

NOVEMBER 14, 2022
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

A meeting of the Stellarton Town Council was held on Monday, November 14, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

PRESENT

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

1. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved as amended to include #9. Dangerous and Unsightly Property Motion, on motion by Coun. G. Pentz seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from October 11, 2022 Council Meeting and November 7, 2022 Special Council meeting were approved on motion by Coun. G. Pentz, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. 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
Coun. B. Knight motioned to accept Fire Department’s report for October 2022, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz. **Motion Carried.**
- c. Paige Clarke – Marketing and Communications
Coun. B. Knight made motion to approve the Marketing and Communications report, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz. **Motion Carried.**
- d. Blaine Murray – Town Engineer
Coun. B. Knight made motion to approve Town Engineer’s Reports, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz. **Motion Carried.**
- e. Noah Delorey – Active Community Living Coordinator Report
Coun. S. Campbell made motion to approve Active Community Living Coordinator Report, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

5. Correspondence

- a. **Pictou County Transit Authority** Re: Financial Statements March 31, 2022 – CAO S. Higdon for Council’s information. Coun. B. Knight commented that he received positive feedback about the service. Mayor D. MacGillivray stated that the ridership has been increasing.
- b. **Nova Scotia Power Peter Gregg, President & CEO** Re: Cap Response information – CAO S. Higdon re correspondence from Peter Gregg, President & CEO of NS Power about the impact of Bill 212, amending the Public Utility’s Act; read letter for the record; for Council’s information
- c. **CCRCE** Re: International Students Host Families – CCRCE dropped off information cards for Council re international students; looking for more host families.

6. 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 \$1900.00 to participate in the Climate Change Summit with the Town of New Glasgow and the AIM Network.

Recommendation #2

On the recommendation of Committee of the Whole Council approve the Salt Haul Tender in the amount of \$14.90/tonne from DG Sons Trucking Ltd. as it was the lowest tender received.

Recommendation #3

On the recommendation of Committee of the Whole Council sign on as an endorser of the Coalition for Healthy School Food.

Coun. B. Knight made motion to approve Committee of the Whole recommendations, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

7. Dangerous and Unsightly Motion – 106 Rutherford Ext.

CAO S. Higdon – as per the Public Hearing that was held today at 5:00 p.m., the motion on the floor is to “demolish the existing dilapidated structure within 30 days and/or submit a structural report by an engineer licensed to practice in Nova Scotia with all remediated work outlined in said report by December 14, 2022, and all repairs identified in the report to be corrected within 60 days of the date of this order.”

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to approve the Dangerous and Unsightly Order for 106 Rutherford St. Ext, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

8. Dangerous and Unsightly Motion – 137 / 139 Maple Street

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Coun. B. Knight made motion to approve the Dangerous and Unsightly Order for 137 / 139 Maple Street. **Motion Carried.**

9. Dangerous and Unsightly Motion – 339 South Foord Street

CAO S. Higdon – the motion on the floor is to demolish the existing dilapidated structure as per the consent agreement that was signed in May 2022.

Coun. B. Knight made motion to approve Dangerous and Unsightly Order for 339 South Foord Street, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz. **Motion Carried.**

10. Town Owned Trees

Coun. B. Knight reported he received several calls from residents concerned about trees that could potentially damage properties; feels the Town should address issue and remove trees. Coun. B. Knight made motion to have Town remove fallen and dangerous trees to prevent potential damage and include plan in the next budget year to address the issue, there was no seconded, motion died.

Mayor D. MacGillivray commented that there will be discussions during budget deliberations about trees. CAO S. Higdon reported that the Town Engineer is preparing a Priority List and Costing for Council's consideration, which will be presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting in two weeks.

11. Open Forum

Alisha James asked about the Town Clock and wondered if it could be programmed not to ring during the night.

Mayor D. MacGillivray stated that the clock is due for repairs and during the process they will look at having a timer installed as well.

13. Next Council Meeting: Monday, December 12, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

13. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned on motion by Coun. G. Pentz.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER