



## TOWN OF STELLARTON

Council

February 8, 2021

5:30 PM

1. **Approval of Agenda**
2. **Approval of Minutes:**            January 11, 2021
3. **Business Arising from the Minutes**
4. **Proclamation-** African Heritage Month
5. **Recognition of Fire Department Members Years of Service**
6. **Reports from Staff:**
  - a. Chief Mark Hobeck- Stellarton Police Service
  - b. Fire Chief Mike O'Sullivan – Fire Department
  - c. Paige Clarke- Marketing & Communications
  - d. Blaine Murray – Town Engineer
  - e. Sally O'Neill- Active Pictou County
7. **Correspondence**
  - a. Municipal Affairs & Housing Minister Porter Re: Safe Restart Agreement
  - b. Fulcrum Accessibility Consulting Re: Gauging Municipal Capacity to implement Accessibility Standards
  - c. NS Protocol Office Re: Order of Nova Scotia
  - d. Paster Kelvin Balingit Re: Volunteering Community Projects
  - e. Department of Justice Minister Furey to Chief of Police Julia Cecchetto
  - f. Department of Justice Minister Furey Re: Extension to Accessibility Plan.
8. **Strategic Plan Update**
9. **Temporary Borrowing Resolution File No. 21-22-02**
10. **Open Forum**
11. **Next Council Meeting:**            March 8, 2021
12. **Adjourn**

**JANUARY 11, 2021  
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA**

**MEETING**

A meeting of the Stellarton Town Council was held on Monday, January 11, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**PRESENT**

Mayor D. MacGillivray, Couns. S. Lawand, B. Knight, S. Campbell and G. Pentz. Also present was the Town Clerk S. Higdon.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

The Agenda was approved, on motion by Coun. S. Lawand, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

**2. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from December 14, 2020 Regular Council meeting were approved on motion by Coun. B. Knight seconded by Coun. G. Pentz. **Motion Carried.**

**3. Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**4. Reports from Staff - for information; reports attached.**

- a. Chief Mark Hobeck – Stellarton Police Service  
Coun. S. Lawand made motion to accept Police Service Report, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.** Coun. S. Lawand acknowledged Officer Pentz's work.
- b. Fire Chief Mike O'Sullivan – Fire Department  
Coun. G. Pentz motioned to accept Fire Department's report for December 2020, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**
- c. Paige Clarke – Marketing & Communications  
P. Clarke presented report, adding info re the Indoor Soccer Complex.  
Questions/Comments:  
Mayor D. MacGillivray comments re the Indoor Soccer Complex and future marketing of the facility.  
Coun. G. Knight comments re the new flooring for the Indoor Soccer Complex; allow for more activities.  
Coun. S. Lawand re revenue for the Soccer Complex, should be self-sufficient. Concerns with the soccer groups unable to play soccer on the new flooring.  
Paige re the Volunteer of the Year; requests for nominations have been sent out to local organizations; unsure about the Volunteer reception at this point.  
Coun. S. Campbell asked about the Heritage Survey and its response. P. Clarke reported that 140 people submitted responses.  
Coun. B. Knight made motion to approved the Marketing & Communications report, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz. **Motion Carried.**
- d. Blaine Murray – Town Engineer  
Town Engineer B. Murray presented his reports, commenting that there was no significant snow or ice events.  
Questions/Comments:  
Coun. G. Pentz and Coun. S. Lawand acknowledged and thanked Public Works Crew on the snow clean up of Foord Street.  
Coun. S. Lawand also acknowledged Public Works employee Ed Stewart for his 39 years of service to the Town.

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

e. Sally O'Neill – Active Pictou County Report

Coun. B. Knight made motion to approve Active Pictou County Report, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

**5. Correspondence**

a. RCMP Re: Paul MacDougall, Supt. – Town Clerk S. Higdon stated letter was received introducing Supt. Paul MacDougall as the new District Policing Officer for the North East Nova District.

**6. Ratification of Water Treatment Operator Position**

Town Clerk S. Higdon reported that Brad Green began his position on December 29, 2020. Coun. B. Knight made motion to ratify Brad Green as Water Treatment Operator, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

**7. OPEN FORUM**

No one spoke at the Open Forum.

**8. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

Next Council meeting will be Monday, February 8, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

**9. ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned on motion by Coun. G. Pentz.

**MAYOR**

**TOWN CLERK**



## Proclamation in Celebration of African Heritage Month 2021

*WHEREAS February is recognized internationally as African Heritage Month -a time to recognize and salute the many contributions and ongoing achievements of people of African Descent all over the world and here in Stellarton in the Province of Nova Scotia, We pay tribute to a time of greater understanding.*

*WHEREAS we are in the 7th year of the International Decade for People of African Descent*

*WHEREAS this year's theme: "Black History Matters: Listen, Learn, Share and Act", recognizes the important legacy of people of African Descent and the long-standing history in the development of Canada. This theme brings focus and increased awareness of racialized issues of a community that has overcome great adversity for inclusion in all aspects of Society.*

*THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Mayor Danny MacGillivray, do hereby proclaim the month of February to be African Heritage Month. I encourage residents, businesses, and community groups to participate in the activities and celebrations and to take the opportunity to reflect on the story of Nova Scotia's vibrant African Nova Scotian Community.*

Dated at Stellarton, on February 8, 2021

Mayor Danny MacGillivray



## STELLARTON POLICE SERVICE

Report for Month End January 31, 2021

### Calls for Service

**Total: 149**

#### Activities

#### Arrests

1- 911 Act Other Activities	
1- Abandoned Vehicle	
1- Animal Call	
1- Assault	1
4- Assists to Can. Police agencies	
26- Assists to the General Public	
2- Assists to the RCMP	
1- Being unlawfully in a Dwelling	1
2- Breach of the Peace	
2- Break and Enters	1
2- Cancellations of Occurrences	
2- Check Stops	
1- Criminal Harassment	

- 1- Disturbing the Peace
- 2- Dog Act/ Other Activities
- 2- Driving while Disqualified 2
- 9- False Alarms
- 2- Family Relations Act
- 1- Firearms Act
- 2- Fraud
- 1- Harassing Communication
- 3- Health Act (Covid-19)
- 5- Information Files
- 1- Items Lost/Found
- 2- Liquor Control Act
- 7- Mental Health Act
- 6- Mischief
- 6- Motor Vehicle Act 4
- 2- Motor Vehicle Insurance 1
- 8- Municipal Bylaws
- 1- Noise Complaint
- 1- Operation While Impaired (Alcohol Related) 1
- 1- Other Moving Traffic
- 2- Parking Offences

- 3- Peace Bonds
- 1- Person Reported Missing
- 2- Police Assistance
- 1- Police Information
- 1- Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking 1
- 3- Property Checks
- 1- Provincial/Territorial
- 1- Quarantine Act
- 5- Suspicious Persons
- 1- Theft
- 1- Theft from Mail
- 6- Traffic Collisions 1
- 2- Trespass Act
- 2- Trespass at Night
- 1- Unauthorized Possession of a Firearm 1
- 4- Uttering Threats 1
- 3- Well Being Checks

Open Cases 9    Open Cases (YTD) 9

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

Qty.            Type

None to report due to COVID-19 Restrictions.

**Other Activities**

**Foot / Bike Patrol    4.5 hours**

**Radar Patrol        163.5 hours**

**Fleet**

Patrol Car 36    January 3421 km traveled    Year to Date 3421 km travelled

Patrol Car 38    January 4960 km traveled    Year to Date 4960 km travelled

**Gas Used**

Patrol Car 36    January 551    Litres    Year to Date 551 Litres

Patrol Car 38    January 1133    Litres    Year to Date 1133 Litres

Respectfully Submitted:

Mark Hobeck  
Chief of Police

Crime statistics

RCMP-GRC, Stellarton NS PS

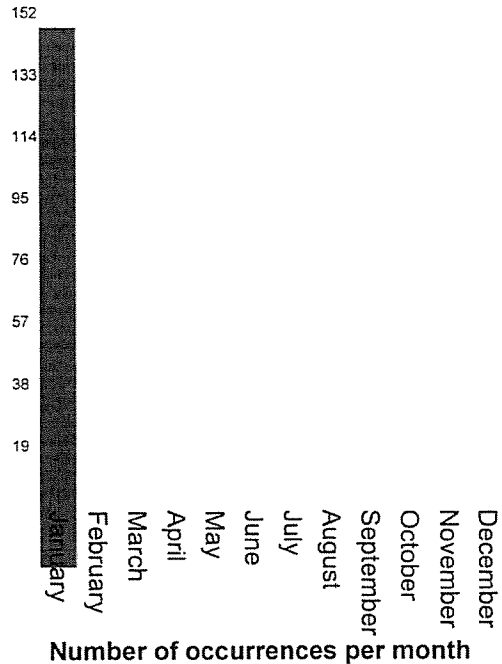
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Daily and hourly occurrences

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	UNKNOWN	TOTAL
NUMBER OF EVENTS - >	14	23	24	19	23	24	19	3	149
0:00 TO 3:59	2	2	2	3	2	4	3		18
4:00 TO 7:59		2	4	2	5	2	3		18
8:00 TO 11:59	3	7	6	4	1	3	2		26
12:00 TO 15:59	3	5	8	4	8	6	3		37
16:00 TO 19:59	4	3	3	4	2	5	4		25
20:00 TO 23:59	2	4	1	2	5	4	4		22
UNKNOWN HOUR								3	3

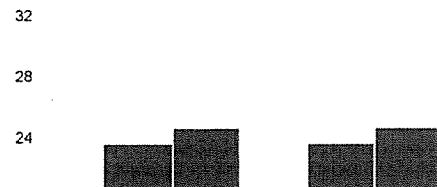
Breakdown by month:

Month	Number of occurrences	Percentage of total
January	146	98.0%
February	0	0.0%
March	0	0.0%
April	0	0.0%
May	0	0.0%
June	0	0.0%
July	0	0.0%
August	0	0.0%
September	0	0.0%
October	0	0.0%
November	0	0.0%
December	0	0.0%
Unknown	3	2.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>100%</b>



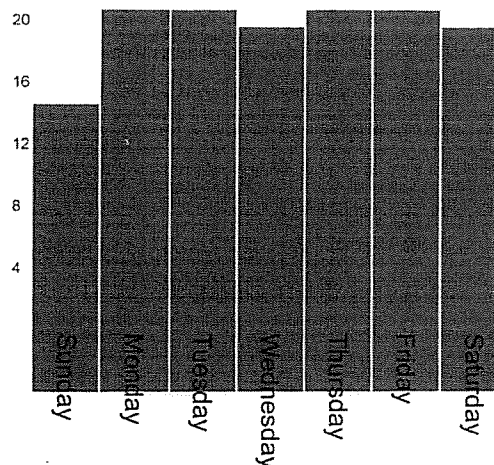
Breakdown by day of the week:

Weekday	Number of occurrences	Percentage of total
Sunday	14	9.4%
Monday	23	15.4%
Tuesday	24	16.1%



Protected B

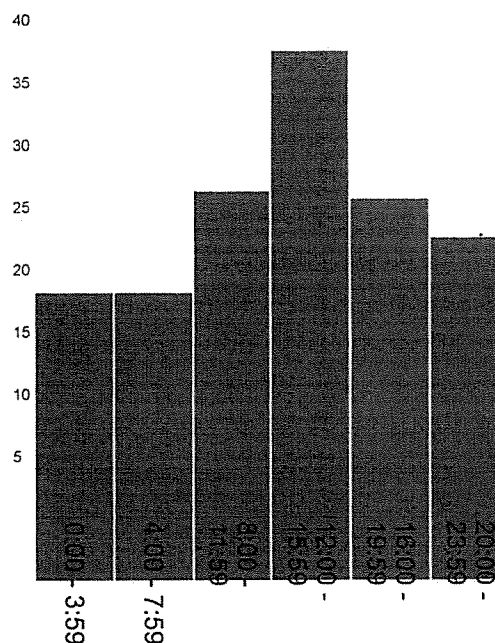
Wednesday	19	12.8%
Thursday	23	15.4%
Friday	24	16.1%
Saturday	19	12.8%
Unknown	3	2.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>100%</b>



Number of occurrences per weekday

**Breakdown by time of day:**

Time	Number of occurrences	Percentage of total
0:00 - 3:59	18	12.1%
4:00 - 7:59	18	12.1%
8:00 - 11:59	26	17.4%
12:00 - 15:59	37	24.8%
16:00 - 19:59	25	16.8%
20:00 - 23:59	22	14.8%
Unknown	3	2.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>100%</b>



Number of occurrences per time of day

Protected B

Stellarton Fire Department  
Monthly Report – January 2021

The month of January was very quiet. 2021 seems to be getting off to a good start in terms of fire safety. Due to Public Health restrictions, the Hall remains closed and members are required to follow all restrictions going forward. This also affects training and so the executive has set up a second training opportunity that will allow the department to keep to the maximum of 10 people.

**Calls:**

Stellarton Fire had a total of three calls during the month of January. One being a flue fire, one was a smell of gas and the other a small grass fire. On average, 20 members responded.

**Practices:**

Practices were held each Thursday evening with an average of 18 members attending. During practices members social distance where possible.

**Equipment checks:**

Every Sunday a crew is scheduled to perform equipment checks and this was completed each week with an average of 4 members attending.

Respectfully submitted by Mark Fortune(secretary)

## February Council Report Marketing & Communications

- *Heritage Committee & Draft Plan*; The committee met earlier this month to review and discuss the research and information provided by WSP to help strengthen their plan. We are expecting to have the initial draft of the plan in the next week; this draft will be reviewed by the committee and will be sent to Council for their information and revisions as well.

- *REMO*; The winter edition of the REMO newsletter was mailed out and was likely received by locals this week (Jan. 25-29) – this is also available online on the REMO website ([www.remopictoucounty.ca](http://www.remopictoucounty.ca)). Given the province's current position with the second wave of the pandemic, REMO meetings have shifted to a once a month format. Information continues to be shared predominantly on the REMO Facebook page – this FB page is also linked to the website and is available for people to scroll through the feed (without the need for a full Facebook account).

- *Volunteer of the Year*; Nomination forms for the Volunteer of the Year are continuing to be accepted until Friday, February 12. In 2020, we were able to host a viewing party for our VOY and his immediate family to celebrate his contributions to the Town. We will be able to adapt a celebration in accordance to the COVID-19 restrictions at the time of the event. The form is on our website and has been linked on our social media channels – hard copies can be available at Town Hall if someone needs. ([Volunteer of the Year Nomination Form](#))

- *Indoor Court @ Soccer Complex*; I wrote an official press release on behalf of the Highland District Soccer Association to announce the pilot project of the indoor court at the WM Sobeys Sports Complex. This official release was sent out on January 18 and local media (newspapers/radio) shared the information widely. In discussion with a coach who is currently utilizing the floor, it has been a success for them: "It is really a privilege to have a dedicated and safe space for players and coaches to train and play that not many other clubs have in our province." Bookings/more information available: 902-752-3793.

- *Anti-Black Racism Dialogue*; On January 11, I attended a webinar lead by Winnifred Grant for a discussion on anti-Black Racism. The intention of this webinar was to discuss what this is, how to recognize it, and how to build a better/safer environment for everyone.

- *Cruise Committee*; The Cruise Committee met on January 12 to discuss the future of cruise seasons, how we want to market the Port of Pictou to a wider variety of cruise guests, as well as the inclusion of drawing more "super yachts" to our area.

- *"Sunday Funday" @ YMCA*; Tammy from the YMCA invited me to join in on a discussion with local recreation departments about starting up Sunday Fundays. The intention of these days is to provide safe facility space for recreational activity. There are a few different options on the table with YMCA guided activity, municipally guided activity, combination of both or anything else that could be imagined. There are additional planning meetings in the works to figure out scheduling and ideas.

- *Business Unusual Presentation*; On January 28, I attended a virtual event called Business Unusual, hosted by the Pictou County Chamber of Commerce. This event was to highlight Pictou County businesses and individuals who did extraordinary things during the pandemic year, as well as offering a platform for keynote speaker Nikolas Badminton to discuss how businesses can operate and plan for years to come. This event can be viewed here: <https://bit.ly/3adKQRP>

- *Bell Let's Talk Message/Mental Health Resources*; January 28 was #BellLetsTalk day, a day that originated to destigmatize mental illness and encourage people to talk about mental health. Especially given the COVID-19 pandemic, I felt it was important to share the mental health resources that REMO has compiled

for residents. The NSHA also announced a new tool to access local and specific mental health resources: <https://mha.nshealth.ca/en>

- *Web Demo*; To increase community awareness and transparency, over the last year I've attended several meetings with app developers/web developers to see the types of services that are out there. I met with Valentin Bachelir from Engagement HQ and reviewed their platform; it's designed to receive community feedback on current or upcoming projects. It may be of use in the future, but it's a secondary website apart from our own, so it complicates the list of resources that already exist.

- *Planning Advisory – Sign Mapping*; As suggested by the Planning Advisory Committee, Gary Stewart and I are working on mapping of potential signs for the future. He'll be identifying every spot in which there could/should be a sign and we'll identify the highest priority locations for these signs and create a list to show this. These will be placed on my growing list of signs needed/requested from the communications plan.

# **Town of Stellarton Town Engineers Report January 2021 Water Utility Report**

## **Water Quality Testing**

1. Routine weekly Bacteriological sampling was conducted. All results were negative for the month.

## **Water Distribution System**

2. One water break occurred in December as follows:  
January 27, 2021 – Union Street;  
Crews repaired the leak and conducted required flushing and testing.

## **Water Treatment Plant (WTP);**

3. A new VFD was installed on #1 High Lift pump and is now working & in service.
4. Poplar Pump #1 VFD failed. A new VFD was installed at the Poplar pump house and is working & in service.
5. A sampling plan was developed for Geosmin, MIB and also Microcystin. We are awaiting pricing from BV Labs.

**Blaine Murray, P. Eng.  
Town Engineer**

# **Town Engineers Report**

## **January 2021**

### **Engineering & Public Works Report**

#### **Engineering/ Capital**

1. Engineering staff surveyed a small section of Park Street between Oak and Jubilee. The topographic survey will be used to evaluate the storm water issue on the west side of the street where water ponds due to improper drainage. The water build up is causing ice issues near the Jubilee intersection. Staff will determine if additional storm drainage is achievable based on elevation and grade. Existing storm infrastructure is in the area so a cost effective solution may be viable.
2. Our preventative maintenance practice of video inspection has identified a section of sanitary main along South Foord Street that will require replacement in the future. There are a few bad sections of pipe that show evidence of cracking, small breaks, etc. Staff will review further and include this in our 5 year capital plans.

#### **Streets/Properties**

3. Christmas decorations were removed in early January.
4. Only one significant snow event to report for January. On January 3<sup>rd</sup> we received approximately 20 cm. The forecast allowed us to lift snow off Foord Street the following night. There were several small precipitation events requiring snow and ice control measures.
5. Staff cut back alders along various trails in Town.

**Blaine Murray, P.Eng.,**  
**Town Engineer**

- The application to the Nova Scotia Active Communities Fund has been approved for \$12,146.00 This funding will support
  - Update of the Active Pictou County Physical Activity Strategy (a requirement of the MPAL agreement)
  - The purchase of equipment for afterschool broomball program
  - Dream Esteem Youth At-Home healthy living program
  - Welcome Winter outdoor activity project for New Canadians
  - Playbox outdoor play projects across Pictou County
  - Hiking leadership development for diverse communities

- After School Programming begins Feb 8.  
Broomball (Pictou, Trenton and Thorburn)  
Soccer Skills (Sobeys Soccer Complex)
- Rainbow Recreation Epic Keppoch trip Feb 13<sup>th</sup> –  
Students will be kept in cohorts of 10 or less to adhere to gathering restrictions until further loosening measures come into practice. Registration due by Feb 8<sup>th</sup>. Free event, transportation to Keppoch provided.

**EPIC KEPPOCH**

**FEBRUARY 13TH | 9AM-3PM**  
(MEET AT GLASGOW SQUARE AT 9 AM)  
**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY FEBRUARY 8TH**  
To register go to the PC Rainbow Community's website: [pcrainbowcommunity.ca/rainbow-recreation](http://pcrainbowcommunity.ca/rainbow-recreation) or contact Joy Polley: [mail@pcrainbowcommunity.ca](mailto:mail@pcrainbowcommunity.ca)

Join us for a day at Keppoch with friends, food games, hiking, snowshoeing, and other outdoor activities!  
Transportation, self-care kits, and lunch will be provided

Dress warmly for the weather!  
**COVID PROTOCOL APPLIES**

instagram page: [pc.rainbow.recreation](https://www.instagram.com/pc.rainbow.recreation)  
facebook group: Rainbow Recreation Pictou County

**RAINBOW RECREATION**  
Rainbow Recreation is a group for 2SLGBTQ+ youth ages 13-18

Pictou County RAINBOW COMMUNITY | active Pictou County.ca | Aberdeen Health Foundation