

JUNE 10, 2019
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

A meeting of the Stellarton Town Council was held on Monday, June 10, 2019 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.

1. AGENDA

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from May 13, 2019 Council were approved on motion by Coun. B. Knight seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUES

a. Phone Booth – Town Clerk S. Higdon reported that she spoke with representative from Bell; they will be removing the phone booth brought forward by Coun. G. Pentz at the last meeting.

4. PRESENTATION FROM SPECIAL OLYMPIAN EVAN SHARPE

Special Olympian Evan Sharpe presented Stellarton Town Council a certificate of appreciation for their support of the Special Olympics Canada 2018 Summer Games; read by Mayor D. MacGillivray.

5. REPORTS FROM THE ELECTED

Submitted; available on Website and attached.

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

6. REPORTS FROM STAFF - for information; reports attached.

a. Police Service – included in Council's package for information purposes, passed at the Police Commission meeting. Coun. S. Lawand made motion to accept Police Service Report, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

b. Emily Jones – Building Official; Fire Inspector
Coun. S. Lawand 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. B. Knight. On the question, Mayor D. MacGillivray re the roundabout feature for July. R. McLean confirmed she is working with the fabricator with completion on schedule. Mayor D. MacGillivray commented re the tree inventory and its importance; also inquired re feedback from the Traffic Authority concerning the three way stop intersection. R. McLean will follow-up with Traffic Authority. **Motion Carried.**

d. Chief Dwight Campbell – Fire Department
Coun. G. Pentz motioned to accept Fire Department for May 2019, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

- e. Paul Corbin – Community Development & Recreation Report
Questions/Comments:
Mayor D. MacGillivray re more pictures and videos on website; asked about feedback from business owner regarding proposed Parklet. P. Corbin will be contacting them this week.
Coun. S. Lawand re Pleasant Street playground area clean-up. P. Corbin is working on the project with the Town Engineer and Planner; will present a proposal to Council.
Coun. S. Lawand re alternate location for Parklet, suggested in front of Tax 2000.
Discussion re Waterslide commenced.
Coun. S. Lawand re summer day camp and waterslide costs; benefits to residents. P. Corbin reported that, all but one week last summer, the day camp program was at full capacity; very successful program; he provided some background on waterslide usage; special events, etc. Coun. S. Lawand requested to have numbers and costs to review for next budget. Council will re-examine waterslide for next year.
Coun. G. Pentz made motion to accept Community Development & Recreation report, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**
- f. Blaine Murray – Town Engineer
Comments/Questions:
Mayor D. MacGillivray re St. Joseph's Street. Town Engineer B. Murray reported that the water main is installed, currently testing, will be hooking up all the services, then paving will commence.
Mayor D. MacGillivray re capital sidewalk replacement; Lehigh reservoir fencing picture before construction.
Coun. G. Pentz re CBCL performing design work for river bank stabilization. B. Murray reported that this work will prevent water from bypassing the dam in the East River.
Coun. B. Knight re remedial work to properties following construction work; inquired about pedestrian light at the crosswalk by the post office. B. Murray confirmed that they are looking for supplies and will be ordered soon for the pedestrian light.
Coun. S. Campbell re street lighting on MacGregor. B. Murray reported that easements are done and registered with the province; doing some locates for pole locations; submission to NS Power for completion.
Coun. G. Pentz motioned to accept the Town Engineer's Report and Water Utility Report, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**
- g. Active Pictou County
Coun. B. Knight made motion to accept the Active Pictou County report, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Lenny Ward Re: Thank you – Town Clerk S. Higdon read thank you letter from Lenny Ward to the Town of Stellarton regarding the new sidewalk installed in front of his residence on Maple Street; he is in a wheel chair and appreciated the work and assistance from Public Works employees as well as Town Council.

8. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT – No May Report

9. MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL CONDITION INDEX RESULTS 2018

- Mayor D. MacGillivray comments; this is basically a report card for municipal units for financial sustainability; Stellarton has done well (no red marks); Town is in good financial condition; will be posted on the website.

10. RECOMMENDATION FROM STELLARTON POLICE COMMISSION RE: CHIEF POSITION

Coun. B. Knight made motion that the Town of Stellarton hire a Police Chief, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell.

Mayor D. MacGillivray comments re advertising of job posting.

Coun. S. Lawand comments re costs of policing; 35% of operating expenses; sharing police chief services with neighbouring town worked well in past; concerned about increased costs and loss in cooperation among departments; one police force for Pictou County options; not in favour of hiring separate police chief for Stellarton.

Mayor D. MacGillivray added that if Westville approached us with proposal, Stellarton would be open to communication.

Motion Carried. Coun. S. Lawand voted Nay.

11. FIRE DEPARTMENT ASSET MANAGEMENT – DEPUTY MAYOR KNIGHT

Coun. B. Knight comments re asset management to include the Fire Department needs, i.e. fire truck replacement which costs up to \$450,000. Fire Chief D. Campbell reported that a new truck will be required within two years; replacement life is 20 years. Town Clerk S. Higdon re money put aside in reserves.

Coun. G. Pentz recommends having quotes and variety of trucks for Council's consideration.

Chief D. Campbell re the option of leasing a truck.

Coun. B. Knight reiterated that asset management will address more than just the vehicles.

Chief D. Campbell will bring back pricing and truck options to Council.

12. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Next Council meeting will be July 8, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

13. OPEN FORUM

Patricia Lloyd comments:

- Reclamation of coal mining when operations conclude
- Wash plant and crusher should be relocated to new mining location outside of Stellarton
- News articles in the past quoting concerns; dust; compensation to residents affected
- Recommends that all equipment be moved out of the Town
- Ms. Lloyd also requested that the street light at Water Street / MacGregor intersection be turned to shine on Water Street

14. ADJOURN

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

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK

