

**MAY 8, 2023**  
**STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA**

**MEETING**

A meeting of the Stellarton Town Council was held on Monday, May 8, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

**PRESENT**

Mayor D. MacGillivray, Couns. S. Lawand, B. Knight, 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 #9 Mental Health Group Update, on motion by Coun. G. Pentz, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

**2. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from April 11, 2023 Regular Council meeting were approved on motion by Coun. B. Knight, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

**3. Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**4. Proclamation – Proclamation of World Lupus Day – Mayor D. MacGillivray read Proclamation of World Lupus Day (attached).**

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to recognize May 10, 2023 as World Lupus Day, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

**5. Presentation – Matt Delorme, Climate Change Summit**

Matt Delorme gave presentation re Climate Change Summit highlights:

- Pictou County Climate Summit on June 3 at the PC Wellness Centre
- Program through FCM delivered by Municipal Asset Management Program
- Real need in increasing community involvement in infrastructure decisions
- Aging infrastructure
- Climate Change issues and adaptations
- Encourage action at a local level
- Federal policies; funding opportunities
- Climate discussion
- Engage local youth
- Intergovernmental corporations or interorganizational
- Summit schedule reviewed; exhibitors and guest speakers
- Council attendance encouraged
- Risk assessments; priority projects; funding applications January 2024

Council thanked Matt for presentation.

**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. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

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

Coun. G. Pentz motioned to accept Fire Department’s report for April 2023, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

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

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. S. Lawand 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 made motion to approve Active Community Living Coordinator Report, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

**7. Correspondence**

There is no new correspondence.

**8. Committee of the Whole Report**

The following recommendation is for Council's consideration from the Committee of the Whole meeting held on April 24, 2023:

**Recommendation #1**

On recommendation of Committee of the Whole Council approve the asphalt tender from Weeks Construction in the amount of \$371 per tonne for hand patching and \$358 per tonne for spreader patching as it was the only tender received.

**Recommendation #2**

On recommendation of Committee of the Whole Council accept for information the Claremont Upgrade Tender in the amount of \$2,090,867.50 HST included from S.W. Weeks as it was the lowest received. To also accept the Kirk Upgrade for information in the amount of \$2,299,632 from CF Construction as it was the lowest amount received. The final decision of the upgrades will be determined at budget deliberations as there is a question posed to the Province of Nova Scotia as per the funding allowance.

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

**9. Mental Health Group Update**

Coun. B. Knight provided update on Group; meetings with government and hospital staff. Brought forward suggestions such as mental health patients who go to the Emergency Department will be triaged and sent to a separate area; have beds in Pictou County for these patients. Coun. B. Knight noted that an issue is the lack of staffing in mental health care.

Mayor D. MacGillivray and Coun. S. Lawand thanked Coun. B. Knight for his involvement in this Group.

**10. Open Forum**

Robert Pentz, 89 Poplar Street, comments:

- Spoke at an earlier meeting regarding the mess from Hurricane Fiona
- A lot of wood still there
- Does the Town have any plans to do more clean up?

Mayor D. MacGillivray reported that they are looking at additional clean up work in certain areas.

**11. Next Council Meeting:** Monday, June 12, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

**12. ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned on motion by Coun. G. Pentz.

STELLARTON TOWN COUNCIL  
MAY 8, 2023

**MAYOR**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**