

**May 10, 2021**  
**STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA**

**MEETING**

A virtual regular meeting of the Stellarton Town Council was held on Monday, May 10, 2021 at 5:30 PM via the Zoom platform due to the State of Emergency.

**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, Active Community Living Coordinator, N. Delorey, and Fire Chief, M. O'Sullivan.

**1. AGENDA**

Councillor B. Knight approved the Agenda, seconded by Councillor G. Pentz with the following addition:

- Police Commendation as #10 on the agenda

**Motion Carried.**

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councillor G. Pentz made a motion to accept the April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Town Council minutes seconded by Deputy Mayor Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

**3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**4. PROCLAMATIONS**

**LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH**

Mayor D. MacGillivray read proclamation designating May 2021 as Lyme Disease Awareness Month, accepted on motion by Coun. S.Campbell, seconded by Coun. G.Pentz. **Motion Carried.**

**ACCESS AWARENESS DAY**

Mayor D. MacGillivray read proclamation designating May 30<sup>th</sup> to June 5<sup>th</sup> as Access Awareness Week, accepted on motion by Coun. B. Knight, seconded by Deputy Mayor S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

**WORLD LUPUS DAY MAY 10, 2020**

Mayor D. MacGillivray read proclamation designating May 10, 2021 as World Lupus Day, accepted on motion by Coun. G.Pentz, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

## 5. REPORTS FROM STAFF

### a. Police Service

Questions/Comments:

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

### b. Fire Chief, Mike O'Sullivan presented the Fire Department report.

Questions/Comments: The Mayor noted call seems to be higher.

Councillor G. Pentz made a motion to accept the Fire Department Report, seconded by B. Knight. Motion carried.

### c. Paige Clarke- Marketing & Communications Coordinator presented her report. She noted the Citizen Alert App.

Questions/Comments:

Deputy Mayor Lawand made a motion to accept the Marketing and Communications Report, seconded by Councillor Pentz. Motion carried.

### d. Blaine Murray- Town Engineer presented his report.

Questions/Comments: Blaine noted the Geosmin and MIB testing on the water will be next week until July. Councillor Campbell asked if the work that will be done on Poplar can be done by staff, Blaine confirmed that it could. Councillor Pentz asked Blaine to look into a stump that is located in Allen Park.

Mayor MacGillivray asked for clarification of #4 of the report- It is supposed to say "replacement". The Mayor thanked all staff that participated in Go Clean Get Green. He asked about putting a garbage can in front of the post office, Blaine did note it was removed because people were putting their household garbage in there and it needed to be replaced daily. He will investigate the issue.

It was mentioned about the deterioration of the ramp and stairs at the post office. Blaine indicated that is solely the responsibility of Canada Post as it is considered a private business.

The Town Clerk asked Council if they wish to send a letter to Canada Post about the matter.

Moved by Councillor Pentz, seconded by Councillor Campbell, "to write a letter to Canada Post regarding the state of their ramp and stairs." Motion carried.

The Mayor commented on the safety section of the report, he would like to see that continue. It is very important.

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

- e. Introduction of Noah Delorey, Active Community Living Coordinator  
Noah introduced himself and gave a brief description of his education and experience. The Mayor welcomed him to Stellarton.

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. Lisa MacDonald, Re: Letter to Mayor Dicks on funeral costs for members of the Fire Department. There was discussion regarding the request and some confusion. Council asked Fire Chief Mike O'Sullivan to get clarification.
- b. Minister Brendan Maguire Re: 12 month notice letter. Town Clerk noted that as part of the agreement with NSFM, the province must provide a 12 month notice on any significant changes to the requirements from the municipalities. There are no significant impacts to Stellarton.
- c. EMHA Representative Nancy Terris to Christine Pike, of EMHA. The Town was cc'd on the letter indicating the negative conditions of the state of the Seniors Housing.
- d. Mayor Nancy Dicks, Re: VON Week.  
Moved by Councillor Pentz, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lawand, "to place blue lighting in front of the Town Hall to celebrate VON week, from May 23-May 29. Motion carried.

## **7. Committee of the Whole Report**

The following recommendations are for Council's consideration from the Committee of the Whole meeting virtually held on April 26, 2021:

### **Recommendation # 1**

On recommendation of Committee of the Whole Council approve the donation of \$300.00 to the Northumberland Regional High School for the Karma Closet Project.

### **Recommendation # 2**

On recommendation of Committee of the Whole Council approve the donation of \$100.00 to New Leaf for a business card ad in their Cookbook.

**Recommendation # 3**

On recommendation of Committee of the Whole Council approve the patching tender received from S.W Weeks Construction Ltd. for the amount of \$51,031.25 including HST as it was the lowest bid received.

**Recommendation # 4**

On recommendation of Committee of the Whole Council approve the Allan & Victoria Infrastructure Upgrades tender received from S.W Weeks Construction Ltd. for the amount of \$913,617.50 including HST as it was the lowest bid received.

**Recommendation # 5**

On recommendation of Committee of the Whole Council approve the use of a portion of capital reserves up to \$90,000.00 reroute the storm sewer for Coll Avenue.

**Recommendation # 6**

On recommendation of Committee of the Whole Council approve the parking plan for Foord Street.

**8. DECISION FROM THE NS UTILITY AND REVIEW BOARD Re: 25 BUNKER HILL**

The Town Clerk reported that a decision was made from the Utility and Review Board regarding the appeal from PQ. Properties and 25 Bunker Hill. PQ. Properties have won the appeal.

Moved by Councillor Knight, seconded by Councillor Campbell, "to receive for information the decision of the NS Utility and Review Board." Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Pentz, seconded by Councillor Knight, "to accept the statement of facts as pre-approved by the solicitor, the Town Planner and the Clerk." Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Knight, seconded by Councillor Campbell, "to not appeal the decision made by the NS Utility and Review Board." Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Lawand asked what the cost was to the taxpayer for this issue. The clerk reported the cost was approximately \$5,700.

**9. TOWN OF STELLARTON PARKING PLAN**

Although approved during the Committee Report, the clerk showed the details to the public on the details and the Mayor highlighted some areas. A suggestion was providing, it is approved by the traffic authority, an accessible parking spot

should be placed in front of the library. It was noted that anywhere there is an accessible parking spot, the Town Engineer indicated the curbs would need to be cut out, which is not a significant issue.

#### **10. POLICE LETTER OF COMMENDATION**

Councillor Knight, Chair of the Police Commission noted that a letter of commendation was brought up at the Police Commission meeting and how it should be acknowledged how positive things are going in the Police Department. They have shut down drug houses, and have received numerous notes of thanks. The leadership of the Police Chief was also noted as a positive thing for Community Policing.

Moved by Councillor Knight, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lawand, "to write a Letter of Commendation to the Stellarton Police Service." Motion carried.

Mayor MacGillivray also commented on the how good it is to hear all the positive comments and the Chief of Police was a great hire. They asked the Town Clerk to draft a letter.

#### **11. OPEN FORUM**

The Clerk confirmed there were no requests for the link to the meeting.

#### **12. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting date is scheduled for Monday, June 14, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

#### **13. ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Deputy Mayor Lawand, the meeting adjourned.

**MAYOR**

**TOWN CLERK**