

MARCH 5, 2018
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

A meeting of the Stellarton Town Council 1 was held on Monday, March 5, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT

Mayor D. MacGillivray, Couns. B. Knight, S. Lawand, S. Campbell and G. Pentz. Also present was the Town Clerk S. Higdon.

AGENDA

The Agenda was approved as amended to include Epilepsy Awareness Day, on motion by Coun. G. Pentz, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

DECLARATION: CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from February 5, 2018 were approved on motion by Coun. G. Pentz, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

EPILEPSY AWARENESS DAY

Mayor D. MacGillivray read the "Purple Day for Epilepsy Proclamation", attached; Stellarton Town Council proclaims March 26, 2018 Purple Day in Stellarton, Nova Scotia, in an effort to raise epilepsy awareness everywhere.

Coun. G. Pentz motioned to proclaim March 26, 2018, Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

BUILDING INSPECTOR: MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

Emily Jones presented the Monthly Activity Report, attached, two permits.

Coun. S. Lawand made motion to accept the Building Inspector Monthly Activity Report, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz. **Motion Carried.**

FIRE CHIEF:

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

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

Coun. B. Knight moved to receive the Fire Department's Monthly Activity Report for February 2018, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz. **Motion Carried.**

POWER OUTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN

Fire Chief D. Campbell reported that he and other department members are working on a plan; should be ready for Council's review at next month's meeting. Coun. S. Lawand commented that if there are no previous plans, then a new, simple one will be prepared to address the time prior to the 72 Hour Plan that's in place.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & RECREATION DIRECTOR

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

Recreation Director P. Corbin presented the Monthly Activity Report, March 2018, (attached), highlighting:

- Facilities; Albion Baseball Field net
- Website
- Stellarton Rink
- Committees; Recreation Committee, Homecoming

- NSCC Service Learning; sidewalk accessibility audit
- Heritage Day Event
- Volunteer Nominations; Allan Murray selected as Volunteer of the Year

Comments \ Questions:

- P. Corbin reported that a new net for the Albion Ball Field would cost approximately \$7,000.00.

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to order the net, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

- Mayor D. MacGillivray re the Accessibility Audi for the Town Hall. P. Corbin still working at getting individual (who did similar audit in Antigonish) to come to Stellarton; to prepare an itemized list.
- Mayor D. MacGillivray re Heritage Day event well received.
- Coun. S. Lawand comments: Heritage Day well done; very crowded; paint ball; opportunity for the Complex to showcase their facility.
- Coun. S. Lawand re positive comments about the Town's staff and website.
- Coun. S. Lawand re ideas for the website, add more pages, and links. Mayor D. MacGillivray suggested all of Council take time to review and agree on any changes to website.
- Coun. S. Lawand re update on Live Streaming. Mayor D. MacGillivray reported that Live Streaming Council meetings will be as early as next month.

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

CONNECT 2 GRANT

Community Development and Recreation Director P. Corbin commented on the possibility of a walkway bridge going across the Bear Brook from Stellarton into Westville; currently there are sidewalks on either side; however, cannot go into the roadway; there is a grant that focuses on Active Transportation and Accessibility issues associated with Active Transportation; this project could qualify for grant. P. Corbin asked if the Town would be willing to contribute money if needed. He is working with Westville Recreation Director and Trans Canada Trails; cost sharing partners. Discussion re costs, direction, Letter of Interest indicating Town's willingness to contribute financially.

Coun. S. Lawand commented that this item has been discussed at the Planning Advisory Committee for several months and was not aware that presentation to Council was planned for tonight; the PAC fully supports this project.

Mayor D. MacGillivray asked P. Corbin to continue with Grant proposal / Letter of Intent.

TOWN ENGINEER REPORTS

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – PUBLIC WORKS

Town Engineer B. Murray presented the Monthly Activity Report February 2018, Transportation and Property Report, attached, highlighting:

- Engineering; Projects
- Public Property; Mine Subsidence Fence; Town Hall
- Stellarton Memorial Rink
- Mechanical Equipment
- Snow Removal and Ice Control

Comments / Questions:

Mayor D. MacGillivray re St. Bernard scope adjustment curbs. Town Engineer indicated that it was not needed.

Mayor D. MacGillivray re survey on Grant Street.

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to go ahead with the land survey on Grant Street, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

Coun. S. Lawand made motion to accept Town Engineer Monthly Activity Report, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – WATER UTILITY

Town Engineer B. Murray presented the Monthly Activity Report, Water Utility, attached, highlighting:

- Water Quality Testing
- Distribution Water Quality
- Water Treatment Plant; work done on the Scada System
- Water Withdrawal Permit
- Operating License

Questions / Comments:

Mayor D. MacGillivray re Water Treatment Plant communication system.

Coun. B. Knight made motion to accept Town Engineer Monthly Activity Report for the Water Utility, seconded Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

COUN. S. LAWAND: MAIN STREET GARBAGE CANS

Coun. S. Lawand reported that he received complaint about main street, dog waste; contacted Town Engineer for solutions; Recreation Director suggested utilizing some of the garbage cans; multi-choice for waste, recycling, and dog waste. Coun. S. Lawand to include in upcoming budget discussions.

NEXT MEETING

Next Council I meeting will be April 16, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

OPEN FORUM

Brian Atkinson comments:

- Heritage Day
- Gazebo / Kioske

Paul Taylor comments:

- Olympian Blayre Turnbull
- Art Sutherland, Master Ice Plant Builder for the IOC

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned on motion by Coun. G. Pentz at 6:30 p.m.

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK