

**NOVEMBER 9, 2020  
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA**

**MEETING**

A meeting of the Stellarton Town Council was held on Monday, November 9, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**PRESENT**

Mayor D. MacGillivray, Couns. S. Lawand, B. Knight, S. Campbell and G. Pentz. Also present was the Town Clerk S. Higdon.

**1. AGENDA**

The Agenda was approved, on motion by Coun. B. Knight, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from October 13, 2020 Council Meeting were approved on motion by Coun. G. Pentz seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

**3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**4. DECLARATION OF ELECTION**

Town Clerk S. Higdon read the following:

*"I, Susan Higdon, Town Clerk for the Town of Stellarton, declare, as a result of the Municipal Election held for the Town of Stellarton on October 17, 2020, the following:*

*Mayor Danny MacGillivray  
Councillor Susan Campbell  
Councillor Bryan Knight  
Councillor Simon Lawand  
Councillor Garry Pentz.*

**5. OATH OF OFFICE - MAYOR**

Town Clerk S. Higdon swore Danny MacGillivray in as Mayor of the Town of Stellarton. Signed Oath of Allegiance and of Office attached for the record.

**6. OATH OF OFFICE – COUNCILLORS**

Mayor D. MacGillivray swore in Susan Campbell, Bryan Knight, Simon Lawand and Gary Pentz as Councillors for the Town of Stellarton.

Signed Oaths of Allegiance and of Office attached for the record.

Town Clerk S. Higdon congratulated Mayor and Council.

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

- a. Chief Mark Hobeck – Stellarton Police Service  
Coun. S. Campbell made motion to accept Police Service Report, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand.  
On the Question; Coun. S. Lawand commented re officer getting injured on the job and hoped for a speedy recovery; incident will be discussed In Camera. **Motion Carried.**
- b. Fire Chief Mike O'Sullivan – Fire Department  
Coun. G. Pentz motioned to accept Fire Department's report for October 2020, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**
- c. Paige Clarke – Marketing & Communications  
P. Clarke presented report;

Questions/Comments:

Mayor D. MacGillivray acknowledged work on the Birch Hill Interpretive Panel, Accessibility Audit and Communications Plan.

Coun. B. Knight commented on amount of work Paige does for the Town.

Coun. B. Knight made motion to approved the Marketing & Communications report, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

d. Blaine Murray – Town Engineer

Town Engineer B. Murray presented his reports.

Questions/Comments:

Coun. G. Pentz re update on the crosswalk poles for area in front of A & W.

B. Murray no update on delivery of poles, but Public Works will pour the bases in advance of the poles arrival.

Coun. G. Pentz re NS Power and damage on St. Andrews Court. B. Murray has no update.

Mayor D. MacGillivray re clarification that the water meter request for all commercial properties only.

Mayor D. MacGillivray re Aspen Street. B. Murray reported that it is prepped and ready for asphalt; adding that Rundell Street will get a base layer of paving on November 10.

Mayor D. MacGillivray re new Town Works building; modern atmosphere for the workers.

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to approve Town Engineer's Report, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

e. Sally O'Neill – Active Pictou County Report

Mayor D. MacGillivray re Trans Canada Trails connection. P. Clarke provided information on future planning for trail development and funding. Coun. S.

Lawand made motion to approve Active Pictou County Report, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

There is no Correspondence for Council.

## 9. RESOLUTION DEPUTY MAYOR TERM OF OFFICE & SIGNING AUTHORITY

Town Clerk S. Higdon re the Resolution Deputy Mayor and Signing Authority, attached for the record, that Deputy Mayor Simon Lawand be authorized to sign cheques and other legal documents in the absence of the Mayor from November 9, 2020 until October 31, 2021 for the Town of Stellarton.

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to accept Resolution for Deputy Mayor Term of Office and Signing Authority, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

## 10. PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE RATIFICATION

Town Clerk S. Higdon reported that Jason O'Donnell has been hired for the Public Works Department effective November 2, 2020 (to replace a retiring employee).

Coun. G. Pentz motioned to accept the hiring of Jason O'Donnell, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

## 11. SPCA DONATION OF LAND

Town Clerk S. Higdon reported that a Public Hearing was held previous to this Council meeting at 5:15 p.m, for Donation of Land to SPCA North Foord Street, PID #65178444, Assessed value at \$295,800.00; as per the MGA Regulations, it was advertised in the local newspaper on October 28 and November 4, 2020. A Public Hearing was held where no issues, questions or concerns came before Council.

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to approve donation of land to the SPCA, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

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**12. OPEN FORUM**

No one spoke at the Open Forum.

**13. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

Next Council meeting will be Monday, December 14, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

**14. ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned on motion by Coun. G. Pentz.

**MAYOR**

**TOWN CLERK**