

SEPTEMBER 9, 2024
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

A meeting of the Stellarton Town Council was held on Monday, September 9, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

PRESENT

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

1. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved as amended to include under Correspondence 7.d. The Legion Flag Raising, on motion by Coun. B. Knight, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz.

Motion Carried.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from July 8, 2024 Regular Council meeting were approved on motion by Coun. G. Pentz, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no Business Arising from the Minutes.

4. Proclamation – Right to Know Week – September 23 – 29, 2024

Mayor D. MacGillivray read proclamation: attached, for the record. Coun. S. Lawand made motion to approve Right to Know Week, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

5. Proclamation – National Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Month

Mayor D. MacGillivray read proclamation, attached, for the record. Coun. G. Pentz made motion to approve National Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Month, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

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

a. Chief Mark Hobeck – Stellarton Police Service

Coun. S. Lawand commented re speeding on South Foord Street, and asked for the radar be installed at that location. CAO S. Higdon stated that the radar sign is scheduled to be erected at that location next. Coun. B. Knight added that there are plans on installing a permanent speed sign on South Foord Street. Coun. B. Knight noted that two new officers were hired. Coun. B. Knight made motion to accept Police Service Reports, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

b. Fire Chief Mike O’Sullivan – Fire Department

Coun. G. Pentz motioned to accept Fire Department’s reports for July and August 2024, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

c. Paige Draper – Marketing and Communications

Coun. S. Lawand made motion to approve the Marketing and Communications report, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.** Mayor and Council commented re the Homecoming Festival and amount of work Paige did to ensure its success. Mayor D. MacGillivray also thanked summer student Olivia Fitt for all her hard work this season.

d. Blaine Murray – Town Engineer

Coun. S. Lawand suggested including more street lights for next budget; perform a study to determine where lights are needed.

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

7. Correspondence

- a. **Mariposa East Skating Centre** Re: Request for Donation – CAO S. Higdon stated that a donation request has been received from the Mariposa East Skating Centre for an advertisement; she reported that there is no money left in the Annual Grants Budget. Council denied request and letter will be sent informing them of the Annual Grants policy.
- b. **Property Valuation Services Corporation** Re: New CEO – CAO S. Higdon for Council's information, the Board of Directors for the Property Valuation Services Corporation has a new CEO Scott Farmer.
- c. **Healthy Pictou County** Re: August Report for Council's information.
- d. **The Legion Flag Raising** – CAO S. Higdon stated that Legion Week is taking place from September 15 to 21st, they are having an Open House at the Legion on September 15 from 2:00 to 5:00; they are asking if the Town will raise the Legion flag during Legion Week. Coun. G. Pentz made motion to raise the Legion flag from September 15 to September 21, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

8. Committee of the Whole Report

The following recommendation is for Council's consideration from the Committee of the Whole meeting held on July 22, 2024.

Recommendation #1

On recommendation of Committee of the Whole Council approve the donation of land 00943407 to the Stellarton Memorial Community Centre Association. The Town will follow the proper procedure as per the Municipal Government Act.

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

9. Public Hearing Notice – Proposed Inter-Municipal Planning Strategy Land Donation – CAO S. Higdon commented as part of the land donation, the Town has to advertise that the Town is giving this land away; there will be Public Hearing to deal with the land donation on October 15, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Also at that Public Hearing, Council will be hearing any concerns, questions or any of the sort regarding the Proposed Intermunicipal Planning Strategy that has been updated.

10. First Reading – Municipal Planning Inter-Municipal Planning Strategy – Mayor D. MacGillivray gave the First Reading for the Municipal Planning Inter-Municipal Planning Strategy:

“BE IT RESOLVED that Stellarton Town Council grants first reading for the adoption of the Inter-municipal Planning Strategy, Town of Stellarton Secondary Planning Strategy, and Common (Uniform) Land Use By-law, as outlined under the Municipal Government Act of Nova Scotia, for the Towns of Pictou, Stellarton and Trenton. Be it further resolved that a public hearing will be held at 5:00 p.m., October 15, 2024, at the Stellarton Town Council Chambers, to consider any comments, objections or submissions with respect to this application.”

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to approve First Reading, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

11. First Reading - Donation of Land - SMCCA PID # 00943407 – Mayor D. MacGillivray gave the First Reading for the Donation of Land, Stellarton Memorial Community Centre PID #00943407:

“BE IT RESOLVED that Stellarton Town Council grants first reading for the donation of Land PID # 00943407 to the Stellarton Memorial Community Centre Association as outlined under the Municipal Government Act of Nova Scotia. Be it further resolved that a public hearing will be held at 5:00 p.m., October 15, 2024, at the Stellarton Town Council Chambers, to consider any comments, objections or submissions with respect to this donation.”

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to approve First Reading, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand.
Motion Carried.

12. Municipal Affairs and Housing Re: Code of Conduct – CAO S. Higdon read letter from John Lohr, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to all Nova Scotia elected officials and CAO’s providing an update on the Municipal and Village Codes of Conduct; the new Code of Conduct will come into effect following the October municipal election; the Legislative Provisions require municipalities and villages to adopt a Code of Conduct consisting of the model Code of Conduct as outlined in the regulations; must adopt model of Code of Conduct within 60 days following the October election and provide confirmation of their Notice of Adoption; training will be ready in early 2025. CAO S. Higdon noted that this is for Council’s information and will be approving the Code of Conduct with the new Council.

13. Open Forum

No one spoke at the Open Forum.

14. Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.
Public Hearing: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

15. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned on motion by Coun. S. Lawand

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER