

**OCTOBER 11, 2022**  
**STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA**

**MEETING**

A meeting of the Stellarton Town Council was held on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

**PRESENT**

Mayor D. MacGillivray, Couns. S. Lawand, G. Pentz and B. Knight. Also present was the Chief Administrative Officer S. Higdon.

Regrets: Coun. S. Campbell.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

The Agenda was approved as amended to include #10. Hurricane Fiona impact on trees and NS Power and #11 Timelines for tree debris pick-up on properties, on motion by Coun. G. Pentz seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

**2. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from September 12, 2022 Council Meeting were approved on motion by Coun. B. Knight, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

**3. Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**4. Proclamation – Circular Economy Month**

Mayor D. MacGillivray read proclamation, declaring October 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 as Circular Economy Month. Coun. G. Pentz made motion to approve October as Circular Economy Month, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

**5. Presentation – Rev. Jim Swain Re: Operation Christmas Child**

Rev. Jim Swain provided information about Operation Christmas Child, a world-wide Christian organization; asked if the Town could take part. Mayor D. MacGillivray asked in what capacity. Rev. Jim Swain gave options. Mayor D. MacGillivray stated that this item will be brought to the Annual Grants Committee of the Whole meeting for discussion and will let Rev. Swain know their decision.

**6. Reports from Staff - for information; reports attached.**

**a. Chief Mark Hobeck – Stellarton Police Service**

Coun. B. Knight made motion to accept Police Service Report, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

**b. Fire Chief Mike O’Sullivan – Fire Department**

Mayor D. MacGillivray thanked the Fire Department for their response and support during Hurricane Fiona by having the Comfort Centre; there was an increase in calls as well; the Town is grateful for their service.

Coun. G. Pentz motioned to accept Fire Department’s report for September 2022, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

**c. Paige Clarke – Marketing and Communications**

Mayor D. MacGillivray re the new Town App letting people know about it.

CAO S. Higdon replied that if people have the current app, it will notify you that there is an updated app coming; the app is called Town App.

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to approve the Marketing and Communications report, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

**d. Blaine Murray – Town Engineer**

Coun. B. Knight commented on the water meter installation at his residence; they did a great job and provided relevant information.

Coun. S. Lawand acknowledged the work by the Public Works in response to the recent hurricane clean-up.

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

**e. Noah Delorey – Active Community Living Coordinator Report**

Coun. B. Knight stated that he and Coun. Pentz attended Homecoming wind-up meeting; a successful festival with very little concerns; complimented Paige and Noah for their hard work. Coun. G. Pentz also mentioned the contributions from organizations such as the Legion and Air Force Association.

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to approve Active Community Living Coordinator Report, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

**7. Correspondence**

**a. Email letter from Dale Patterson, EA Project Lead for Tomorrow's Mill –**

CAO S. Higdon received letter informing Council the environmental consultants WSP will be back on the water to conduct marine baseline studies; read letter for Council's information.

**8. Committee of the Whole Report**

The following recommendation is for Council's consideration from correspondence received since the last Committee meeting.

Recommendation #1

On the recommendation of Committee of the Whole Council approve \$500.00 to the NSCC Pictou Campus Student Association for their welcome back BBQ.

Coun. B. Knight made motion to approve Committee of the Whole recommendation, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz. **Motion Carried.**

**9. Resolution Deputy Mayor Term of Office & Signing Authority**

Mayor D. MacGillivray read Resolution Deputy Mayor and Signing Authority appointing Coun. Bryan Knight as Deputy Mayor from November 1, 2022 until October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, resolution attached. Coun. G. Pentz made motion to approve resolution, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

**10. Hurricane Fiona Tree Impact and NS Power**

Coun. B. Knight stated he received several calls regarding trees impacted by Hurricane Fiona; some situations could become dangerous; recommends being proactive by creating a program to cut down certain trees preventing future damages.

Coun. B. Knight commented re NS Power's response; he feels that more should be done, especially to assist any vulnerable residents.

Mayor D. MacGillivray added that NS Power may not have known of all power outages; the information flow could be part of the issue.

Coun. G. Pentz re a learning curve for all organizations – Bell Aliant, NS Power etc.

Coun. S. Lawand commented that people were unable to report outages due to internet being down as well as phone line problems; could REMO offer assistance; identify priorities for future.

**11. Timelines for Debris Pick-Up**

Coun. G. Pentz also received calls from residents regarding timelines when the Town was picking up storm debris (trees, branches). CAO S. Higdon reported that staff have been going nonstop picking up debris; received support from Verhagen and Stewarts; other operations are stalled because of the clean-up; after meeting with Town Engineer,

the Public Works will continue to clean-up debris from curbside; until October 31. She added that there may still be trees that need removal since services are unavailable; in those cases, residents can contact the Town for pickup; this notice will be posted online.

**12. Open Forum**

CAO S. Higdon reminded Council and residents that there is an Open House on October 12 with Neptune Technology Group regarding the installation of water meters for residents which will be at the Stellarton Fire Hall from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; an opportunity for residents to ask questions about the installation process, billing, leaks, etc.

- 13. Next Council Meeting:** Monday, November 14, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.  
**Public Hearing Meeting:** Monday, November 14, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

**14. ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned on motion by Coun. G. Pentz.

**MAYOR**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**