

June 8, 2020
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

A virtual regular meeting of the Stellarton Town Council was held on Monday, June 8, 2020 at 5:30 PM via the Zoom platform as directed by Honourable Chuck Porter, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing due to the State of Emergency declared on March 22, 2020.

PRESENT

Mayor D. MacGillivray, Couns.B. Knight, S. Campbell, S.Lawand, and G. Pentz
Also present, Town Clerk S. Higdon, Marketing and Communications Coordinator, P. Clarke, Planner, R. Burek, Building Official, E. Lutton, Fire Chief, M. O'Sullivan, and Chief of Police M. Hobeck.

1. AGENDA

Councillor B. Knight approved the Agenda, seconded by Councillor S. Campbell with the following addition:

- Summer Recreation Status. Motion Carried.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councillor G. Pentz made a motion to accept the May 11, 2020 Public Hearing Minutes and May 11, 2020 Regular meeting minutes, 2020 Town Council minutes seconded by Councillor B.Knight. Motion Carried.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. REPORTS FROM STAFF

- a. Police Service – Chief Hobeck presented report.
Councillor S. Lawand made a motion to accept Police Service Report, seconded by Councillor S. Campbell. Motion carried.
- b. Emily Lutton – Building Official; Fire Inspector presented report.
Questions/Comments:
The Mayor noted there were five orders closed last month.
Councillor B. Knight made a motion to accept the Building Official report, seconded by Councillor G.Pentz. Motion carried.
- c. Roland Burek- Planner presented report.
He noted he will be receiving an application from PQ Properties for Bunker Hill. He will bring it to the Planning Advisory Committee who will make a recommendation to Council.
Councillor S. Lawand made a motion to accept Planner's Report, seconded by Councillor B. Knight. Motion carried.
- d. Fire Chief, Mike O'Sullivan presented the Fire Department report.
Questions/Comments:
The Mayor thanked the Fire Department for escorting Santa around last month. It was a much-needed moral boost for the community.
Councillor G. Pentz made a motion to accept the Fire Department Report, seconded by B. Knight. Motion carried.
- e. Paige Clarke- Marketing & Communications Coordinator presented her report.

Questions/Comments:

Council thanked Paige for helping with some recreation items as well and they are excited about Celebrating Homecoming Virtually this summer. Councillor S. Lawand made a motion to accept the Marketing and Communications Report, seconded by Councillor S. Campbell. Motion carried.

- f. Blaine Murray- Town Engineer submitted written report.

Questions/Comments:

The Mayor welcomed new Water Treatment Plant employee Andy Hartery and that he is pleased to be able to work with Trenton, Westville and Pictou on the street sweeper.

Councillor G.Pentz made a motion to accept the Town Engineer's Report, seconded by Councillor B.Knight. Motion carried.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Develop Nova Scotia- Re : Response regarding letter of Support for Municipality of Pictou County on Broadband.
- b. Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing Re: Representative for the Board of EMHA. Town Clerk noted that she has spoken with current representative Nancy Terris and she is willing to continue with another term. Councillor G. Pentz made a motion to approve Nancy Terris as the representative for the EMHA, seconded by Councillor S. Lawand. Motion carried.
- c. Joanne Reynolds Re: Pictou County – Celebrate Graduates of 2020. It was suggested to decorate the gazebo in Allan Park so Graduates can do pictures. It will be put up around June 24- 28.

6. Committee of the Whole Report

The following recommendations are for Council's consideration from the Committee of the Whole meeting virtually held on May 25, 2020:

Recommendation # 1

On recommendation of Committee of the Whole Council approve the donation of \$100.00 to the Aberdeen Palliative Care Society.

Recommendation # 2

On recommendations of Committee of the Whole Council approve the tender bids for Surplus Equipment as per below:

Coady Marsh	\$100.00	2004 Armstrong Brine Pump
	\$520.00	2005 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Standard
	\$520.00	1963 AMC Rambler Police Car
Owen Sangster	\$1000.00	2003 Freightliner M2Salt/Dump Truck Unit #42
	\$2000.00	2003 Freightliner M2 Salt/Dump Truck Unit #43
	\$2000.00	2003 Freightliner M2 Salt/Dump Truck Unit #44
Ed Stewart	\$675.00	2017 Brown Vinyl Laminated Flooring
Ivor Memorial Rink	\$3051.00	Rink Glass and Post System
Colin Dorrington	\$5200.00	2003 Zamboni Ice Machine

Councillor B. Knight made a motion to approve the recommendations, seconded by Councillor G. Pentz. Motion carried.

7. Police Station/Town Hall Accessibility Renovation Capital Design

Town Clerk noted there is a new funding stream that this capital design project could fall under. It could potentially cover up to 80% of the costs for the project. The capital design would make the project “shovel ready”.
Councillor G. Pentz made a motion to move ahead with the capital design project, seconded by Councillor S. Lawand. Motion carried.

8. Water Treatment Plant Operator- June 8, 2020

Councillor G. Pentz made a motion to approve Andy Hartery as the new Water Treatment Plant Operator effective June 8, 2020, seconded by B. Knight. Motion carried.

9. Temporary Borrowing Resolution: File # 20/21-06 Public Works Building

WHEREAS Section 66 of the Municipal Government Act provides that the Town of Stellarton, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, may borrow to expend funds for a capital purpose authorized by statute;

AND WHEREAS clause 65 (x) of the Municipal Government Act authorizes the Town of Stellarton to expend funds for the capital purpose of:

Lands and buildings required for a municipal purpose

AND WHEREAS the specific amounts and descriptions of the projects are contained in Schedule “A” (attached);

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

THAT under the authority of Section 66 of the Municipal Government Act, the Municipality borrow a sum or sums not exceeding Six Hundred and Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$675,000.00) in total for the purpose set out above, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs;

THAT the sum be borrowed by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality to such an amount as the Council deems necessary;

THAT the issue of debentures be postponed pursuant to Section 92 of the Municipal Government Act and that the Municipality borrow from time to time a sum or sums not exceeding Six Hundred and Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$675,000.00) in total from any chartered bank or trust company doing business in Nova Scotia;

THAT the sum be borrowed for a period not exceeding twelve (12) months from the date of the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs of this resolution;

THAT the interest payable on the borrowing be paid at a rate to be agreed upon; and:

THAT the amount borrowed be repaid from the proceeds of the debentures when sold.
Council G. Pentz made a motion to approve the TBR seconded by Councillor B. Knight. Motion carried.

10. 2020 Municipal Election

a. Provincial Voters List

Councillor G. Pentz made a motion to approve using the Provincial Voters List for the 2020 Municipal Election for October 2020, seconded by Councillor B. Knight. Motion carried.

b. Telephone/Electronic Voting

Town Clerk S. Higdon noted that the Municipality of the County of Pictou have decided to go solely telephone/electronic for the 2020 Municipal

Election. Due to the potential second wave of COVID- 19 people will be apprehensive about going in public. There is also the concern of finding enough polling stations as people will still have to socially distance and more staff will be required. It will cost approximately \$1000-\$1200 per polling station alone not including the costs of ballots etc. She is recommending that council consider going solely telephone/electronic voting. There was much discussion about the COVID situation and how things are very different now and most council felt there was not much choice in the matter. This would only apply to the 2020 Municipal Election and a polling station would be set up in an accessible location for voters to go should they require assistance.

Councillor G. Pentz made a motion for the Town of Stellarton to go Telephone/Electronic voting alone for the 2020 Municipal election, seconded by Councillor B. Knight. Motion carried, with Councillor S. Campbell voting against.

11. COVID- 19 Property Tax Financing Plan Policy

Councillor G. Pentz voted to accept the COVID-19 Property Tax Financing Plan Policy, seconded by Councillor B. Knight. Motion carried.

12. Summer Recreation Program

Due to COVID-19 and the lack of notice to be prepared with the planning for the Summer Recreation Program, and as well due to the fact that no Canada Summer Students were granted, it was decided to cancel the Summer Recreation Program for 2020. Town Clerk S. Higdon has been in consultation with Dream Candy and they also feel it is the best decision based on the circumstances.

Councillor G. Pentz made a motion to cancel the Summer Recreation Program for summer 2020, seconded by Councillor S. Campbell. Motion carried.

13. Next Council Meeting Date

The next meeting date is scheduled for Monday, July 13, 2020. Councillor Pentz asked that the meetings be held at 5:30 PM.

14. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councillor G. Pentz the meeting adjourned.

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK

STELLARTON TOWN COUNCIL
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