

NOVEMBER 12, 2024
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

A meeting of the Stellarton Town Council was held on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT

Mayor D. MacGillivray, Couns. S. Lawand, S. Campbell, and G. Pentz. Also present was Council-elect Darren Stroud, Sandra Eis, Mark Fortune and the CAO S. Higdon.

1. AGENDA

The Agenda was approved, on motion by Coun. G. Pentz, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from October 15, 2024 Regular Council and October 15, 2024 Public Hearing were approved on motion by Coun. S. Lawand seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. Presentation to Councillors 2020-2024

CAO S. Higdon made presentation to the outgoing Council members and personally thanked Councillor Simon Lawand and Mayor Danny MacGillivray for their support and service. CAO S. Higdon presented gifts of appreciation from the Town. Coun. S. Lawand thanked everyone and congratulated new Council members. Mayor D. MacGillivray thanked staff and CAO Susan Higdon; and welcomed new Council members.

5. DECLARATION OF ELECTION

CAO S. Higdon read the following:

"I, Susan Higdon, CAO for the Town of Stellarton, make the following declaration, as a result of the October 19, 2024 Municipal Election:

Mayor Darren Stroud

Councillors for Ward 1 Sandra Eis and Mark Fortune

Councillors for Ward 2 Susan Campbell and Garry Pentz.

The term of office for the above is November 12, 2024 to November 2028.

Respectfully submitted.

6. OATH OF OFFICE - MAYOR

Danny MacGillivray swore Darren Stroud in as Mayor of the Town of Stellarton. Signed Oath of Allegiance and of Office attached for the record.

7. OATH OF OFFICE – COUNCILLORS

Sandra Eis, Mark Fortune, Susan Campbell and Garry Pentz read the Oath of Office as Councillors for the Town of Stellarton.

Signed Oaths of Allegiance and of Office attached for the record.

Mayor D. Stroud thanked the outgoing Councillors and Mayor.

8. Code of Conduct – CAO S. Higdon stated that the province published the Code of Conduct regulations and now Councils are required to adopt the model as prescribed;

all members of Council received this and needs to be signed and submitted to the province. Copy attached.

Mayor D. Stroud read the Resolution, Code of Conduct (attached).

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to accept the Code of Conduct Resolution, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

9. Deputy Mayor and Signing Authority

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to approve Sandra Eis as Deputy Mayor of the Town of Stellarton, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell.

Mayor D. Stroud read Resolution for Deputy Mayor and Signing Authority (attached).

Motion Carried.

10. Reports from Staff: October (Attached)

a. Chief Mark Hobeck – Stellarton Police Service

Chief M. Hobeck presented and reviewed October's report.

Coun. S. Campbell made motion to accept Police Service Report, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz. **Motion Carried.**

b. Fire Chief Mike O'Sullivan – Fire Department

Fire Chief M. O'Sullivan highlighted some events included in October's report.

Coun. G. Pentz motioned to accept Fire Department's report for October 2024, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

c. Paige Draper – Marketing and Communications

P. Draper presented the Marketing and Communications report.

Coun. S. Pentz made motion to approve the Marketing and Communications report, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

d. Blaine Murray – Town Engineer

Town Engineer B. Murray presented October's Engineering & Public Works report.

Coun. G. Pentz re prices to extend the sidewalk on St. Bernard for budget deliberations.

Coun. S. Eis re outside sub-contractor work versus in-house projects. B.

Murray replied that it depends on the size of the project and if the Town Public Works crew can perform the work with available resources.

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

Town Engineer B. Murray presented October's Water Utility report.

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to approve Water Utility report, seconded by Coun. M. Fortune. **Motion Carried.**

11. Correspondence

a. **Pictou County Christmas Fund** Re: Donation – CAO S. Higdon received correspondence from the Pictou County Christmas Fund; celebrating their 50th year November 24, 2024; the Telethon will be airing on Eastlink; \$500 donation was pre-approved by Council during budget deliberations under Annual Grants. The Mayor will make presentation. For Council's information.

12. Committee of the Whole Report – No Report

13. Open Forum

No one spoke at the Open Forum.

Mayor D. Stroud comments re next Monday, November 18 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., there will be a Meet and Greet open to the public at the Blue Lobster Public House.

There will be the Christmas Tree Lighting on November 29 at the Town Square, 6 p.m.

14. Next Council Meeting: Monday, December 9, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

15. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned on motion by Coun. G. Pentz

MAYOR

CAO