

June 14, 2021
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

A virtual regular meeting of the Stellarton Town Council was held on Monday, June 14, 2021 at 5:30 PM via the Zoom platform due to the State of Emergency.

PRESENT

Mayor D. MacGillivray, Counc.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:

- Under Correspondence, Letter from the Town of New Glasgow Re: SPCA
Motion Carried.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councillor G. Pentz made a motion to accept the May 10th, 2021 Town Council minutes seconded by Deputy Mayor Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

- ### 3. PRESENTATION – PICTOU COUNTY CRUISE COMMITTEE-
- Michelle Young Chair of the Pictou County Cruise Committee and Member of Committee, Michelle Young and Denise Taylor were present to update Council. She discussed the highlights, moving forward after the pandemic, and the impacts. They were established in 2007 and have welcomed 24 ships since 2012. They have 4 confirmed in 2022 and 2 in 2023. They discussed the economic impacts of these ships to the local economy. Unfortunately, Transport Canada has shut the cruise line industry down until February 2022. She also discussed the re-opening plans and the communications plan for the future. They have had a presence at industry trade shows and are looking forward to expanding the opportunities offered in Pictou County by offering more excursion options and engaging more local partners. It is the authentic experiences that tourists are looking for.

The Mayor thanked both Michelle and Denise for the update.

They left the meeting.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Town Clerk Higdon updated Council on the Letter from Mayor Nancy Dicks Re: Covering funeral cots for Volunteer Fire Departments as clarified by Fire Chief O'Sullivan It was to let other departments know their intent.

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. REPORTS FROM STAFF

a. Police Service

Questions/Comments:

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

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

Questions/Comments: There was discussion regarding the issue with the cat in the tree which caused a stir on social media. There was nothing the fire department could do so the owner called in an arborist.

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: Councillor Pentz asked about the water feature in Allan Park and how it does not seem to be working. Councillor Lawand reported that this has been looked at numerous times in the past. Blaine will look into it once again and report back to council on possible fixes.

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.

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

e. Noah Delorey, Active Community Living Coordinator presented his report

Questions/Comments: Deputy Mayor asked for details on the Dog Park, Councillor Knight reported that this is at the preliminary stages and there is nothing definitive to report at this time as the land is not even secured from the Province at this time.

Deputy Mayor Lawand asked about the details on the Community Play box. Noah responded this is an initiative that was started by Active Pictou County and they are in all municipalities. The idea is for residents to use at a certain playground and leave for others to enjoy.

Deputy Mayor Lawand asked if there was a consideration regarding a Homecoming event in the Fall. Noah noted there was discussion with his colleagues in other municipalities to see if they are doing any events in the Fall. Councillor Knight noted that Homecoming decided to postpone until 2022 and if there are any updates that it would have to brought to the Homecoming Committee.

Deputy Mayor Lawand made a motion to accept the Active Community Living Coordinator's Report, seconded by Councillor Knight. Motion carried.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Town of New Glasgow Re: SPCA request for donation. They declined to offer financial support.

7. APPLCIATION FOR APPROVAL FOR OUTDOOR CAFÉ

Roland Burek provided a verbal report asking council to approve the permit application noting that in this circumstance it is a little different than the Bylaw, however it does not impede public safety as was approved by the Traffic Authority. The bylaw will be reconsidered in the Fall.

Moved by Councillor Pentz, seconded by Councillor Knight, to approve the permit application for 2021 from Andres Seats. Motion carried.

It was asked that because the sidewalk is now used for the café to ask Public Works to erect a "sidewalk closed" sign at the crosswalk so pedestrians can use the crosswalk to get to the other side.

8. 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, 2021:

Recommendation # 1

On recommendation of Committee of the Whole Council approve the salt shed proposal from Robert Archibald General Contracting in the amount of

\$228,452,10 including HST as it was the highest criteria score and the lowest bid.

Recommendation # 2

On recommendation of Committee of the Whole Council approve the donation of \$100.00 to the Pictou County 4-H Club.

Moved by Councillor Pentz, seconded by Councillor Knight, motion carried.

9. TOWN HALL ROOF AND SCAFFOLDING RFQ RECOMMENDATION

A request for quotations was sent out to several contractors to install a metal roof over top of the existing asphalt roof. One bid was submitted as follows:

Mark Maclsaac Construction	\$19,100.00 excludes HST
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A separate RFQ was sent out to contractors for the supply and installation of scaffolding required to do the roof work. Two submission were submitted as follows:

Mark Maclsacc Construction	\$9,200.00 excludes HST
Sancton Access	\$19,486.00 excludes HST

Moved by Councillor Pentz, seconded by Councillor Campbell to award both quotes to Mark Maclsaac Construction as it is recommended by Town Engineer and is the lowest bid received, motion carried.

10. MEMORAL BENCH DEDICATION

An application was received to insert a bench in Olympic Park in memory of Joseph and Loretta MacNeil. It adheres to the Commemorative Bench and Tree Memorial Policy AD- 013.

Moved by Councillor Knight, seconded by Councillor Campbell, to approve the application for the memorial bench, motion carried.

11. RECOMMENDATION FROM POLICE COMMISSION

The following recommendation is for Council's consideration from the Police Commission meeting virtually held on June 3, 2021:

On recommendation of the Police Commission, that Council approve the new member of the Stellarton Police Commission, Kevin Mason for a three year term

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with an option to extend for a second term. Moved by Councillor Knight, seconded by Councillor Campbell, motion carried.

12. POLICY DRAFT- STELLARTON SOCIAL MEDIA

Deputy Mayor Lawand had questions on the draft policy. After discussion, the Town Clerk suggested it be brought back to Committee of the Whole in June to discuss in detail. All agreed.

13. OPEN FORUM

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

14. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date is scheduled for Monday, July 12, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

15. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councillor Pentz, to adjourn the meeting.

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK