

JULY 14, 2025
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

A meeting of the Stellarton Town Council was held on Monday, July 14, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT

Mayor Darren Stroud, Couns. Sandra Eis, Mark Fortune and Garry Pentz. Also present was Fire Chief Mike O'Sullivan, and Marketing and Communications Paige Draper. Regrets Coun. S. Campbell.

1. AGENDA

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

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from June 9, 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. Audited Financial Statement Presentation: Doane Grant Thornton Town Accountant Brenda MacKay presented the Draft Consolidated Financial Statements highlighting:

- the Audit for the fiscal year March 31, 2025 has a clean audit opinion
- the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position
- Total Financial assets for the Town are \$6.1 million plus \$2 million debenture bumping Town back up to \$8 million; increasing debt by same amount
- Total financial liabilities \$10.7 million
- Overall net financial debt \$1.9 million last year; up to \$4.68 million this year
- Capital asset net increased by \$3.6 million
- Consolidated surplus for Stellarton is \$33.2 million
- Total Revenue is \$13.1 million
- Total Expenditures \$12.2 million
- Net surplus \$900,000
- Net financial debt
- Cash flows
- Consolidated schedules to support income statements
- No issues noted by the auditors

Mayor D. Stroud thanked B. Mackay and asked for a motion to accept report. Coun. G. Pentz made motion to accept report, seconded by Coun. S. Eis.

Mayor D. Stroud commented that the report was reviewed and discussed by the Audit Committee.

Motion Carried.

5. Reports from Staff: June (Attached and available online)

- a. Chief Mark Hobeck – Stellarton Police Service
P. Draper highlighted report for June; 228 Calls for Services; several community events – Sgt. Sutherland attended GR Saunders Elementary School and spent lunch hour with a grade 5 student; Sgt. Veenhuis, Sgt. Sutherland and Cst. MacAdam attended the 911 Ride Opening Night at the Soccer Complex; Sgt. Veenhuis and Cst. Smith participated in the two day 911 Ride Event; Chief Hobeck, Inspector Pond and Sgt. Sutherland attended the William Davis Miners' Memorial Day Service; Cst. Vandergrift attended the Town of Stellarton Pride Flag Raising Ceremony; and Sgt. Veenhuis and

Cst. Holland participated in the Towns of Stellarton and New Glasgow Ice Cream Ride. There were 20 hours of Foot/Bike Patrol; 102 hours of Traffic Enforcement and 15 hours of Community Relations.

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

b. Fire Chief Mike O'Sullivan – Fire Department

Chief O'Sullivan reported that the Stellarton Fire Department responded to 9 calls in June, on average 10 members attended each call; Reminder to residents to check the burn ban on a daily basis; practices were held every Thursday evening with an average of 10 members attending; Equipment checks were completed weekly with individual crews. Firefighter's Competition will be held during Homecoming Week July 24 at 6 p.m.

Coun. G. Pentz motioned to accept Fire Department's report for June 2025, seconded by Coun. S. Eis. **Motion Carried.**

c. Paige Draper – Marketing and Communications

P. Draper commented that software has been upgraded for our Live-Stream; Report highlights: Davis Day Service; Mental Health First Aid; Summer Day Camp registration continues; Verbal De-Escalation & Harm Reduction Training; Homecoming July 23 to 27, looking for volunteers.

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

Mayor D. Stroud re Day Camp schedule. P. Draper responded that the last week of Day Camp is August 22.

Mayor D. Stroud re volunteers for Homecoming. P. Draper put request for volunteers on Town's social media page as well as the Homecoming Committee members / organizations.

Coun. S. Eis asked about age restrictions for volunteers. Paige stated that there are opportunities for ages 12 to 16; no restrictions other than the 19 plus events.

Motion Carried.

d. Blaine Murray – Town Engineer, absent.

Reports presented to Council.

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

Coun. G. Pentz commented on the excellent job Public Works is doing especially with beautification of the Town.

Coun. S. Eis commented on the new flare mower.

Motion Carried.

6. Committee of the Whole Report

The following recommendation is for Council's consideration from the Special Committee of the Whole meeting held on July 4, 2025:

Recommendation # 1

On recommendation of Committee of the Whole Council approve the proposed mural received from MacGillivray Law to be painted on the wall at 247 Foord Street.

Coun. S. Eis made motion to approve Recommendations from the Committee of the Whole, seconded by Coun. M. Fortune. **Motion Carried.**

7. Open Forum

No one spoke during the Open Forum.

8. Next Council Meeting: September 8, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

9. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned on motion by Coun. G. Pentz.

MAYOR

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