

JANUARY 9, 2023
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

A meeting of the Stellarton Town Council was held on Monday, January 9, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

PRESENT

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

1. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved as amended to include Fire Department Personnel Bylaw as #11, on motion by Coun. G. Pentz, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from December 13, 2022 Regular Council meeting were approved on motion by Coun. G. Pentz, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. Presentation of Service Awards

Mayor D. MacGillivray announced the following Services Awards:

- a. Cst. Adam Syer 5 years
- b. Blaine Murray 5 years
- c. Darren Sangster 5 years
- d. Mark Thibeau 5 years
- e. Insp. Chris Pond 15 years
- f. Jane Knickle 15 years
- g. Jarret Campbell 15 years
- h. Lee Caldwell 15 years
- i. Sgt. Paul Pentz 30 years

Blaine Murray, Darren Sangster, Mark Thibeau, Jarret Campbell, and Lee Caldwell were present to receive their Service Awards.

5. 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. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**
- b. Fire Chief Mike O’Sullivan – Fire Department
Coun. G. Pentz motioned to accept Fire Department’s report for December 2022, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**
- c. Paige Clarke – Marketing and Communications
Coun. B. Knight made motion to approve the Marketing and Communications report, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**
- d. Blaine Murray – Town Engineer
Coun. S. Lawand made motion to approve Town Engineer’s Reports, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz. **Motion Carried.** Mayor D. MacGillivray mentioned that the residential water meter installation is approximately 32% completed.

- e. Noah Delorey – Active Community Living Coordinator Report
Mayor D. MacGillivray noted that Pictou County will be hosting the 2023 Nova Scotia 55 Plus Games set for September 2023. Coun. G. Pentz made motion to approve Active Community Living Coordinator Report, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

6. Correspondence

- a. **Bantam Memorial Tournament** Re: Request for donation – CAO S. Higdon reported that on February 3 to 5, 2023, the 37th Annual Pictou County Bantam Memorial Tournament will take place at the Wellness Centre; they are looking for a donation; Council did donate \$50 in 2022 but due to COVID, the tournament was cancelled. Coun. G. Pentz made motion to donate \$50 to the Bantam Memorial Tournament, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**
- b. **Mariposa East Skating Centre** Re: Request for donation – CAO S. Higdon reported that the Mariposa East Skating Centre is hosting provincials on February 10 to 12; similar situation, Council approved \$100 donation in 2021, however, the event was cancelled due to COVID. Coun. G. Pentz made motion to donate \$100 to Mariposa East Skating Centre, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

7. Committee of the Whole Report – no report

- 8. Belfast Fire Department Re: Fire Truck Purchase –** CAO S. Higdon stated that the Town will be purchasing a new Fire Truck for the Fire Department in November; they will be selling their current fire truck – a 2003 pumper fire truck; a quote was received from Belfast Fire Department, PEI in the amount \$40,000.00; this will go back into capital. Coun. B. Knight made motion to accept the offer, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz.

On the Question:

Mayor D. MacGillivray noted that purchaser wants the truck to be delivered; is our Department willing to do this? CEO S. Higdon replied that it shouldn't be an issue.

Motion Carried.

- 9. Pictou County Partnership Stakeholder Report –** CAO S. Higdon re the Pictou County Partnership Stakeholder quarterly report for October, November and December, for Council's information.

- 10. Healthy Pictou County Report –** CAO S. Higdon re Healthy Pictou County's updated report for Council's information.

- 11. Fire Department Personnel Bylaw –** Coun. B. Knight spoke re the difficulties that fire departments are experiencing with recruitment of new volunteers. He pointed out that the current bylaw stipulates that volunteers have to be Stellarton residents; he feels that this limits potential number of volunteers. Coun. B. Knight made motion to have that section of the bylaw be removed, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz.

On the Question:

CAO S. Higdon reported, for Council's information, that this amendment to the Bylaw will be brought to Council in February 2023 and it requires two readings; the second reading being in March; then passed as per procedure.

Motion Carried.

12. Open Forum

No one spoke at the Open Forum

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13. Next Council Meeting: Monday, February 13, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

14. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned on motion by Coun. G. Pentz.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER