

**DECEMBER 9, 2019  
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA**

**MEETING**

A meeting of the Stellarton Town Council was held on Monday, December 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 to include item #14; Exit 24, on motion by Coun. G. Pentz, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from November 12, 2019 Council were approved on motion by Coun. B. Knight seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

**3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**4. APPOINTMENT OF FIRE CHIEF MIKE O'SULLIVAN**

Mayor D. MacGillivray reported that Council did an interview process; and selected Mike O'Sullivan as Fire Chief. Coun. B. Knight made motion to appoint Mike O'Sullivan as Stellarton's Fire Chief for a five-year term, ending December 31, 2024, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz. **Motion Carried.**

**5. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF MIKE BROPHY**

Mayor D. MacGillivray reported that Council did an interview process again for this position and Mike Brophy was the successful candidate. Coun. G. Pentz made motion to appoint Mike Brophy as Deputy Fire Chief for a five-year term, ending December 31, 2024, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

**6. REPORTS FROM THE ELECTED**

Mayor D. MacGillivray re discussion about reports from Council; add items to agenda when they arise.

Council agreed to new format going forward.

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

- a. Police Service – Chief Hobeck presented report; highlighting that Constable Adam Rideout has been granted full time status as of December 1, 2019.

Questions/Comments:

Coun. S. Lawand re Stop Sign on Foord Street review. Chief Hobeck reported that nothing has changed until parking plan is complete.

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

- b. Emily Jones – Building Official; Fire Inspector - Mayor D. MacGillivray noted that 4 orders have been closed regarding unsightly premises; Coun. G. Pentz reported that an issued brought up at last meeting has been addressed and area has been cleaned up. Coun. G. Pentz made motion to accept report, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

- c. Rachael McLean Planner, Development Officer – on leave; No report.

- d. Fire Chief Mike O'Sullivan – Fire Department

Coun. B. Knight commented re Tree Lighting event, thanked Fire Department for participating and doing a great job.

Coun. G. Pentz motioned to accept Fire Department's report for November 2019, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

e. Blaine Murray – Town Engineer

Town Engineer B. Murray presented his report and thanked the Nova Scotia Community College for installing hand rails on the Robertson Memorial and Korean Monument steps.

Questions/Comments:

Coun. B. Knight re progress of the new Public Works building. B. Murray stated work continues and much progress has been completed.

Coun. G. Pentz re tree on Pleasant Street. B. Murray will follow up with staff.

Mayor D. MacGillivray re Welding Ventilation Filter on the Capital list, what's the status? B. Murray reported that it can be purchased after construction is complete.

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

f. Active Pictou County – No report.

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

a. NSCC Re: 2019 NSCC Report to the Community – Town Clerk S. Higdon stated that a copy of report is available in the Administration Office for anyone to peruse. Mayor D. MacGillivray commented re NSCC in our community; Principal Dave Freckleton is retiring; invitation extended for December 13 at 1:00 p.m. at the NSCC in recognition of Mr. Freckleton's retirement.

## 9. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

The following recommendations are for Council's consideration from the Committee of the Whole meeting held on November 25, 2019:

Town Clerk S. Higdon read recommendations for the record:

Recommendation # 1 – On recommendation of Committee of the Whole Council approve the donation to the Pictou County Food Bank in the amount of \$75.00.

Recommendation # 2 – On recommendation of Committee of the Whole Council approve the donation to Roots for Youth Society in the amount of \$75.00 towards the Coldest Night of the Year.

Recommendation # 3 – On recommendation of Committee of the Whole Council approve the contribution of \$166 toward the Pick and Shovel Kilt to be shared among all six (6) Pictou County Municipalities which will be showcased at the Museum of Industry.

Coun. S. Lawand made motion to approve the recommendations from the Committee of the Whole meeting held on November 25, 2019, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell.

**Motion Carried.**

## 10. SECOND AND FINAL READING, FILE No. 01-19 – DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT – 230 FOORD STREET

Mayor D. MacGillivray reported that a Public Hearing was held at 5:15 p.m. December 9, 2019 re File No. 01-19 Development Agreement, no objections received.

Coun. S. Lawand motioned to approve the Second and Final Reading, on File No. 01-19 Development Agreement for 230 Foord Street, seconded by Coun. B. Knight.

**Motion Carried.**

**11. POLICE UNION CONTRACT**

Town Clerk S. Higdon reported that the recommendation from the Stellarton Police Board of Police Commissioners is for Council to ratify the Union Contract, effective April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2024. Coun. G. Pentz declared a Conflict of Interest and abstained from any discussion or vote.

Coun. B. Knight made motion to approve the Police Union Contract, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

**12. HERITAGE GAS AGREEMENT**

Town Clerk S. Higdon reported that this was brought before Council at previous meeting; was sent to Legal for review and approval; also recommended by Town Engineer; need Council's approval to sign the extended agreement for Heritage Gas. Coun. G. Pentz made motion to sign extended agreement for Heritage Gas, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

**13. GLEN HAVEN – PURCHASE OF HOUSE**

Coun. S. Lawand, Board Member of Glen Haven, reported that Glen Haven currently rents a house, but is looking at purchasing a house; provided information on why house is needed; immigrant employees; successful and feasible solution to recruit and retain new employees; no financial liability to any municipal unit associated with the mortgage; the municipalities must approve Glen Haven's getting a mortgage because it is related to their incorporation in 1969 which requires the stakeholders to be aware when the organization places a mortgage on a property; Glen Haven does not carry a mortgage on any other property. Coun. S. Lawand made motion to support and approve Glen Haven's request to purchase a house, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz.

On the Question: Mayor D. MacGillivray commented on the labour shortage and fully supports their initiative. **Motion Carried.**

**14. EXIT 24**

Coun. G. Pentz commented re Exit 24 being poorly lit, dark and dreary. Coun. G. Pentz made motion to send a letter to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure to look at the exit, recommending better lighting, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

Town Clerk S. Higdon commented and apologized for the difficulties experienced re: Live Streaming.

**15. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

Next Council meeting will be Monday, January 13, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

**16. OPEN FORUM**

No one spoke at Open Forum.

**17. ADJOURN**

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