

**JANUARY 14, 2019**  
**STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA**

**MEETING**

A meeting of the Stellarton Town Council was held on Monday, January 14, 2019 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.

**1. AGENDA**

The Agenda was approved as amended to include #10 Northern Pulp Letter, and #11 Volunteer Efforts, on motion by Coun. B. Knight, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand.

**Motion Carried.**

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from December 10, 2018 Public Hearing and December 10, 2018 Regular Council were approved on motion by Coun. G. Pentz, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell.

**Motion Carried.**

**3. PRESENTATION:** Citizen Representative Nancy Terris – NS Housing  
Nancy Terris addressed Council; she represents Stellarton with Eastern Mainland Housing; attends 10 meetings per year; her term is 2017 to 2020. Issues: Green bins, many need to be replaced. Parking on the Poplar Street side of the Maple Crest Senior's Complex; very crowded, no room for emergency vehicles.  
Mayor D. MacGillivray suggested calling PC Solid Waste regarding replacing their green bins.

**4. REPORTS FROM THE ELECTED**

Submitted; available on Website and attached.

Mayor D. MacGillivray thanked Councillor Susan Campbell and Fire Chief Dwight Campbell for their work on the Town's Christmas Party.

Motion made by Coun. G. Pentz to accept the Reports from the Elected, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

**5. REPORTS FROM STAFF - for information; reports attached.**

a. Police Service – Coun. B. Knight made motion to accept the Stellarton Police Services Report, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

b. Emily Jones – Building Official; Fire Inspector  
Coun. S. Campbell made motion to accept the Building Official / Fire Inspector's report, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz. **Motion Carried.**

c. Rachael McLean, Planner, Development Officer's Report.  
Coun. G. Pentz made motion to accept the Planner / Development Officer's report, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

d. Chief Dwight Campbell – Fire Department  
Coun. G. Pentz motioned to accept Fire Department for December 2018, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

e. Paul Corbin – Community Development & Recreation  
Coun. S. Lawand made motion to accept Community Development & Recreation report, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.** Coun. S. Lawand asked for information on Volunteer Week.

f. Blaine Murray – Town Engineer, highlighting:

- Library roof is complete; scaffolding will be dismantled soon.

Questions/Comments:

Coun. S. Lawand comments re snow removal, very positive.

Coun. G. Pentz re concerns from two businesses on Foord Street, snow banks very inconvenient. Town Engineer B. Murray re past practices for snow clearing on the main street; similar to other towns. Coun. G. Pentz moved to have a policy when there is 15 cm of snow or more, the main street is cleaned within a reasonable time, seconded by Coun. B. Knight.

Questions/Comments:

Coun. B. Knight re safety along Foord Street, a main thorough-fare.

Mayor D. MacGillivray suggested having staff develop a draft policy outlining all details for Council's approval.

Coun. S. Lawand re being specific on a "reasonable time" for cleaning Foord Street.

Town Engineer B. Murray added that advanced forecasts are taken into consideration, as well as rest time for staff.

Mayor D. MacGillivray re snow and ice budget need to be considered.

Coun. S. Campbell re plowing Foord Street when there are cars parked on both sides; Council can consider that option as well.

Motion has been withdrawn; Foord Street will be cleaned by the end of this week; Draft Policy will be prepared by Town Staff for Council consideration at Committee of the Whole.

Coun. G. Pentz motioned to accept the Town Engineer's Report and Water Utility Report, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE

NS Association of Realtors Re: Deed Transfer Tax – Town Clerk S. Higdon read letter for the record; requesting amendment to the Deed Transfer Tax policy; tabled for information.

NS Power Re: Storm & Response November 28-29, 2018 – Town Clerk S. Higdon for information purposes

Gary Matheson, Sobeys Sports Complex Re: Signage on Poles – Coun. B. Knight comments re directional signage on poles to help people find the facility. Council agreed.

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

## 7. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

No Meeting in December.

Town Clerk S. Higdon reported that one request to Council was received from the Challenge Baseball Program and sent via email; asking for funding assistance; Town Clerk S. Higdon read letter; the amount requested is \$200. Mayor D. MacGillivray reported that Council approved via email; needs ratification by motion. Approved on motion by Coun. G. Pentz, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

**8. RESOLUTION #2019-01** Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP); attached; read by Town Clerk S. Higdon for the record. Mayor D. MacGillivray commented that federal funding is expected; staff prepared priority list; applications will be prepared for ICIP grant funding opportunities.

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to approve Resolution #2019-01 as written, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

**9. HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – Donation of Land 94 Poplar Street**

Mayor D. MacGillivray as per Public Hearing held; no feedback received.

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to approve donation of land at 94 Poplar Street for Habitat for Humanity, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

**10. NORTHERN PULP LETTER**

Coun. B. Knight spoke on this issue; believes that it is a federal and provincial matter, not municipal; but since Council supported letter in the spring for an environmental assessment, makes motion to send letter of support to NS Premiere Stephen MacNeil, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand.

Questions/Comments/Discussion:

Mayor D. MacGillivray comments re no set timelines; would like to hear from Pictou Landing First Nations; possibly invite Chief to future meeting.

Coun. S. Campbell agrees with Mayor MacGillivray.

Coun. S. Lawand re sensitive issue; looking for solution agreeable to both sides.

Coun. B. Knight re lengthy process; getting too deep in issue; heard from both sides; now is the time to stay neutral and send letter to provincial government for resolution.

**Motion Carried.** Coun. S. Campbell and Mayor D. MacGillivray voted nay.

**11. VOLUNTEER EFFORTS**

Mayor D. MacGillivray re Senator Micheal MacDonald (Senate Canada 150) presented medals to three long-time community volunteers in Pictou County: Joanne Cumming of New Glasgow, Ann Emmit of Pictou, and Allan Murray of Stellarton.

Mr. Murray's volunteerism includes Treasurer of the First Presbyterian Church, Stellarton Homecoming Committee, and the Aberdeen Hospital Auxiliary as well as over 21 years as a tax volunteer for Community Volunteer Income Tax Program for seniors. He is also active with the Warm Hats Refugee Group. Mayor MacGillivray stated that the Town of Stellarton recognized Allan Murray as Volunteer of the Year in April 2018. Congratulations extended to Mr. Murray from Council.

**12. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

Next Council meeting will be February 11, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

**13. OPEN FORUM**

Bryce Richardson comments:

- Letter concerning Northern Pulp; disappointed not unanimous
- Disagrees with Stellarton Council's involvement
- Employment concerns for taxpaying citizens
- Economic impacts

Brian Atkinson comments:

- Crosswalks; cars parking on the yellow lines; Foord Street; dangerous

Tom Dewtie comments:

- Northern Pulp employee
- Letter sent last spring to federal government requesting environment assessment; therefore looking for support
- Need community support for these jobs; need co-existence
- Need more time; want the support of all Town Council

**14. ADJOURN**

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

**MAYOR**

**TOWN CLERK**