

SEPTEMBER 9, 2019
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

A meeting of the Stellarton Town Council was held on Monday, September 9, 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 as amended on motion by Coun. G. Pentz, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from July 8, 2019 Council were approved on motion by Coun. G. Pentz seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. PROCLAMATION – RIGHT TO KNOW WEEK SEPTEMBER 23-29, 2019

Mayor D. MacGillivray read Proclamation (attached).

Coun. S. Lawand made motion to recognize September 23-19, 2019 as Right to Know Week, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

5. REPORTS FROM THE ELECTED

Submitted; available on Website and attached.

Motion made by Coun. S. Lawand 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. B. Knight made motion to accept Police Service Report, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

b. Emily Jones – Building Official; Fire Inspector
Coun. G. Pentz made motion to accept the Building Official / Fire Inspector's report, seconded by Coun. B. Knight.
On the Question, Mayor D. MacGillivray reported that there were 5 orders closed last month. **Motion Carried.**

c. Roland Burek, Acting Planner, Development Officer – No report.

d. Chief Dwight Campbell – Fire Department
Coun. G. Pentz motioned to accept Fire Department's report for July and August 2019, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

e. Paul Corbin – Community Development & Recreation Report
Highlighting: acknowledgment to the volunteers during the Homecoming Festival and a thank you to the Recreation Summer Staff for another successful season.

Questions/Comments:

Coun. S. Lawand re Homecoming dance location; in favour of an outside venue next year. P. Corbin reported that the dance was well attended, approximately 720, facility worked out.

Coun. G. Pentz re the Pleasant Street playground equipment. P. Corbin reported that Public Works will install when time and weather permits.

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to accept Community Development & Recreation report, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

f. Blaine Murray – Town Engineer

Town Engineer B. Murray added to his report comments about Hurricane Dorian; no damage to public buildings, some trees down which Public Works are cleaning up.

Comments/Questions:

Coun. G. Pentz re “No Dumping” signs for Pleasant Street park area.

Coun. B. Knight re pedestrian lights by the Post Office. B. Murray reported that poles are arriving in October.

Coun. Pentz re paving of St. Joseph Street. B. Murray reported that paving should be complete this week.

Coun. S. Lawand re bulrushes in the Olympic Park pond. B. Murray stated that this is scheduled to be done.

Coun. S. Lawand re Pleasant Street playground dumping.

Coun. S. Lawand re water concerns about the taste, reoccurring issue. B. Murray reported that the taste is due to the fish runs certain times of the year; the water quality is very good; they could look at the chemistry factor to improve taste if Council wishes.

Mayor D. MacGillivray re update on water quantity. B. Murray provided update on the water levels in the river; look at conserving water; flow meter will be installed to monitor the flow rate in the summer months; water conservation measures will need to be implemented.

Mayor D. MacGillivray re timelines for the conceptual space plan for the Town Hall. B. Murray reported that tender will be going out soon; looking at middle of October to present to Council for approval to award.

Mayor D. MacGillivray re left-turn signal at the traffic lights. B. Murray reported that the installer will be there Wednesday to perform the work.

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 – No report.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

a. CUPW Re: Canada Post – wanting to bring public discussions on various issues, for Council’s information

b. Joe Earle Memorial Road Races Re: Thank you for donation; for information.

c. NS Gaming Re: Summary of Results (details available in Administration Office)

d. West Hants, NS to Minister Momborquette Re: Fracking; for Council’s information and consideration.

e. Pride Pictou County Re: Thank you for donation

f. 211 Information Re: 2018 Annual Report (available in Administration Office)

g. NSCC Re: Thank you for donation & Annual Report on Giving (available in Administration Office)

8. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

The following recommendations are for Council’s consideration from the Committee of the Whole meeting held on July 22, 2019:

Town Clerk S. Higdon read recommendations for the record:

Recommendation # 1 – On recommendation of Committee of the Whole Council approve the tender received from MacFarlands Limited for the purchase of a Compact Articulating Wheel Loader Equipment in the amount of \$149,119.35 including HST.

