

JANUARY 9, 2017
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

A meeting of the Stellarton Town Council 1 was held on Monday, January 9 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT

Mayor Danny MacGillivray, 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. G. Pentz, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand as amended to include item 4.c. Annual Report, 4.d. Unsightly and Dangerous, and 4.e. 39 Emmanuel Site Plan Application. **Motion Carried.**

DECLARATION: CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from December 5, 2016 were approved on motion by Coun. S. Lawand, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz. **Motion Carried.**

PLANNING DIRECTOR:

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

Planning Director R. Burek presented December 2016 Monthly Report as well as Annual Report to Council (attached):

Questions/Comments:

Coun. B. Knight re 134 MacKay Street, rat problem.

Coun. S. Lawand re the Uniform Subdivision Bylaw, working with Jeff Turnbull. R. Burek reported that this process started under the previous Planning Office; two bylaws – one for the five towns, and one for the County; bringing them to the Councils for final adoption; target date for approval is spring.

Coun. S. Lawand re the Source Water Protection Plan. R. Burek stated that he will be assisting the Town Engineer.

Mayor D. MacGillivray re Taxis as Home Occupation; where does it stand with the other units. R. Burek reported that Westville is reviewing it; Trenton will be reviewing; not sure about Pictou and New Glasgow.

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to receive Planning Director's report, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

WINTER WORK SCHEDULE – PLANNING

Planning Director R. Burek included this in his Annual Report; planning and development during winter months.

ANNUAL REPORT

Planning Director R. Burek presented report for Council's information, attached.

UNSIGHTLY AND DANGEROUS PROPERTY

Planning Director R. Burek provided an updated report on some of the unsightly and dangerous files that are ongoing in the Town.

Questions/Comments:

Coun. G. Pentz re 142 Rutherford Street. R Burek heard back from property owner; some clean up done; will have the Building Inspector look at porch roof for any structural issues.

R. Burek recommended having this report discussed In Camera; privacy and legal reasons.

39 EMMANUEL SITE PLAN APPLICATION

Planning Director R. Burek informed Council he received an email from Mr. Pettipas stating that he will be starting this application up again; reapply and start process.

FIRE CHIEF:

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

Fire Chief D. Campbell read the monthly activity report for December, 2016, attached. Coun. G. Pentz moved to receive the Fire Department's Monthly Activity Report for December 2016, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

Questions/Comments:

Coun. S. Lawand re feedback on no Levy this year. Chief D. Campbell stated that no comments were received.

RECREATION DIRECTOR MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

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

- Facilities
- Website
- Wellness Trail update
- Dog Park - discussion re location options
- Committee Terms of Reference – attached
- Volunteer of the Year Nominations – selection Committee needed; Mayor MacGillivray and Coun. Knight will sit on Committee; Coun. B. Knight suggested Patti Lloyd of the MacKay family
- Kiosk photos and map; Coun. B. Knight to include business directory; Coun. S. Lawand was in contact with DEANS; Council to make decision on final design; Coun. S. Campbell re pictures of rink or older pictures. Coun. S. Lawand commented on number of pictures, Museum of Industry, information on Stellarton's mine; areal shot of the mine, NS Community College, Track, Soccer Fields, Sobey's Head Office, and some historical photos.

Mayor D. MacGillivray re Committee Terms of Reference. Coun. S. Lawand motioned to accept the Recreation Committee Terms of Reference as presented, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

Questions/Comments:

Coun. S. Lawand re Dog Park location; suggested the area at the edge of the soccer field; has concerns with the Pleasant/Foster area – close to mine, too close to street, and across from dump. Coun. S. Lawand made motion to create a Dog Park on the edges of the soccer field, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. Discussion: Coun. G. Pentz liked the Recreation Director's first option of Foster/Pleasant; centre of Town; fenced area. Coun. S. Lawand suggested more than one dog park. Recreation Director P. Corbin had concern with the area by the soccer facility; additional costs for landscaping etc. Coun. B. Knight suggested starting with one dog park; agrees with Recreation Director; long term planning. Mayor D. MacGillivray requested financial information prior to making final decision. Recreation Director P. Corbin will prepare expenses for the different options. Coun. S. Lawand withdrew motion.

Further discussion re locations and park size; research other parks throughout the province.

Coun. S. Lawand motioned to approve the Off Leash Dog Park Area Rules, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

February Family Day – Recreation Director P. Corbin provided information re this year's February holiday, Heritage Day Feb. 20; suggestions for activities attached; coasting party at Albion hill as well as the use of snowshoes.

