

**OCTOBER 14, 2025
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA**

MEETING

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

PRESENT

Mayor Darren Stroud, Couns. Sandra Eis, Mark Fortune, Susan Campbell and Garry Pentz. Also present was CAO Alanna Grover, Fire Chief Mike O'Sullivan, Town Engineer Blaine Murray and Marketing and Communications Paige Draper.

1. AGENDA

The Agenda was approved as amended to include under Committee of the Whole Report, Salt Hauling Tender recommendation, on motion by Coun. G. Pentz, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from September 8, 2025 Regular Council were approved on motion by Coun. S. Eis seconded by Coun. M. Fortune, with typo corrected. **Motion Carried.**

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

Mayor D. Stroud re update on GRID application. CAO A. Grover replied that notice was received from the province, that due to timing, we aren't eligible for that application. Mayor D. Stroud re follow up on water break on Maple Street; took approximately 7 hours to repair; estimated cost \$1,600 including materials.

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

- a. Chief Mark Hobeck – Stellarton Police Service
CAO A. Grover highlighted: September Calls for Service was 211; Events included – Chief Hobeck and Insp. Pond attended the 85th Annual Battle of Britain Ceremony.
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
Fire Chief M. O'Sullivan presented Monthly Report for September; responded to 9 calls; practices held every Thursday. M. O'Sullivan also gave an update on the Fire School.
Coun. M. Fortune motioned to accept Fire Department's report for September 2025, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz. **Motion Carried.**
- c. Paige Draper – Marketing and Communications

Paige Draper presented the September Report; adding that the Newsletters have been printed since postal services are back; Trick or Trail event will be October 30 in Trenton Park at 5:30 p.m.

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

Coun. S. Eis re volunteers for the Trick or Trail event. Coun. M. Fortune asked if the NSCC is having event in the Allan Park. P. Draper has not heard yet.

Coun. G. Pentz asked about "Play Finder". P. Draper explained that Play Finder is a Hub for facilities, sport organizations, recreation activities, etc. Mayor D. Stroud re "Harm Reduction" checklist for major events. P. Draper provided some general information, responsible alcohol practices, first aid available, etc.; still in draft form. **Motion Carried.**

d. Blaine Murray – Town Engineer

B. Murray presented reports to Council; update on Rutherford project.

Water Report – no longer on water restrictions; continue to monitor.

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to approve Town Engineer's Reports, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. Coun. G. Pentz thankful that the residents followed the restrictions. **Motion Carried.**

5. Correspondence

a. Pictou Antigonish Regional Library Re: Letter to Minister Dave Ritcy, Dept. of CCTH – CAO A. Grover re for Council's information.

b. Healthy Pictou County Re: September 2025 Report – Nicol LeBlance, Project Navigator with Healthy Pictou County, for information only.

6. Committee of the Whole Report

The following recommendations are for Council's consideration from the Committee of the Whole meeting held on September 9, 2025:

Recommendation #1

On the recommendation of Committee of the Whole Council approve the request received from Jackie Pratt for the purchase of a memorial bench and tree to be located at the Stellarton Dog Park with work to be completed by the Public Works Department.

Recommendation #2

On recommendation of Committee of the Whole Council approve the donation of \$200.00 to the Nova Scotia Building Officials Association to fund a seminar on October 14, 2025 to educate contractors in our area on building officials in their communities and significant updates to the Building Code.

Recommendation #3

On recommendation of Committee of the Whole Council approve the tender received from Bruce Leasing Ltd for the purchase of a new half ton truck in the amount of \$55,238.50 plus HST as it was the lowest tender received.

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

Salt Hauling Tender

CAO A. Grover provided Council with tenders received for Salt Hauling for the upcoming season; the recommendation is to award the tender to low bidder Michael Cameron Trucking Ltd; the cost is \$16.37 per ton.

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to approve recommendation for Salt Hauling Tender, seconded by S. Eis. **Motion Carried.**

7. Open Forum

No one spoke during the Open Forum.

8. Next Council Meeting: Monday, November 10, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

9. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned on motion by Coun. G. Pentz.

MAYOR

CAO