

MAY 14, 2018
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

A meeting of the Stellarton Town Council was held on Monday, May 14, 2018 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 S. Higdon.

AGENDA

The Agenda was approved, on motion by Coun. G. Pentz, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from April 16, 2018 and April 23, 2018 were approved on motion by Coun. G. Pentz, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Friends of Northumberland Strait, presentation was last month; draft letter of support emailed previously requesting Federal and Environmental assessment. Coun. S. Campbell made motion to approve letter of support for Federal Environmental Assessment, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz. Discussion commenced. **Motion Carried.** Couns. S. Lawand and B. Knight voted Nay.

REPORTS FROM THE ELECTED

Mayor D. MacGillivray reported on the following:

- Pictou County Shared Services, no meeting
- Pictou County Wellness Centre met May 14; agenda item included the Sidewalk on Westville Road; TIR staff met with County staff; safety a priority; Province doing some survey work; sidewalk from Stellarton boundary to Wellness Centre to be completed this year. Financial / budget items; want increase in events, and a decrease in power
- Rink Commission meeting, under budget; increase in ice rentals; Fire Department donating new sign for Rink
- Habitat for Humanity, fundraising has commenced

Coun. B. Knight reported on the following:

- Met with Pioneer Mine representative re Dog Park
- MAP meeting
- Met with concerned citizen
- CUPE negotiations
- Budget meeting
- Police Commission meeting
- Met with Community Development and Recreation Director re summer staff hiring
- NSFAM Conference in Yarmouth; very informative; recycling revenue potential

Coun. S. Lawand reported on the following:

- Attended the NSFAM Conference in Yarmouth; cannabis topic and associated costs on a municipal level; CAP Program
- DEANS working on Panels for Kiosk at Exit 24
- Glen Haven, still working on the Bylaws

- Pictou County Economic Development Working Group, next meeting May 30
- Communities in Bloom, need plan to prevent pots from freezing to ground; working on window boxes for businesses on Foord Street for next year
- Homecoming planning going well
- Library, meeting in Antigonish
- PAC working on projects; still looking for board member

Coun. S. Campbell reported on the following:

- Homecoming meeting
- Riverview Board meeting
- Rink Commission meeting
- School Advisory Committee
- Workers Compensation Board presentation at Riverview Corps, focusing on decreasing the number of workplace accidents, and increasing awareness on health and safety on the jobsite
- Volunteer Recognition ceremony at G. R. Saunders Elementary School

Deputy Mayor G. Pentz reported on the following:

- School Advisory Committee meeting
- Rink Commission meeting
- Laid wreath on behalf of the Town in recognition of Injured Workers
- CUPE negotiations
- Budget discussion meeting
- Interviews for Recreation Summer Staff

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Rachael McLean, Planner, not present, Council reviewed Report on Current Planning Tasks, attached, highlighting Matters in Progress:

- Development Agreement – Marshal White
- Site Plan Approval – Melanie Roberts
- Rezoning Process - Bridgeway Academy
- Asset Management Plan

Mayor D. MacGillivray read motions that are needed to allow first reading, as follows:

“Be it resolved that Stellarton Town Council has considered the application to enter into a development agreement with Marshal White and Cindy O’Brien for 238 Foord Street, and grants it first reading, as required under the *Municipal Government Act of Nova Scotia*. Be it further resolved that a public hearing is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. Monday June 11, 2018, at the Stellarton Town Council Chambers, to consider any comments, objections or submissions with respect to this application.”

Coun. S. Lawand made motion, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

Second motion, as follows:

“Be it resolved that Stellarton Town Council has considered the application of Rezoning by St. John United Church for Bridgeway Academy, 35 Acadia Avenue, and grants it first reading, as required under the *Municipal Government Act of Nova Scotia*. Be it further resolved that a public hearing is scheduled for 5:00 p.m., Monday June 11, 2018, at the Stellarton Town Council Chambers, to consider any comments, objections or submissions with respect to this application.”

Coun. B. Knight made motion, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

Fire Chief D. Campbell presented the monthly activity report for April, attached.

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

Paul Corbin, Community Development and Recreation Director presented the Monthly Activity Report, May 2018, (attached), highlighting:

- Facilities; Albion Baseball Field, Trail Trimming, City Reporter, Stellarton Memorial Rink, Rick Crowe Memorial Lob Ball Field
- Website; Social Media
- Committees; Recreation Advisory Committee, Homecoming
- Funding
- Go Green Get Clean Pictou County
- Davis Day
- Summer Students
- Lourdes Playground

Comments \ Questions:

Mayor D. MacGillivray comments: repairs to Albion; City Reporter; Budget; Social Media.

P. Corbin confirmed that items are within budget.

Coun. S. Lawand comments re City Reporter and smart phones for safety inspections by staff; advertising for Bingo; Social Media responses; Summer Staff funding; Lourdes Playground.

Coun. G. Pentz on Lourdes Playground; exploring if land can be obtained.

Coun. S. Campbell re number of summer staff. P. Corbin confirmed that funding was received for three positions, but hired nine, with two more to come.

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

Blaine Murray, Town Engineer, presented the Monthly Activity Report, Water Utility for April 2018, attached; looking for a motion to approve the award of the Terrace Avenue Water Renewal Project to S. W. Weeks for \$331,119.50. Coun. B. Knight made motion to award tender to lowest bid of \$331,119.50 to S. W. Weeks for the Terrace Avenue Water Renewal Project, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand.

For the record, Mayor D. MacGillivray read all tendered amounts:

S. W. Weeks Construction at \$331,119.50

Atlantic Road Construction and Paving at \$440,795.00

Tupper's Trucking & Excavation at \$342,596.50

Dexter at \$504,965.00

Brycon at \$566,950.00

Blaine F. MacLaine Excavation Ltd. at \$466,159.00

C. F. Construction at \$398,929.25

Standard Paving at \$335,690.75

Motion Carried.

Coun. G. Pentz mad motion to accept the April 2018 Water Utility Report, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

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

- Engineering
- Streets
- Stellarton Memorial Rink
- Mechanical Equipment

Questions / Comments:

Mayor D. MacGillivray re Acadia Avenue Pedestrian Bridge costs.

Town Engineer B. Murray commented that a site meeting was held in April with NSTIR, possible options, need a structural engineer, then call for tender proposals.

Mayor D. MacGillivray asked if Grant Street will be completed this construction season.

Coun. B. Knight re pedestrian curbs in Albion Business Park.

Coun. S. Lawand re timeline for crosswalk line painting. B. Murray reported that the crosswalk paint has been ordered, waiting for warmer temperatures, but will start soon.

Coun. G. Pentz re repairs to damages caused by snow-removal operations.

B. Murray reported that most repairs have been made.

Coun. S. Campbell made motion to accept Town Engineer Monthly Activity Report, Transportation and Property Report, seconded Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS POLICE COMMISSION AND RINK COMMISSION

Town Clerk S. Higdon reported that the following citizens submitted their names for Council's consideration:

For representation on the Police Commission (two positions available); there were two applications received: Jeff Richardson and Don Taylor.

For the Rink Commission (one position available), there were two applications received: Doug Davidson and Neil Fraser.

There were no applications received for the Planning Advisory Committee (one position).

Coun. S. Lawand suggested asking if one of the applicants for the Rink Commission would consider sitting on the Planning Advisory Committee; agreed.

Coun. B. Knight made motion to approve Jeff Richardson and Don Taylor for the Police Commission, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

A letter of thanks will be sent to former Police Commission member, Jack Langlois, for his commitment and time spent on the board.

ABERDEEN REGIONAL HOSPITAL – ER ACCESS ROAD REQUEST

Mayor D. MacGillivray re request from Aberdeen Regional Hospital for ER Access Road, asking the Town for 9.1% of costs (based on population), approximately \$87,000.00. Coun. B. Knight made motion to approve request from the Aberdeen Hospital by contributing 9.1% of the costs for the ER Access Road, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz.

Coun. G. Pentz asked Mayor for some history of access road. Mayor D. MacGillivray provided background information about land purchase for access road and costs.

Motion Carried.

ACTIVE PICTOU COUNTY REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS

Town Clerk S. Higdon commented that Council approved a one-year extension for Active Pictou County (\$3,333.00), since that time, the Town of New Glasgow has decided to go into a partnership with the Pictou Landing First Nations, which in turn increased our cost by \$667.00. Discussion commenced; Community Development & Recreation Director P. Corbin provided comments on Active Pictou County and its initiatives; benefits for all Towns.

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to approve the additional funds of \$667.00 for Active Pictou County for this year, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

REQUEST FROM OUR LADY OF LOURDES CEMETERY

Coun. B. Knight provided history of water use at the Lourdes Cemetery. Coun. S. Lawand comments re precedent setting. Mayor D. MacGillivray re case by case and the low number of cemeteries.

Coun. B. Knight made motion to give annual grant of \$200 to Our Lady of Lourdes Cemetery, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz. **Motion Carried.**

NSFM BULLETIN – FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES

NEXT MEETING

STELLARTON TOWN COUNCIL 1
MAY 14, 2018

Next Council meeting will be June 11, 2018 and the Committee of the Whole will be May 28, 2018 both at 5:30 p.m.

OPEN FORUM

Brian Atkinson commented:

- Town's website; positive feedback
- Pride in Stellarton

ADJOURN

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

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK