

July 13, 2020
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

A virtual regular meeting of the Stellarton Town Council was held on Monday, July 13, 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, Town Engineer, B. Murray, Marketing and Communications Coordinator, P. Clarke, Planner, R. Burek, Fire Chief, M. O'Sullivan, Finance, B. MacKay and Chief of Police M. Hobeck. Guest: Kim Livingston, Grant Thornton

1. AGENDA

Councillor G. Pentz approved the Agenda, seconded by Councillor S. Lawand.
Motion carried.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councillor G. Pentz made a motion to accept the June 8, 2020 Regular meeting minutes seconded by Deputy Mayor Campbell. Motion Carried.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. PRESENTATION OF THE 2019-20 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Kim Livingston, of Grant Thornton, presented the Financial Statements for period ending March 31, 2020; Consolidated Statements for the General Operating Fund, Water Operating Fund, Rink Operating Fund and the Capital Funds for each. Financial Statements will be available for viewing at the Town Office and will be posted on the Town's Website once signed by the Mayor and Town Clerk. Coun. S. Lawand made motion to accept the 2019-20 Audited Financial Statements, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. Motion Carried.

5. REPORTS FROM STAFF

a. Police Service – Chief Hobeck presented report. He noted there were some serious incidents that were handled very professionally. Bike patrol is out and about. Councillor Lawand asked about increased police pedestrian presence around the Senior Complexes.

Councillor S. Lawand made a motion to accept Police Service Report, seconded by Councillor B.Knight. Motion carried.

b. Emily Lutton – Building Official; Fire Inspector presented report.

Questions/Comments:

It was noted there are more complaints being received and not a lot are being closed.

Councillor B. Knight made a motion to accept the Building Official report, seconded by Councillor S. Campbell. Motion carried.

c. Roland Burek- Planner presented report.

The Mayor thanked Roland for working with a local business on the sidewalk café. Roland noted the permit has been issued.

Councillor B. Knight made a motion to accept Planner's Report, seconded by Councillor S. Lawand. Motion carried.

- d. Fire Chief, Mike O'Sullivan presented the Fire Department report.

Questions/Comments:

It was asked if there was a debriefing with the Police about an incident on Foord St. on July 1, 2020. Chief O'Sullivan will touch base with Chief Hobeck. Councillor B. Knight made a motion to accept the Fire Department Report, seconded by Councillor S. Campbell. Motion carried.

- e. Paige Clarke- Marketing & Communications Coordinator presented her report.

Questions/Comments:

Councillor Lawand asked about how to increase awareness for the virtual homecoming, promoting the fireworks display to be taking place on July 26. He also asked where the information could be found on the website regarding REMO, the video that was done with the Town of New Glasgow. Paige noted she will make it more obvious on the website so people can easily find it. Councillor B. Knight made a motion to accept the Marketing and Communications Report, seconded by Councillor S. Lawand. Motion carried.

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

Questions/Comments:

Councillor Lawand asked about the status of the patching, there are still areas still outstanding. Councillor Lawand asked Town Clerk to read part of the Engineer's report regarding the water seasonal taste. Clerk read the report for the record.

Recent test results, from a private, third party accredited laboratory, confirm the presence of geosmin and 2-Methylisoborneol (MIB), naturally occurring compounds found in surface waters (ie. lakes, rivers, streams, and dams). Geosmin is a naturally occurring compound produced by bacteria in soil and algae found in surface water. Geosmin produces the odor of overturned rich soils. Geosmin and MIB are naturally occurring compounds found in surface waters as organic molecules produced by blue-green algae. Bright sun, warm temperatures and nutrients result in ideal growing conditions for the algae. The compounds are produced inside the algae cells and are only released when the algae die. While the taste and odor can be unpleasant, geosmin and MIB are not toxic or harmful. The water remains safe to drink. On-going testing continues to show an absence of harmful bacteria and other pathogens in the water. Geosmin is not removed by conventional water treatment processes. There are several proven treatment technologies for removing geosmin from drinking water including granular or powdered activated carbon in certain applications; oxidation with ozone or advanced oxidation processes (AOPs); bio filtration; or some combination of each.

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

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. NS Power- Re : Customer Relief Efforts
- b. The Municipality of Barrington Re: Thank you for letter of support
- c. 37th Annual Donald Keddy Memorial Hockey Tournament Re: Thank you for donation.

- d. NRHS 2020 Safe Grad Committee Re: Thank you for donation
- e. Aberdeen Palliative Care Society Re: Thank you for donation
- f. Municipal Affairs and Housing Re. N. Terris Confirmation

7. Committee of the Whole Report

The following recommendations are for Council's consideration from the Committee of the Whole meeting held on June 22, 2020:

Recommendation # 1

On recommendation of Committee of the Whole Council approve the donation of \$250.00 to the Northumberland Safe Grad 2020.

Recommendation # 3

On recommendation of Committee of the Whole Council approve the tender for Rundell Street Infrastructure Upgrades Project to S.W Weeks in the amount of \$746,872.10 HST included.

Councillor S. Lawand made a motion to approve the recommendations, seconded by Councillor S. Campbell . Motion carried.

Recommendation #2

On recommendation of Committee of the Whole Council approve the tender for the rink demolition to Verhagen Demolition Limited in the amount of \$123,050.00 HST included, (added to COW recommendation) "with the written consent of all bidders, the tender may be rescinded in the event that litigation is commenced against the Town to stop the demolition." Moved by Councillor Pentz, seconded by Councillor Knight. Motion carried with Deputy Mayor Campbell against.

8. Police Commission Report

The following recommendation are for Council's consideration from the Police Commission meeting held on July 2, 2020:

Recommendation # 1

On recommendation of the Police Commssion Council approve the tender received from Dartmouth Dodge for a leased 2020 V* Durango for the amount of \$1252.00 +tax with a 48 month lease.

Councillor B. Knight made a motion to approve the recommendation, seconded by Deputy Mayor Campbell. Motion carried.

9. Application for Development Agreement – PQ Properties- 25 Bunker Hill File No. 01-20s

Councillor S. Lawand made a motion to pass first reading and that a public hearing be held on Monday, September 14 prior to the Council meeting, seconded by Councillor S. Campbell. Motion carried.

10. Next Council Meeting Date

The next meeting date is scheduled for Monday, September 14, 2020.

11. Adjournment

On motion by Councillor G. Pentz the meeting adjourned.

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK