



TOWN OF STELLARTON

Council

February 10, 2020

5:30 PM

1. **Approval of Agenda**
2. **Approval of Minutes:** January 13, 2020
3. **Business Arising from the Minutes**
4. **Reports from Staff:**
 - a. Chief Mark Hobeck- Stellarton Police Service
 - b. Emily Jones - Building Official; Fire Inspector
 - c. Rachael McLean Planner ; Development Officer (*on leave*)
 - d. Fire Chief Mike O'Sullivan – Fire Department
 - e. Blaine Murray – Town Engineer
5. **Correspondence**
 - a. **Chief of Protocol, Glennie Langille** Re: Order of Nova Scotia
 - b. **MLA Karla MacFarlane** Re: PC Caucus Release
6. **Marketing & Communications Coordinator-** Paige Clarke Introduction
7. **Citizen Appointment updates**
8. **Committee of the Whole Report**
9. **By-law – 1st Reading** Noise Control By-Law (with amendments)
10. **By-law- 1st Reading** Outdoor Cafes and Eating
11. **By-Law – 2nd Reading** East River Low Flow Contingency By-Law
12. **Next Council Meeting:** Monday March 9, 2020 at 5:30 PM
13. **Open Forum**
14. **Adjourn**

**JANUARY 13, 2020
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA**

MEETING

A meeting of the Stellarton Town Council was held on Monday, January 13 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 Active Pictou County (item 4.f under Reports) and closure of Northern Pulp (item 9), on motion by Coun. S. Lawand, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from December 9, 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. REPORTS FROM STAFF - for information; reports attached.

- a. Police Service – Chief Hobeck presented report; highlighting staffing changes; new Term Officers.
Questions/Comments:
Coun. S. Lawand re Term Officers and related costs. Chief Hobeck reported that there are currently two term positions; turnover with term positions shows some getting full time positions with other agencies. Chief Hobeck added that they are taking steps to retain term officers.
Coun. B. Knight commented that term officers, upon approval from Chief, can become Part time / Full time with benefits.
Coun. B. Knight made motion to accept Police Service Report, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**
- b. Emily Jones – Building Official; Fire Inspector (not present) - Mayor D. MacGillivray noted that the outstanding orders are down from 8 to 7. 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, presented monthly report.
Coun. G. Pentz motioned to accept Fire Department's report for December 2019, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**
- e. Blaine Murray – Town Engineer
Town Engineer B. Murray presented his reports; commenting on the recent large snow event and snow removal/clean up.
Questions/Comments:
Mayor D. MacGillivray re the Capital list – the Public Works building and the East River Water Main; completion date. B. Murray reported that the Public Works building will not be complete by March end; looking at completion in April 2020; the Water Main should be complete by end of March.
Coun. G. Pentz motioned to accept the Town Engineer's Report and Water Utility Report, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

- f. Active Pictou County – Coun. B. Knight motioned to accept Active Pictou County Report, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. The Municipality of Barrington Re: Student Credits for Volunteer Fire Department – Town Clerk S. Higdon stated that this was sent to all municipal units in Nova Scotia; they are requesting support on their application to allow schools in Nova Scotia to offer a personal development credit for students that join a volunteer fire department and undergo the required training. Coun. G. Pentz made motion to send letter of support, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**
- b. Royal Canadian Air Force Club; thank you letter for the grant received for the Façade Program.
- c. Healthy Pictou County Re: Funders Report 2019 – Town Clerk S. Higdon re update on the three-year commitment from Town; progress to date on doctor recruitment.
- d. Pictou County Roots for Youth Re Thank you for donation of \$75 to their organization.

6. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

There was no Committee of the Whole Meeting in December.

7. BYLAW – 1st READING – Noise Control Bylaw

Town Clerk S. Higdon re Noise Control Bylaw brought forward from the Police, for Council's consideration. Questions/comments: Coun. S. Lawand re persistent dog barking, need some specifics. Coun. S. Lawand re "Agents of the Town", does that include Fire Department? Town Clerk S. Higdon stated that it wouldn't apply to the Fire Department. Coun. S. Lawand re enforcement officers. Town Clerk S. Higdon replied that it would be the Stellarton Police Service. Chief M. Hobeck added some information on taking action when a complaint is made; Officers will be made aware of new Noise Bylaw. Coun. S. Lawand re exemption for a business two nights in the summer. Town Clerk S. Higdon reported that she met with the business that last year asked about a noise bylaw and what they're potential plans were; similar to other towns. Town Clerk S. Higdon will advertise Bylaw to give opportunity for people and businesses to comment on the Bylaw at the second reading in February. Coun. G. Pentz made motion to pass the first reading of the Noise Control Bylaw, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

8. BYLAW – 1st READING – East River Low Flow Contingency Bylaw

Town Clerk S. Higdon reported that this was developed by the Town as a Policy, now it needs to be enforced; technical questions can be directed at the Town Engineer. Questions/comments: Coun. S. Lawand re ensuring that residents abide by bylaw restrictions. Town Engineer B. Murray stated that the Police will enforce bylaw. Coun. S. Lawand made motion to pass the first reading of the East River Low Flow Contingency Bylaw, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

9. NORTHERN PULP CLOSURE

Coun. S. Lawand spoke on the NS Government's recent announcement regarding Northern Pulp; \$50 million fund to help with the transition; recommends that Council send a letter to NS Government asking for more to be done for the County and those affected; what steps will be taken; need to understand their plan; huge impact on the County and the Province, especially forestry; keep pressure on the Government; and assist any way we can. Discussion followed. Motion made by Coun. S. Lawand, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz for the Town Clerk to draft a letter to the NS Government for Council's review prior to sending. **Motion Carried.**

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10. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Next Council meeting will be Monday, February 10, 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.

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK