly Activity Report, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

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

Town Engineer B. Murray read the Monthly Activity Report, Transportation and Property, for September 2017, attached.

Highlighting:

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

Questions/Comments:

Coun. S. Lawand commended Town Crew and contractors; a lot of capital work; public patient; any update on Grant Street. Town Engineer B. Murray waiting to meet with projects team.

Coun. S. Lawand re mesh fence between the Royal Bank and Town Hall update. Town Engineer B. Murray replied that he and the Foreman are looking at installing some concrete barriers.

Mayor D. MacGillivray re any feedback on the propane heating system at the rink. B. Murray replied that September was mild and only needed heat a couple of nights of Bingo.

Mayor D. MacGillivray re paving High Street Extension. Town Engineer B. Murray confirmed that High Street Extension is on the paving list.

Coun. B. Knight concerns re freezing area on High Street (by Terrace Avenue) near catch basin. B. Murray will check into it to determine if it's a safety concern; he will report back.

Coun. S. Lawand voiced similar concerns at Queensway and Kensington.

Mayor D. MacGillivray added the bottom of Claremont collects water, freezing concerns.

Mayor D. MacGillivray asked about the sewer project on St. Bernard Street. B. Murray reported that he reviewed the shop drawings, sent back to the contractor, being fabricated now; work will commence in the next week or two.

Coun. S. Campbell re list of streets that need paving; is it complete? Town Engineer B. Murray confirmed that it's complete and ready to be presented to Council.

Mayor D. MacGillivray suggested monthly updates on Capital Projects, budget, timelines.

Mayor D. MacGillivray asked if Stellar Street sidewalks will be complete this year. B. Murray reported that they will be complete.

Mayor D. MacGillivray commented that Exit 24 area needs mowing.

Coun. G. Pentz motioned to accept the Town Engineer's Monthly Activity Report for Public Works, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

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

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

Highlighting:

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

Questions/Comments:

Coun. G. Pentz re dumping area by Foster Avenue, when will it stop. Town Engineer B. Murray believes it stopped but will check the status.

Mayor D. MacGillivray asked about capital projects on High Street, High Street Extension, Poplar and Oxford. B. Murray confirmed that the project went well and is 99% complete.

Mayor D. MacGillivray re new level sensor at Water Treatment Plant. B. Murray reported that this was an operational expense, minor cost.

Coun. S. Campbell made motion to accept the Town Engineer's Monthly Activity Report for the Water Utility for September 2017 as presented, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand.

### **Motion Carried.**

Coun. G. Pentz commented on the good job performance by new Town Engineer B. Murray.

## **PCRAS – REQUEST: TREES AND SOLAR PANELS**

Lindsay Gregory, Pictou County Recreation and Athletic Society rep, addressed Council, commenting on the excellent track facility; some trees could be added to provide shade for participants; looking for permission from Town to plant trees.

She also commented on solar panels or wind turbine power sources; perfect location / facility for solar panels; help with expenses.

Coun. S. Lawand comments; trees would be beneficial, however attempts to plant trees in the past were unsuccessful.

Coun. B. Knight comments; if there is no cost to the Town, he supports group planting trees; recommends consulting with Town Engineer and Town Planner prior to planting.

Town Engineer B. Murray commented on solar panels; quite heavy; a structural assessment of the building would have to be done in advance.

Coun. B. Knight asked about mounting panels on the ground. B. Murray replied that ground-mounting could be an option; need to do some research.

## **NEXT MEETING**

Next Council I meeting will be November 6, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

## **OPEN FORUM**

Brian Atkinson comments:

- Passed along positive feedback regarding the bank parking
- Graffiti on a stop sign

Frank Jackson comments:

- Town Clerk retirement
- Town Clerk vs. CAO
- Recommends keeping Town Clerk position
- Amount of expenses; very high with CAO
- Council has little control
- Contract position to start

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**ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned on motion by Coun. G. Pentz at 6:15 p.m.

**MAYOR**

**TOWN CLERK**