

APRIL 3, 2017
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

A meeting of the Stellarton Town Council 1 was held on Monday, April 3 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

Mayor D. MacGillivray removed Item 5 from Agenda; the Planning Director absent. Town Clerk J. Eaton added Item 8 f. Water Treatment Plant Summer Student. The Agenda was approved as amended on motion by Coun. S. Lawand, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz. **Motion Carried.**

DECLARATION: CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from March 6, 2017 were approved on motion by Coun. G. Pentz, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

FOR THE RECORD

Town Council met In-Camera on March 28, 2017

Topics: Personnel matters – Ratify existing Policy re: Non-Union Employees – Wage Adjustment, accepted by Town Council on motion by Coun. G. Pentz, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

PLANNING DIRECTOR:

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

Planning Director absent; items will be brought forward at Council II meeting.

Coun. S. Lawand question re revisions to Albion Business Park Plan.

Coun. S. Lawand question re downtown plan for Trenton.

Deferred to next meeting.

Coun. G. Pentz motioned to accept Planning Director's Monthly Activity Report, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

FIRE CHIEF:

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

Fire Chief D. Campbell read the monthly activity report for March, 2017, attached.

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

RECREATION DIRECTOR MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

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

- Facilities; Wellness Trail; Synthetic Ice Demo
- Website
- Volunteer of the Year Awards ceremony, April 24, Stellarton Fire Hall
- Homecoming
- Let's Play Program

Questions/Comments:

Mayor D. MacGillivray re Synthetic Ice Demo, May would fine. P. Corbin will speak with Town Engineer re rink.

Cou. G. Pentz re naming of new trail. Coun. G. Pentz made motion to name the trail the Old Foster Trail, seconded by Coun. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

Coun. B. Knight made motion to accept the Recreation Director's Monthly Activity Report, 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 March 2017, attached.

Highlighting:

- Public Property
- Stellarton Memorial Rink
- Fire Station New Boiler
- Mechanical Equipment
- Joint Occupational Safety Committee
- Snow Plowing

Questions/Comments:

Coun. S. Lawand question re removal of existing propane cylinders at Fire Hall.

Town Engineer B. Funke replied that timelines not firm; work will commence next week on new boiler.

Coun. S. Lawand re hydrant painting; hoping to be complete by Homecoming.

Town Engineer B. Funke will look for interested individuals for painting (i.e. school art classes); or advertise for students; advertise online, social media.

Coun. S. Lawand made motion to receive the Town Engineer's Monthly Activity Report for March 2017, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

TOWN ENGINEER: MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – WATER DEPARTMENT

Town Engineer B. Funke read the Monthly Activity Report for the Water Utility for March, 2017, attached.

Highlighting:

- Water Quality Testing
- Distribution Water Quality
- Water Treatment Plant
- Capital Acadia Avenue Project

Questions/Comments:

Coun. S. Lawand question re timeline on Acacia Avenue Project. Town Engineer B. Funke replied that end of July is target date.

Coun. B. Knight asked that when grading is being done, that area at Poplar/Acadia be remedied.

Coun. G. Pentz made a motion to receive the Town Engineer's Monthly Activity Report for the Water Utility for March 2017 as presented, seconded by Coun. B. Knight.

Motion Carried.

CANADA WATER & WASTEWATER GRANT – TENDER – BLAINE MACLANE EXCAVATING - \$556,128 PLUS TAX

Town Engineer B. Funke reported that six tenders were received, the lowest bid was from Blaine MacLane Excavating at \$556,128 plus tax.

Coun. S. Lawand re project timelines. Town Engineer B. Funke reported that work will commence soon, likely in May, with completion estimated for August.

Coun. S. Lawand motioned to award tender to Blaine MacLane Excavating for the Water & Wastewater Grant work on High Street, High Street Extension, Oxford Street and tie-ins on Poplar, seconded by Coun. Pentz. Questions/comments:

Coun. B. Knight requested to see all tenders submitted. Town Engineer will provide Council with spreadsheet containing all bids.

Motion Carried.

LINE PAINTING EQUIPMENT – 2017-2018 CAPITAL - \$9,766.00

Town Engineer B. Funke reported that the Police Commission wants to get an early start on line painting; Public Works crew is capable of marking some of the cross walks in Town that are not thermal plastic; other major line painting is contracted out.

Coun. B. Knight re costs. B. Funke provided information on operating costs and labour; more control of timelines.

Coun. S. Lawand comments on contractor wait-times; received complaints from residents.

Discussion commenced.

Coun. S. Lawand made motion to purchase the Line Painting Equipment, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

STREET LIGHTS: FOSTER AVENUE / WATER STREET

Town Engineer B. Funke reported on lights in the Foster Avenue area, specifically the dead-end section, no light in that area; it is practice to install a light at the end of dead-end streets; as well as lights on every second pole. The intersection of Foster and Pleasant, there is a floodlight that shines on park; it should be replaced with a streetlight to illuminate street area. Water Street seems to be consistent with light policies. In general, B. Funke noted that there is a significant need to improve street lighting, especially in the Business Park; recommends a Street Light Survey, followed by a proper policy decision for additions or changes to be made.

Coun. G. Pentz re light on Water Street; which direction does it face – Water or MacGregor Street.

Town Engineer B. Funke replied that it should be on a diagonal so to light both streets.

Coun. G. Pentz feels that there is not sufficient light on Water Street.

B. Funke will perform a better survey; Engineering Student will work on this project.

Coun. S. Lawand re concern of costs for street light. B. Funke will provide cost information with survey.

Mayor D. MacGillivray stated that costs are a concern, but safety is also a big concern.

Coun. S. Campbell made a motion to install new light on Foster Avenue as well as at the intersection, and address other lighting concerns after the survey is complete, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz.

Question/Comments:

Mayor D. MacGillivray re flood light on park area, will it remain? Town Engineer B.

Funke replied that he would try to install it across the street, put it in a better spot. He added that there may be savings determined after street light survey.

Coun. B. Knight would like actual costs to replace bulbs, and any long term savings.

Motion Carried.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT SUMMER STUDENT

Town Engineer B. Funke reported that further to Council's approval to hire a student from the NSCC to work at the Water Treatment Plant, three students applied, interviews were conducted by Town Engineer, Councillor Brian Knight and WTP employee Dan Campbell. Committee recommends hiring Mr. Danny MacDonald for the 15 week position, starting May 1, 2017.

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to approve recommendation and hire Mr. Danny MacDonald, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

NEXT MEETING

Next Council I meeting will be May 1, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

OPEN FORUM

Patty Lloyd comments:

- Water Street lighting concerns

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK