

DECEMBER 13, 2022
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

A meeting of the Stellarton Town Council was held on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

PRESENT

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

Regrets: Coun. B. Knight.

1. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved as amended, removing item #9, tabling it to the January meeting, and adding NS Power Lighting on Allan Avenue as item #9, on motion by Coun. G. Pentz seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from November 14, 2022 Public Hearing and November 14, 2022 Regular 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. Presentation to Canada Games Representatives Blayse Stevenson Summer Games & Noah Thompson Winter Games

Mayor D. MacGillivray presented Blayse Stevenson with Certificate in recognition of his participation in the Canada Summer Games in Niagara Falls.

Mayor D. MacGillivray stated that Noah Thompson will be participating in the 2023 Canada Winter Games and presented him with Certificate.

5. Presentation – Pictou County Partnership

CEO Scott Ferguson, along with Wade Thibeau and Heidi Sinclair, made presentation to Council highlighting:

- Beginning a new 5-year planning cycle and Strategic Plan for the County
- Key principals for plan
- Focus on Workforce and Labour
- Business Development; Economic Development
- Community-based
- Provincial and Federal partnerships and funding
- Future investments and spending parameters
- Business outreach and support; networking
- Labour, housing, transportation issues
- Identify existing resources
- Access to capital
- Investment attraction for the County
- Bio-based business potential
- Workforce development; immigration and local solutions; recruitment
- Digital readiness
- Succession preparedness

Mayor D. MacGillivray thanked presenters for their information update and look forward to future developments.

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

- a. Chief Mark Hobeck – Stellarton Police Service
Coun. S. Lawand made motion to accept Police Service Report, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**
- b. Fire Chief Mike O’Sullivan – Fire Department
Coun. G. Pentz motioned to accept Fire Department’s report for November 2022, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**
- c. Paige Clarke – Marketing and Communications
Coun. S. Lawand made motion to approve the Marketing and Communications report, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**
- d. Blaine Murray – Town Engineer
Coun. G. Pentz made motion to approve Town Engineer’s Reports, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**
- e. Noah Delorey – Active Community Living Coordinator Report
Coun. G. Pentz made motion to approve Active Community Living Coordinator Report, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

7. Correspondence

- a. **NRHS** Re: Request for donation – CAO S. Higdon re the High School Boys hockey is requesting donation towards the annual Danny Dorrington Memorial Hockey Tournament. Coun. G. Pentz made motion to approve donation of \$75 business-card size advertisement, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

8. Committee of the Whole Report

The following recommendation is for Council’s consideration from correspondence received at the Committee of the Whole meeting held on November 28, 2022

Recommendation #1

On the recommendation of Committee of the Whole Council approve \$250.00 to the Pictou County Fuel Fund.

Recommendation #2

On the recommendation of Committee of the Whole Council approve the removal of trees as per the “Town Property Tree Damage Report” as presented by the Town Engineer.

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to approve Committee of the Whole recommendations, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

Mayor D. MacGillivray and CAO S. Higdon reported that government funding will be requested for tree cleanup.

9. Belfast Fire Department Re: Fire Truck Purchase – Tabled to the January meeting.

9. NS Power Lighting on Allan Avenue – Coun. G. Pentz received concerns from residents on Allan Avenue, regarding limited street lighting. CAO S. Higdon will follow up with NS Power.

10. Pictou County Transit Authority Removal of “Pilot” provision – CAO S. Higdon reported that the province has requested the two municipal owners of the Pictou County Transit Authority – New Glasgow and Stellarton – consider the removal of the provision that this is a “pilot” as it is impacting the ability to access operating and capital funding from new streams of funding being provided to permanent transit services. She added that the removal of “pilot” does not impact future considerations that may be made related to the transit service and operational budget requirements from the

municipalities. Coun. G. Pentz made motion to approve the removal of the provision of “pilot” to the current fixed route transit service being provided by the Pictou County Transit Authority”, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

11. Open Forum

12. Next Council Meeting: Monday, January 9, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

13. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned on motion by Coun. G. Pentz.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER