

JUNE 9, 2025
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

A meeting of the Stellarton Town Council was held on Monday, June 9, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT

Deputy Mayor Sandra Eis, Couns. Mark Fortune, Susan Campbell and Garry Pentz. Also present was Acting CAO and Town Engineer Blaine Murray, Fire Chief Mike O’Sullivan, and Marketing and Communications Paige Draper.

Regrets: Mayor Darren Stroud

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 May 12, 2025 Regular Council were approved on motion by Coun. G. Pentz seconded by Coun. M. Fortune. **Motion Carried.**

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. Reports from Staff: May (Attached and available online)

a. Chief Mark Hobeck – Stellarton Police Service

P. Draper highlighted report for May; 232 Calls for Services; several community events – Sgt. Sutherland attended GR Saunders for Big Brothers Big Sisters; Cst Smith attended the Wellness Centre for Police Week; the Youth Group attended the Atlantic Police Academy; Officers attended GR Saunders Spring Fling; Cst Vandergrift and Cst Berthier attended GR Saunders for Wellness Day; Officers provided the entire GR Saunders school with a tour of the station and police vehicles; Cst Berthier met with the Roots for Youth Executive Director re neighbourhood issues. There were 30 hours of Foot/Bike Patrol; 190 hours of Traffic Enforcement and 24 hours of Community Relations.

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

b. Fire Chief Mike O’Sullivan – Fire Department

Chief O’Sullivan reported that the Stellarton Fire Department responded to 14 calls in May, on average 15 members attended each call; practices were held every Thursday evening with an average of 12 members attending; Equipment checks were completed weekly with individual crews.

Coun. M. Fortuned motioned to accept Fire Department’s report for May 2025, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

c. Paige Draper – Marketing and Communications

P. Draper highlighted: June 11 at 11:00 a.m. is the annual Davis Day Service, 100th anniversary; Summer Day Camp registration continues; and the Johnny Miles is June 15, there will be some road closures, notices will be sent out.

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to approve the Marketing and Communications report, seconded by Coun. M. Fortune. **Motion Carried.**

d. **Blaine Murray – Town Engineer**

Town Engineer Blaine Murray presented reports to Council; commenting re the Rutherford Project has been pushed back until the second week of June. On the Water Report, no water main breaks; and spring flushing was done May.

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

5. Correspondence

a. **Nova Scotia Emergency Management** Re: Update on our path forward with GSAR – P. Draper commented that correspondence received via email regarding Ground Search and Rescue update from the Deputy Minister of Emergency Management. For Council's information.

Deputy Mayor S. Eis comments re amping up the Ground Search and Rescue given the past month's events; awareness and support from municipalities.

6. Committee of the Whole Report

The following recommendation is for Council's consideration from the Committee of the Whole meeting held on May 26, 2025:

Recommendation # 1

On recommendation of Committee of the Whole Council approve the memorial bench request received from Diane Margeson to install a commemorative bench at Allan Park.

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to approve Recommendations from the Committee of the Whole, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

7. Open Forum

No one spoke during the Open Forum.

8. Next Council Meeting: Monday, July 14, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

9. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned on motion by Coun. G. Pentz.

MAYOR

CAO