Recommendation # 2 – On recommendation of Committee of the Whole Council approve a \$500.00 grant to NSCC for their annual Welcome BBQ.

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to approve the recommendations from the Committee of the Whole meeting held on July 22, 2019, seconded by Coun. B. Knight.

On the Question:

Mayor D. MacGillivray asked about the Compact Articulating Wheel Loader Equipment. Town Clerk S. Higdon reported that it was a side walk plow.

Motion Carried.

9. POLICE COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION FOR CHIEF OF POLICE

Town Clerk S. Higdon re the following recommendation is for Council's consideration from the Stellarton Police Commission:

Recommendation #1 – On recommendation of the Stellarton Police Commission, Council approve the hiring of Mark Hobeck for Chief of Police for the Town of Stellarton, effective September 30, 2019.

Coun. B. Knight made motion to approve the recommendation from the Stellarton Police Commission to hire Mark Hobeck for Chief of Police, second by Coun. S. Lawand.

On the Question:

Mayor D. MacGillivray commented on Mark Hobeck's qualifications and welcomes him to the Town of Stellarton Police Department.

Motion Carried.

10. DRAFT EAST RIVER LOW FLOW CONTINGENCY PROCEDURE

Town Engineer B. Murray reported that as part of the Town's water withdrawal permit, we are required to have a "low flow contingency plan" in place for NS Environment; it's a three stage conservation or water restrictions being placed on residents and businesses. Stage one would be an alternative day use (for outdoor water use). Stage two would be usages only two designated days per week. Stage three would be no outdoor water usage permitted. He stated that the plan has to be submitted to NS Environment by October 31, 2019. Coun. B. Knight made motion to accept the low flow contingency plan as presented by the Town Engineer, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz.

On the Question:

Mayor D. MacGillivray commented re water restrictions in the future. B. Murray reported that it could be very likely; unsure how this would impact car wash businesses. Coun. S. Lawand asked about control or monitoring the plan. B. Murray recommends making a bylaw, enforceable by the Bylaw Enforcement Officer or the Police.

Motion Carried.

11. WATERLINE RENEWAL PROJECT UPDATE & RECOMMENDATION

Town Engineer B. Murry provided details on the Waterline Renewal Project; there is some unused asphalt remaining and he recommends continuing the Capital paving of King Street around to MacKay Street.

Coun. S. Lawand re monies assigned for specific projects, is this permitted?

B. Murray explained that it does fall within the permitted parameters as funding partner contribution has been maxed.

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to approve the recommendation of the Town Engineer, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

12. POLICY – CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION FOR TOWN OF STELLARTON RESIDENTS (7 DAY NOTICE)

Town Clerk S. Higdon explained how this policy would recognize citizens of the Town for significant milestones i.e. 50th Anniversaries and subsequent anniversaries at 5 year intervals; and Birthdays 80 years and above at 5 year intervals; as well the Town will

issue "Welcome to Town of Stellarton" certificates for residents who had a child; also it will recognize individuals or groups within the municipality who contributed much to the community in sports or other milestones.

Mayor D. MacGillivray commented that this has been done in the past, but now more extensive; there will be form/application in the Town Office.

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to accept Policy, seconded by Coun. B. Knight.

Motion Carried.

13. STELLARTON MUNICIPAL OPERATING ACCESS AGREEMENT HERITAGE GAS

Town Engineer B. Murray reported that currently the Town has an agreement with Heritage Gas for various items in the Access Agreement, which expires December 31, 2019. They have Drafted an new Agreement for the Town's review and approval. B. Murray recommends to have legal review Agreement prior to approval. Council agreed.

14. BENCH QUOTE – FOORD STREET

Town Clerk S. Higdon provide quote for one bench on Foord Street in the amount of \$577. Council agreed to table until next Budget.

15. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Next Council meeting will be Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

16. OPEN FORUM

Brian Atkinson comments:

- Water distribution system, fishing in the river, water filter
- Thanked Town Engineer re water conservation plan

17. ADJOURN

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

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK