



TOWN OF STELLARTON

Council

October 12, 2021

5:30 PM

1. **Approval of Agenda**
2. **Approval of Minutes:** September 13, 2021, Regular Meeting
September 27, 2021, Public Hearing
3. **Business Arising from the Minutes**
4. **Presentation – Pictou County Community Health Centre** – Keith Collier
& Kelley Caven
5. **Proclamation- Waste Reduction Week** – October 15-24, 2021
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. Noah Delorey- Active Community Living Coordinator
7. **Correspondence**
 - a. **Pictou County 4 H Re:** Thank you for donation
 - b. **Email from Joe MacDonald Re:** Dialysis seats in Pictou County
 - c. **CCRCE Re:** Audited Financial Statements, March 31, 2021 (available in Administration Office)
8. **Committee of the Whole Report**
9. **Dangerous and Unsightly Motion** 164 Old Halifax Road
10. **Dangerous and Unsightly Motion** 102/104 Rutherford Extension
11. **Permit Application-** 1st Reading 0 103 Park St.
12. **Development Agreement** Jessco Holdings 274 Foord St.
13. **Reports from Regional Organizations/Committees**
 - a. Pictou County Wellness Centre
 - b. Pictou County Shared Services Authority
14. **Open Forum**
15. **Next Council Meeting:** November 8, 2021 @5:30 PM
16. **Adjourn**

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2021
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA**

MEETING

A meeting of the Stellarton Town Council was held on Monday, September 13, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT

Mayor D. MacGillivray, Couns. S. Lawand, S. Campbell, B. Knight and G. Pentz. Also present was the Chief Administrative Officer S. Higdon.

1. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved as amended to include #10. Ad hoc Committee Mental Health, on motion by Coun. S. Lawand, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from July 12, 2021 Public Hearing and July 12, 2021 Regular Council meeting were approved on motion by Coun. B. Knight, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz. **Motion Carried.**

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

Memorial to Rachael McLean – CAO S. Higdon informed Council that she spoke with Rachael's husband; he will come up with a plan and get back to the Town.

4. Presentation – Northumberland Shore Emergency Scene Rehabilitation Society, Bill Muirhead presented Council with information on the Northumberland Shore Emergency Scene Rehabilitation Society; consists of Fire Fighters, First Responders, Nurses and Paramedics. Highlighting:

- Dangers and conditions for Fire Fighters
- Subsequent health issues
- Donations received from community groups and businesses
- Purchased transport trailer, medical equipment, specialized cooling fans, hot and warming tent, and monitoring equipment
- Their mission is to be a support system for first responders at fire and police scenes when necessary
- Their needs include: recognition by municipality for grant opportunities; storage for trailer with 24 hour access; and dispatch services

Questions/Comments:

Coun. S. Lawand re recent fire in New Glasgow, how many members attended?

Bill Muirhead responded that eight (8) members attended.

Coun. S. Lawand re recognition by a municipality.

CAO S. Higdon replied in order to qualify for the Emergency Service Providers Fund, they need to be sponsored by a municipality; which they are requesting from the Town of Stellarton.

Coun. G. Pentz recommends sponsoring this group. Coun. B. Knight agrees and feels that they are a necessity.

Coun. S. Campbell asked if they were all volunteers. B. Muirhead confirmed that all members were volunteers

Coun. B. Knight made motion for the use of the Town's dispatch service, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz.

On the question:

Coun. S. Lawand re their request for storage. CAO S. Higdon stated that the Town doesn't have storage available.

Motion Carried.

5. Proclamation – Right to Know Week

Mayor D. MacGillivray read Proclamation (attached), September 27 – October 3 as Right to Know Week. This proclamation supports the principles of openness, transparency and accountability. Coun. G. Pentz made motion to approve Right to Know Week, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

6. Reports from Staff - for information; reports attached.

a. Chief Mark Hobeck – Stellarton Police Service

CAO S. Higdon added that the report includes “Safe Communities Initiative” monthly reports.

Coun. S. Lawand made motion to accept Police Service Report, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

b. Fire Chief Mike O’Sullivan – Fire Department

Coun. G. Pentz motioned to accept Fire Department’s report for July and August 2021, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

c. Paige Clarke – Marketing and Communications

CAO S. Higdon commented since the Town moved to a Chief Administrator Officer system, the staff will not be attending Council meetings unless requested. CAO S. Higdon provided some highlights:

- The 100 Year Anniversary of the Stellarton Miners’ Monument takes place Friday, September 17 beginning at 2 p.m. at the Miners’ Monument on Foord Street. All are welcome
- Heritage Committee
- Historian Laureate applications due on September 30
- The App is going well
- Updating the athlete interpretive panels at the Allan Park
- Volunteer Reception, same as last year

Coun. S. Lawand made motion to approve the Marketing and Communications report, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

d. Blaine Murray – Town Engineer

Coun. B. Knight commented on the good job done on Coll Avenue and sidewalk on Acadia Avenue by the Allan Park.

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to approve Town Engineer’s Report, seconded by Coun. B. Knight.

On the Question:

Coun. S. Lawand re the Geosmin and MIB; water sampling, quality and treatment options.

CAO S. Higdon stated that the Town Engineer will present a report to Council this fall with findings.

Mayor D. MacGillivray commented re the Parking Plan.

CAO S. Higdon replied that the Parking Plan wasn’t put in place because of the shortage of paint.

Mayor D. MacGillivray asked about the capital sidewalk projects.

CAO S. Higdon stated that they are behind, but the plan is to complete work this year.

Motion Carried.

e. Noah Delorey – Active Community Living Coordinator Report

CAO S. Higdon highlight report:

- Summer Day Camp was a huge success
- Facilitating use of recreation spaces, fields, etc.

Coun. G. Pentz and Coun. S. Lawand re Pleasant Street playground.

Coun. S. Lawand further comments re water fountain in Allan Park, Summer Day Camp, Albion Ball Field lights, provide to Council attendance number for programs, Northern Grit Fitness equipment, and the Active Transportation Plan and Blue Route Hub.

Coun. B. Knight noted that the Day Camp was held at the Indoor Soccer Complex free of charge.

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to approve Active Community Living Report, seconded by Coun. B. Knight.

On the Question:

Mayor D. MacGillivray acknowledged the Day Camp staff Jenna Rorison, Madison Sample, Nicholas MacInnis, Krista Cameron and Lacie Sutherland.

Motion Carried.

7. Correspondence

a. **Pictou County 4 H Re:** Thank you to Council for donation.

b. **Aberdeen Palliative Care Society Re:** Thank you to Council for donation

c. **NSCC Foundation Re:** 2020/21 Annual Report (available in the administration office); CAO S. Higdon commented on the challenges faced by the NCSS for the past year and highlighted the hard work put forth by the NSCC students.

d. **Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library Board Re:** Financial Statements March 31, 2021 (available in Administration Office); for information.

e. **Pictou County Firefighters Association Re:** Self Contained Breathing Apparatus Cascade System – CAO S. Higdon read letter and stated that all Municipalities in the County received this letter of request to upgrade the cascade system. She added that the CAO's in the County have a meeting on September 23, and that letter is on the agenda. S. Higdon reported that our fire department has its own cascade system.

Coun. S. Campbell asked if our cascade system does the 4500 psi. CAO S. Higdon will ask Fire Chief.

Coun. S. Lawand re if any other departments use our system.

8. Committee of the Whole Report

The following recommendation is for Council's consideration from the Committee of the Whole meeting held on July 26, 2021:

Recommendation #1 – On recommendation of Committee of the Whole Council approve the quote from Webster Bros Paving and Concrete in the amount of \$24,750.00 plus HST as it is the lowest quote for the paving of a portion of Old Foxbrook Road.

The following recommendation is for the Council's consideration from email dated August 23, 2021:

Recommendation #1 – On recommendation of Committee of the Whole Council approve the donation of \$500.00 to the NSCC Student Association Pictou Campus for their Welcome to NSCC BBQ for new and returning students.

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to approve Committee of the Whole recommendations, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

9. Reports from Regional Organizations/Committees

Mayor D. MacGillivray stated that this is a new addition to the agenda; the CAO's reports are included in Council's package.

a. Pictou County Wellness Centre

b. Pictou County Shared Services Authority

10. Ad Hoc Mental Health Committee

Coun. B. Knight updated Council on the Committee that deals with the mental health crises here in Pictou County; the Committee has representatives from each town.

Coun. B. Knight joined Committee and provided information on their future plans and goals of getting a mental health unit in Pictou County.

11. Open Forum

Brian Atkinson comments re:

- Ball field maintenance is excellent
- Suggested putting in seating for safety reasons

Scott Langille comments re:

- Resident of the Park Street apartments
- Concern re the notice of discontinuing the elevator in the building
- New owners in 2018; wants to know if they are complying to all fire regulations and such

CAO S. Higdon stated that the Town can look into the fire regulations concern; the elevator would be a provincial matter, but can contact the MLA.

12. Next Council Meeting

Next Council meeting will be Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

13. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned on motion by Coun. G. Pentz.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

STELLARTON TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

A Public Hearing of the Stellarton Town Council was held on Monday, September 27, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Present

Present were Mayor D. MacGillivray, Couns. B. Knight, S. Lawand, S. Campbell, and G. Pentz.

Also present CAO S. Higdon, and Building Inspector Mannie Withrow.

Agenda

The agenda was approved as received on motion by Coun. G. Pentz, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

Dangerous and Unightly Hearing for 164 Old Halifax Road

Mayor D. MacGillivray asked if anyone would like to speak.

Mr. James Himmelman stated he did not understand why he was before Council.

Building Inspector Administrator, Mannie Withrow provided Council with his report, pictures and the following comments:

- Received complaint on April 20, 2021, on the property at 164 Old Halifax Road
- Property was inspected on April 21, 2021
- A Dangerous and Unightly Order was issued to property owner, Mr. Himmelman
- Options were given in the Order; owners want to maintain the existing dilapidated barn
- Need a structural engineer's report, provide a plan and apply for a permit, as well as clean up the miscellaneous auto parts, materials, and debris around the property

M. Withrow provided Council with pictures of the property; and reported that as of last week, the roof was taken off the barn. M. Withrow's recommendation is to issue an Order to proceed with the demolition of the existing barn and if the garage is structurally sound, it can be left.

Questions:

Coun. G. Pentz re work done to date. Mr. Withrow confirmed that Mr. Himmelman has been working away at it.

Coun. S. Lawand asked if the debris has been removed. Mr. Withrow reported that the property is not totally cleaned up.

Mr. Himmelman's comments: he intends to keep the existing garage, and will put a new roof on it; will demo some of the barn.

Coun. G. Pentz re an extension to perform the work on property, asked Mr. Himmelman if he will comply with timelines.

Mr. Himmelman stated that he will comply.

Coun. S. Lawand is willing to give the extension and stresses that Council needs to see progress.

Mayor D. MacGillivray asked Mr. Himmelman when work can be completed; how long of an extension?

Mr. Himmelman replied that work will be complete by next spring.

Discussion commenced re date of completion. Council agreed that all work should be done by March 31, 2022.

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to give an extension to Mr. Himmelman of March 31, 2022 to have work complete or it will be demolished, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

STELLARTON TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

Dangerous and Unsightly Hearing for 102-104 Rutherford Extension

Mayor D. MacGillivray asked if anyone would like to speak.

CAO Susan Higdon reported that 102-104 Rutherford is an abandoned property.

Building Inspector Administrator, Mannie Withrow provided Council with his report:

- Property inspected and deemed Dangerous and Unsightly
- Order was posted

M. Withrow recommends issued an Order to Demolish in 30 days and clean up property.

Coun. S. Lawand re contact with the property owners.

CAO S. Higdon reported that the Town did all required attempts to reach the property owners.

Coun. B. Knight re abandoned buildings could attract squatters and illegal activity.

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to issue a 30-Day Notice to Demolish 102-104 Rutherford Extension, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

Building Inspector M. Withrow updated Council on 339 South Foord Street. He reported that the property owner and has a contract with an engineering firm signed to prepare drawings to renovate the building and rectify the structural issues in the building. M. Withrow spoke with engineering firm and stated that the drawings will be ready mid-October. M. Withrow stated that the large structure is repairable but it will take time.

Adjournment

Public Hearing adjourned at 5:20 p.m. on motion by Coun. G. Pentz.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



STELLARTON POLICE SERVICE

Report for Month End September 30, 2021

Calls for Service

Total: 248

Activities

Arrests

5- 911 Act-Other Activities	
1- Aggravated Assault	1
1- Alarm	
3- Animal Calls	
7- Assaults	4
8- Assists to Canadian Police Agency	
32- Assists to the General Public	
2- Assists to non-Government Agencies	
3- Breach of the Peace	
3- Break and Enter	
1- Canada Transportation Act	
1- Child Welfare Act	
3- Crime Prevention	

- 1- Demonstration
- 1- Disturbing the Peace
- 3- Dog Act
- 1- Escort
- 1- Explosives Act
- 1- Extortion without a firearm
- 3- Fail to comply with a Probation Order 2
- 1- Failure to Stop/Remain
- 1- Failure to attend Court
- 3- False Alarms
- 5- Family Law Act
- 2- Family Orders and Agreements
- 1- Flight from Police
- 3- Fraud 1
- 1- Harassing Communications
- 5- Health Act Covid
- 1- Identity Theft
- 7- Information Files
- 4- Items Lost/ Found
- 1- Liquor Act
- 1- Luring a Child

5- Mental Health Act	
12- Mischief	
21- Motor Vehicle Act	5
1- Moving Traffic Intersection	1
11- Municipal Bylaws	
1- Operation while Impaired	1
1- Other Provincial/Territorial	
2- Parking Offences	
1- Person Reported Missing	
2- Police Assistance	
4- Police Information	
2- Possession of Proceeds of Crime	2
2- Possession of a Weapon	2
1- Property Check	
1- Provincial/Territorial	
1- Public Mischief	
1- Resists/Obstructs	
1- STEP Selective Traffic Enforcement	
2- Summary Convictions	1
22- Suspicious Persons	
2- Theft of Electric/Gas	
13- Thefts under \$5000	2

6- Traffic Collisions

4- Trespass Act

2- Trespass at Night

1- Unauthorized possession of a Weapon

1

1- Uttering Threats

8- Well Being Checks

Open Cases 32 Open Cases (YTD) 72

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Qty. Type

None- Due to Covid Restriction

Other Activities

Foot / Bike Patrol 12.5 hours
Radar Patrol 103 hours

Fleet

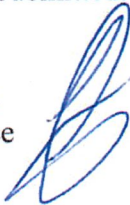
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Patrol Car 38 September 4042 km traveled Year to Date 40184 km travelled

Gas Used

Patrol Car 36 September 476 Litres Year to Date 5121 Litres
Patrol Car 38 September 497 Litres Year to Date 6746 Litres

Respectfully Submitted:

Mark Hobeck
Chief of Police



Crime statistics

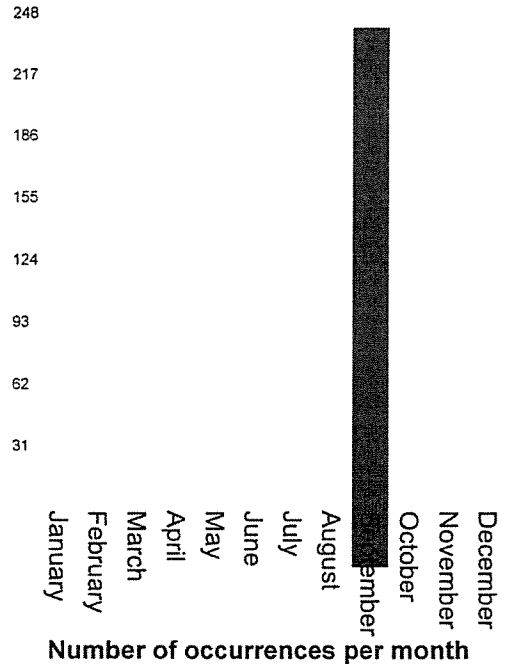
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Daily and hourly occurrences

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	UNKNOWN	TOTAL
NUMBER OF EVENTS - >	29	43	37	33	37	28	33	8	248
0:00 TO 3:59	2	4	5	1	4	1	3		20
4:00 TO 7:59	1	2	1	2	5	2	4		17
8:00 TO 11:59	2	7	10	6	6	6	6		43
12:00 TO 15:59	8	9	6	9	8	10	6		56
16:00 TO 19:59	7	14	11	10	6	3	8		59
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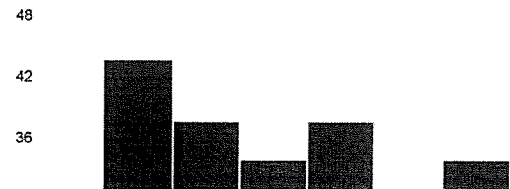
Breakdown by month:

Month	Number of occurrences	Percentage of total
January	0	0.0%
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	240	96.8%
October	0	0.0%
November	0	0.0%
December	0	0.0%
Unknown	8	3.2%
Total	248	100%



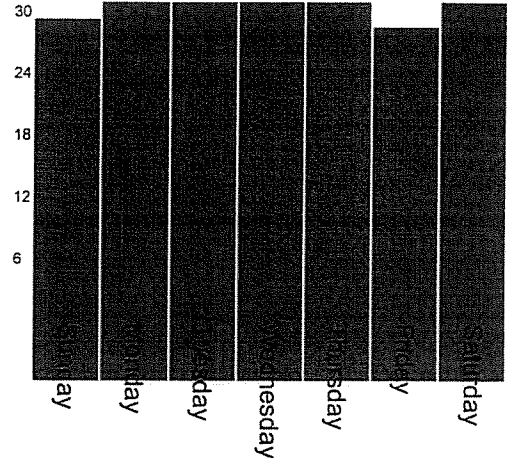
Breakdown by day of the week:

Weekday	Number of occurrences	Percentage of total
Sunday	29	11.7%
Monday	43	17.3%
Tuesday	37	14.9%



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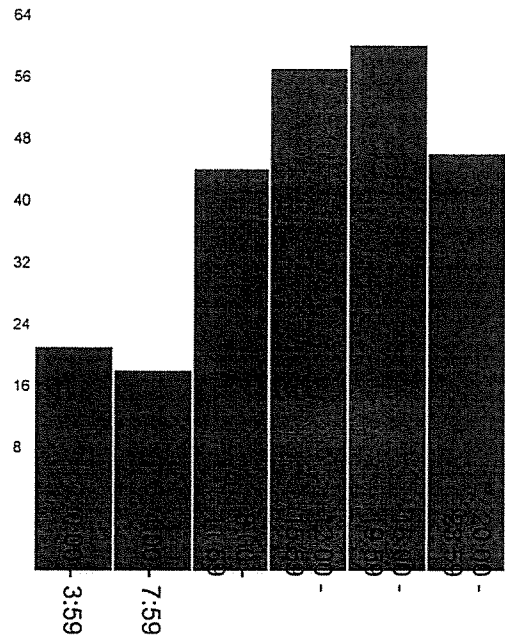
Wednesday	33	13.3%
Thursday	37	14.9%
Friday	28	11.3%
Saturday	33	13.3%
Unknown	8	3.2%
Total	248	100%



Number of occurrences per weekday

Breakdown by time of day:

<i>Time</i>	<i>Number of occurrences</i>	<i>Percentage of total</i>
0:00 - 3:59	20	8.1%
4:00 - 7:59	17	6.9%
8:00 - 11:59	43	17.3%
12:00 - 15:59	56	22.6%
16:00 - 19:59	59	23.8%
20:00 - 23:59	45	18.1%
Unknown	8	3.2%
Total	248	100%



Number of occurrences per time of day

Protected B

October 2021 Council Report Marketing & Communications

Heritage:

Miners' Monument Service

The Miners' Monument 100th Anniversary Service (originally scheduled for September 3) took place on September 17. The turnout was larger than anticipated and overall, it was a great event. There were some complications with sound due to the high-traffic area of Foord Street. For future events like this (Davis Day, Remembrance Day, etc.), we may need to consider closing that section of the street off to traffic.

Wreaths at the service were placed on behalf of the Town of Stellarton, the Honourable Pat Dunn, MLA for Pictou Centre, and the Museum of Industry.

Accessibility:

Draft Plan

The Accessibility Committee has been working to establish the initial draft of Stellarton's Accessibility Plan. At this time, the general body of the plan is finished. Town Staff will be meeting in the next month to edit and finalize the first draft to present to the Committee before presenting to Council.

Internal:

Volunteer Reception

Following the Province's virtual itinerary for the 2021 Volunteer Awards, a small luncheon/viewing party was organized for our Volunteer of the Year, Tanya Oldford-Cowley, on September 20. Tanya's family joined staff members to celebrate her success as a volunteer with United We Stand Pictou County in Stellarton.

Additional:

Athlete Interpretive Panels

The athlete panels that were in Allan Park are in the process of being restored. The original projects aren't still on file with the Advocate, so they are being transcribed and rebuilt in a more durable and weather-safe medium. The newly restored panels should be ready to be re-installed in the park in the spring.

Newsletter

The fall edition of the newsletter will be mailed out with the water bills. This edition features information on: Fire Prevention Week, community activities, updates from the Business Advisory and Heritage Committees, and information regarding rebate programs for low-income Nova Scotians.

Emergency Management Training

As part of the REMO Pictou County communications team, I have taken two training courses in the last month to aid in emergency management. I took the ICS-100 course in preparation for the ICS-200 course scheduled for later this month, and I took part in a training exercise at the Trenton Airport with the purpose of getting familiar with the area and learn what my role as Public Information Officer entails in the event of an emergency.

Respectfully submitted,
Paige Clarke
Marketing & Communications Coordinator

Town Engineers Report

September 2021

Engineering & Public Works Report

Engineering/ Capital

1. Please find attached the Capital Projects update sheet.
2. Victoria/Allan Infrastructure Upgrades
 - The base asphalt layer and curb and sidewalks are now complete on Allan Ave with just the surface layer of asphalt remaining and landscaping;
 - For Victoria Ave the only outstanding items are the final lift of asphalt and landscaping;
3. Poplar Street Storm Project – The project is now complete and in operation;
4. The new Acadia Avenue sidewalk is complete.
5. The staging for Town Hall roof was installed on September 30th;


Streets/Properties

6. Maintenance has been performed on several major culvert inlets. Debris was removed the major culvert down on South Foord Street by the train tracks. Debris was partially blocking the inlet. The culvert inlet on North Foord across from Sobeys warehouse has been cleaned out and the slope secured with rip rap.
7. The library
 - Handrail and fence has been painted;
 - Gutter leak was located and fixed;
8. The minors memorial fence was pressure blasted and painted;
9. The September 9th rainfall event produced +/-75 mm of rain. The rain created a lot of issues ranging from washed trails, driveways, overland flooding in locations, and surcharged sanitary systems. Town staff were busy dealing with these issues;
10. Canada Day flags were removed;

11. Mechanical staff are working on preparing winter equipment for the upcoming snow season. Salt trucks are undercoated for the season;
12. A sink hole was repaired at the intersection of Foord/Acadia.

Safety

13. First Aid training was provided to Town staff;

		
Town of Stellarton Capital Projects Update Sheet		
GENERAL CAPITAL		
	Project Description	Status
Town Properties:	Public Works Salt Shed	foundation for Oct, building arrived
	Town Hall Metal Roof	Staging installed on Sept 30th
	Library Boiler	ordered
	Town Office Flag Pole	scheduled for Oct
Infrastructure:	Sanitary Flow Meter and Structure	
	Curb replacement Bridge Ave	complete
	Curb replacement Park St	complete
	Coll/Poplar Storm Project	complete
Paving:	Pavement extension at Soccer Complex	scheduled for Oct
Sidewalks:	Fairview Ave (S Foord St - Fairview St)	work begun
	Acadia Ave (Birch St - Allan Park)	complete
	Belmont St (Cambey Ave - Belmont Ave)	
Victoria/Allan Infrastructure Upgrades	Victoria Ave	85% complete
	Allan Ave	85% complete
	*** top lift of asphalt and landscaping is all that remains for both streets	

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

Town of Stellarton Town Engineers Report Sept 2021 Water Utility Report

Water Quality Testing

1. Routine weekly Bacteriological sampling was conducted. All results were negative for the month.
2. The 5 Year sampling suite for all parameters listed in the CDWQG was completed;

Water Distribution System

3. Please see the Engineering and Public Works Report for the Victoria and Allan Infrastructure project updates;
4. Distribution hydrant flushing will commence the week of October 18th.

Water Treatment Plant (WTP);

5. The Town plans to do a pilot program next summer to address the taste and odor issue associated with the 2-MIB compound. The Town wishes to find a cost effective treatment that will only be used during the 6-8 week window that the problems occurs. More details to follow.
6. In the low pressure system we have been having issues with low Chlorine residuals at St. Andrews & St. Joseph's. Increased flushing remains until we can ensure good residuals throughout. In early October all flushing stations will be reduced to winter operation;
7. Average Treated water Production for September 2020 was 444,479 IG, whereas September 2021 was 414,155 IG, or ~ 7% lower consumption this year;
8. The raw water pump tender #2 was awarded to BJ Electric;

Safety

9. JOHSC Inspection noted an issue with First Aid kit & Eye Wash Stations. First Aid & Eye wash stations were inspected and corrected by vendor.

Blaine Murray, P. Eng.
Town Engineer

October Council Report

Active Community Living Coordinator

Community Playbox; Our Community PlayBox is up and running at Allan Park, near the gazebo. This is a container filled with a variety of gently used outdoor play equipment for community members to enjoy. It is as simple as play, then return!

Everyone is invited to borrow and play with the equipment at the park, then return it to the box when they are done. We encourage residents to donate any gently used recreation equipment that they wish to contribute to their local PlayBox.

Rules:

1. Remember to close the lid after borrowing or returning any equipment.
2. Always return equipment to the box when finished so others can easily find it.
3. Donate new or gently used equipment if you are able.
4. Call (902) 921-1023 if you notice that the PlayBox has been damaged or needs attention.

The municipality is not liable nor responsible for the condition of the items in these PlayBoxes. Parents/guardians should inspect the equipment to ensure they are age appropriate and in good condition prior to use.

Ride for Refuge; On October 2nd, the recreation coordinators across Pictou County and myself put a team together to participate in the Ride for Refuge, The Ride for Refuge is a covid-safe, family-friendly fundraiser that supports charities working with displaced, vulnerable, and exploited people everywhere.

Guided Hikes; The Town of Stellarton is collaborating with Hike Nova Scotia, and the other towns across Pictou County for the Hiker Challenge Pictou County Badge. Pictou County is known for its sandy beaches, warm community spirit and a fascinating industrial history. To qualify for the Pictou County Badge, you must hike just over 30km along the trails and old rails of this region in one year. This year, the Town of Stellarton will be partnering with the Town of New Glasgow for our guided hike- which will begin on the Sampson Trail and end on the Albion Trail. The date for this hike will be October 30th and will be Halloween themed. Participants are encouraged to wear their costumes and be prepared for a fun (and spooky) themed hike! More details will be shared through the Town of Stellarton Facebook page as we get closer to this date.

Active Living Committee; The Active Living Committee had our first meeting on September 29th. We invited the stakeholders within the Active Living community, as we look to build upon the existing spaces we have. The goal for this committee is to strengthen the relationships with these stakeholders, and together- allow our sport and recreation spaces the capability to reach their full potential. I am confident that with this committee, we will be able to make some impactful strides within the active living lifestyle and spaces, and I look forward to our next meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for November 24th, and if you have anything you would

like to contribute or anything you would like brought up to the committee- please email noah.delorey@stellarton.ca.

Covid-19 Vaccination Passport; As Nova Scotia enters the modified phase 5 reopening stage. Information was sent out to the coaches and leaders to ensure that everyone overseeing sport and recreation groups had the resources to enforce the protocols from Public Health. Information has also been put up at the Community Center building to remind participants that they had to be fully vaccinated to use the space.

Sunday Funday; Stellarton's month of Sunday Funday is October! Get out to the Wellness Center every Sunday within the month of October, to enjoy some free access to different programming. There is Open Gym (ages 8+) from 2:00pm-3:15pm, and 3:30pm-4:45pm, family swims from 12pm-1pm, 1pm-2pm, 2pm-3pm, 3pm-4:30pm. There is also free weight room/fitness center access (ages 12+) from 12pm-1pm, 1pm-2pm, 2pm-3pm, 3pm-4:30pm, and recreation pickleball (ages 16+) from 12:30pm-2pm... every Sunday in the month of October! Stellarton's next Sunday Funday month is scheduled for January. If you would like to see a specific activity offered, please email noah.delorey@stellarton.ca!

Booking of Fields; As the Summer sports program wrap up, the school sports have booked up times at the Sample Soccer fields and the Albion baseball field.

Volunteer Award; On September 20th, we recognized Tanya Oldford-Cowley as Stellarton's Volunteer of the Year! Tanya made a huge impact on Pictou County when she organized the United We Stand Pictou County group to sew and deliver thousands of face masks. It was our pleasure to recognize the incredible work Tanya has done with United We Stand Pictou County!

Dog Park; Nothing new to report on regarding the dog park. Updates will be shared when necessary.

Canoe Rental Service; We have been approved by Council to move forward to investigate a canoe rental program. We will investigate the legal logistics, insurance costs, storage, and other details. Updates will be provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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