

**DECEMBER 15, 2025
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA**

MEETING

A meeting of the Stellarton Town Council was held on Monday, December 15, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT

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

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 November 10, 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: November (Attached and available online)

a. Chief Mark Hobeck – Stellarton Police Service

CAO A. Grover highlighted: November Calls for Service was 167; Events included: Officers provided Riverview Homes residents and staff a tour of the Police Station; Officers attended the Remembrance Day Ceremony; Telus Health provided an EAP presentation to officers; Chief Hobeck and Cst Smith attended Operation Christmas in Halifax; Officers attended the Christmas tree lighting at the Town Square; and Officers held Cram the Cruiser food drive at Sobeys in support of the Foodbank.

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 November; participated in the annual Remembrance Day ceremony and started to get ready for the Holidays; Responded to 13 calls; practices held every Thursday; Clean-up and Equipment checks performed weekly. He noted that the Fire Department will be escorting Santa around Town on Christmas Eve.

Coun. G. Pentz motioned to accept Fire Department's report for November 2025, seconded by Coun. M. Fortune.

Mayor D. Stroud re the fire on the power lines. M. O'Sullivan stated that it was due to high winds causing the wires to arc. **Motion Carried.**

c. Paige Draper – Marketing and Communications

P. Draper highlighted the Town App for residents to stay informed about closures, events etc.

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

Mayor D. Stroud commented re the Deer Survey.

Motion Carried.

d. Blaine Murray – Town Engineer

B. Murray presented reports to Council; highlighting that the Rutherford project is completed; snow events have started.

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

Coun. G. Pentz asked about the Public Works truck replacements; and commented on the care of the vehicles by staff. B. Murray replied that a plow truck and half ton truck have been ordered. **Motion Carried.**

5. Correspondence

a. Letter from Hon. John MacDonald, Minister of Municipal Affairs Re:

Municipal Financial Data – CAO A. Grover summarized letter where the Minister wants to learn more about the financial landscapes of municipalities along with attachment showing total revenue per capital per year for each community.

b. Healthy Pictou County Re: Report for November 2025 – CAO A. Gover highlighted from the report: in November they welcomed a new general surgeon and their family; calendar of events; ongoing work with Dalhousie University; and supporting the arrival of a new family physician and family from South Africa.

6. Committee of the Whole Report

The following recommendation is for Council's consideration from the Committee of the Whole meeting held on November 24, 2025:

Recommendation #1

On the recommendation of Committee of the Whole Council approve the request received from GR Saunders Home & School Association for a grant donation of \$200.00 towards the school's annual turkey dinner hosted by the Home & School Association.

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

7. Committee of the Whole, Re: Policy Update. Mayor D. Stroud reported that Committee of the Whole met again on December 1 where they decided to put together a policy for religious displays on municipal properties; the policy is being developed by Council and will be in place for next year.

8. Open Forum

No one spoke at the Open Forum.

9. Next Council Meeting: Monday, January 12, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor D. Stroud wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

10. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned on motion by Coun. G. Pentz.

MAYOR

CAO