Coun. S. Lawand asked about synthetic ice demo.

If no snow, other options include skating party at rink.

Green School N.S. – Trans Canada Trail – Coun. S. Lawand received email from Green School Nova Scotia wanting to plant trees/seedlings. P. Corbin provided background information. Coun. S. Lawand made motion to provide assistance to the Green School Nova Scotia Northumberland Regional High School Trans Canada Trail tree planting project, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

Volunteer Recognition – Coun. S. Campbell asked about this year's ceremony and location. Recreation Director P. Corbin provided information on the various venues for the event; nomination deadline is next month.

Coun. S. Lawand made motion to receive the Recreation Director's Monthly Activity Report for the month of January 2017, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz. **Motion Carried.**

TOWN ENGINEER: MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – PUBLIC WORKS

Town Engineer B. Funke read the Monthly Activity Report, Transportation and Property, for December 2016, attached.

Highlighting:

- Public Property
- Stellarton Memorial Rink
- Mechanical Equipment
- Joint Occupational Safety Committee
- Patching
- Snow Plowing

Questions/Comments:

Coun. G. Pentz re cost of repairs to vehicles.

Coun. S. Lawand re snow plowing; suggests Engineer drive streets following snow events. Town Engineer B. Funke responded; procedures and operations.

Coun. S. Lawand re new truck; benefit from a salter on the back; provide Council with cost factors. B. Funke will gather information for Council.

Mayor D. MacGillivray re renting extra vehicle when necessary. B. Funke fully supports renting; needs Council approval.

Coun. B. Knight made motion to give authority to Town Engineer to hire fourth piece of equipment for major snow storms, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to receive the Town Engineer's Monthly Activity Report for December 2016, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

TOWN ENGINEER: MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – WATER DEPARTMENT

Town Engineer B. Funke read the Monthly Activity Report for the Water Utility for December, 2016, attached.

Highlighting:

- Water Quality Testing
- Distribution Water Quality

- Water Treatment Plant
- Capital Acadia Avenue Project

Questions/Comments:

Coun. S. Lawand re Acadia Avenue project timelines; completion was supposed to be end of October, then end of November, then before mid-December, etc.; road is still not paved; unacceptable; voiced his frustration with the contractor; why is this work being done so late in the season? Town Engineer B. Funke referred to original plans with completion date July 2017; patching of this project has been delayed for various reasons; major excavation still to come.

Coun. B. Knight re his displeasure of the patching job.

Discussion continued.

Coun. S. Lawand re the dumping at the Foster/Bridge corner. B. Funke re surplus fill; area will be levelled off in future.

Coun. G. Pentz made a motion to receive the Town Engineer's Monthly Activity Report for the Water Utility for December 2016 as presented, seconded by Coun. B. Knight.

Motion Carried.

COUN. S. LAWAND: AMENDMENT TO PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MANDATE

Coun. S. Lawand motioned to amend the Planning Advisory Committee Mandate with the following, under "Composition": One Recreation Director, Non-voting – Advisory Role when recreation planning is a topic of discussion, seconded by Coun. B. Knight.

Motion Carried.

COUN. B. KNIGHT: RICK CROWE BALLFIELD

Coun. B. Knight re complaints about the lack of washroom facilities in that area; Town Engineer to look at costs of putting in washrooms and maintaining them. Coun. S. Lawand reported that in the past, it was mutually agreed to split the cost with the user groups. Recreation Director P. Corbin added that there was a large user group (6 lob ball teams); heavy use of the fields; demand increased for washroom facilities; Town split the cost for portable toilets with Lob Ball league. This year however, the Lob Ball League left and is playing in Trenton; no word if they will be returning to Stellarton. P. Corbin doesn't recommend permanent washroom facilities because of the high costs; portable toilets only if usage increases; Council agreed.

COUN. G. PENTZ: RUTHERFORD STREET – RAT PROBLEM

Coun. G. Pentz re complaints of rats in the Rutherford Street area and seniors complex; persistent problem; suggest getting a professional to look at the problem. Discussion commenced; associated costs; professional animal/rodent control, the Town does not have an Animal Control Officer; legalities. Town Engineer to further investigate and report back to Council.

NEXT MEETING

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

OPEN FORUM

Patricia Lloyd comments:

- Expansion of the strip mine
- Ball field; washrooms
- Dog park

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ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK