JUNE 8, 2026
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING
A meeting of the Stellarton Town Council was held on Monday, June 8, 2026, 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, Police Chief Mark Hobeck, Fire Chief Mike O'Sullivan, and Town Engineer Blaine Murray

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

2. Approval of Minutes
The minutes from May 11, 2026 Regular Council were approved on motion by Coun. M. Fortune seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

3. Business Arising from the Minutes
There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. Reports from Staff: May 2026

a. Chief Mark Hobeck – Stellarton Police Service, highlights:

- Calls for Service = 268
- Total of 65 Charges and 64 Warnings
- Traffic Enforcement
- Foot Patrol
- Community Relations
- Insp Pond and Cst MacAdam attended the Spring Fling at G R Saunders; Officers attended the Gaelic Flag Raising; attended the Special Olympics Grease Lightning Play; and Officers recertified in Use of Force.

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to accept Police Service Report, seconded by Coun. S. Eis.
Mayor D. Stroud re increase in calls from same time last year. Chief Hobeck overall a busy month.
Mayor D. Stroud inquired about encampments in Town. Chief Hobeck has no new information on any active encampments, but will keep Council up to date.
Motion Carried.

b. Fire Chief Mike O'Sullivan – Fire Department
Chief O'Sullivan reported that the Stellarton Fire Department had 10 calls in May; held very popular Lobster take-out; practices were held every Thursday evening with the exception of May 28, with an average of 12 members attending; Equipment checks were completed weekly.

Coun. G. Pentz motioned to accept Fire Department's report for May 2026, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

c. Paige Draper – Marketing and Communications (absent)
CAO A. Grover highlighted two upcoming events; Annual Davis Day service scheduled for June 11 at 11:00 a.m. at the Miner's Monument; Homecoming is set for July 22 to 26 with all the traditional events and several new ones like an additional Seniors' Tea and a 5km Fun Run.

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

Coun. S. Eis re the 5km Fun Run will take place on Thursday July 23. **Motion Carried.**

d. Melanie Dash – Recreation Director
CAO A. Grover commented that this is the first report from Melanie Dash, our new Recreation Director; she is cost-shared with the Town of Westville; plans to hire an Active Living Coordinator to assist the Recreation Director.
Coun. G. Pentz made motion to approve the Recreation Director's Report, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

e. Blaine Murray – Town Engineer
Town Engineer Blaine Murray presented reports to Council; highlighting that May was a wet month, delayed some spring activities such as patching, line painting etc.

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to approve Town Engineer's Reports, seconded by Coun. S. Eis.
Coun. G. Pentz inquired if the new Build Community Strong Fund financed the Bridge Avenue sewer and water lines. B. Murray commented that this new federal funding program that came out this year, will be looked at to fund project.
Coun. G. Pentz re the Programmable Logic Controller. B. Murray stated that it's an industrial grade type of computer to improve automation at the Water Treatment Plant.
Motion Carried.

5. Correspondence

a. Healthy Pictou County Re: Monthly Report – CAO A. Grover received the May Healthy Pictou County Report; highlights: Continued work on their Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Regional Strategy, hosted working sessions with municipal leaders and staff; Hosted Rural Week where they welcomed 10 first-year Dalhousie Medical students to our community; and Celebrated the Grand Opening of the Healthy Pictou County Childcare Early Learning Centre at the Wellness Centre.

6. Letter to Minister of Energy, Honourable Marco MacLeod, Re: Proposed Natural Gas Power Plant

CAO A. Grover highlighted; the letter stemmed from the annual Source Water Protection Committee meeting where two important points came out of the meeting. 1. How was the proposed Natural Gas Plant going to affect our watershed area? And 2. How is that going to affect or would it affect the recharging of groundwater in the East River? There was a recommendation from the Committee to go to Committee of the Whole for discussion with Council; as well as a letter to be written on behalf of the Mayor and Council to the Minister of Energy. CAO A. read letter for Council's information regarding any impact on our watershed and what safety precautions are in place to mitigate against potential risks to the Town's drinking water.
Mayor D. Stroud re the discussions held at the Mayors and Warden meetings.

7. Committee of the Whole Report

The following recommendations are for Council's consideration from the Committee of the Whole meeting held on May 25, 2026:

Recommendation #1

On recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Council approve the Disability Pride Flag Raising on behalf of the People First Pictou County Chapter to be held early July.

Recommendation #2

On recommendation of Committee of the Whole, Council approve the request received from the Pictou Landing Band Office for a grant donation of $100.00 towards Pictou Landing First Nation's 34th Annual Mawio'mi.
Coun. S. Eis made motion to approve recommendations from the Committee of the Whole, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz.
Motion Carried.

8. Paving Tender Recommendation

CAO A. Grover received a Capital Paving Tender Recommendation from Town Engineer Blaine Murray; three tender bids were submitted; he recommends the lowest bid from Webster Bros. Paving and Concrete Ltd. for the price of $227,136.90; adding that this amount comes in under budget.

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to approve recommendation from Town Engineer to award tender to Webster Bros. Paving and Concrete Ltd, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell.

Motion Carried.

9. Open Forum

No one spoke at the Open Forum.

10. Next Council Meeting: Monday, July 13, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

11. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned on motion by Coun. G. Pentz.

MAYOR **CAO**