

**NOVEMBER 9, 2015  
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA**

**REGULAR MEETING**

The Regular Meeting of the Stellarton Town Council II was held on Monday, November 9, 2015 at 5:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**PRESENT**

Mayor J. Gennoe, Couns. K. Francis, J. MacLellan, S. Lawand and D. Taylor.  
Also present Town Clerk J. Eaton.

**AGENDA**

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

**MINUTES**

The minutes of September 14, 2015 were approved on motion by Coun. S. Lawand, seconded by Coun. J. MacLellan. **Motion Carried.**

Coun. K. Francis wanted on record the very contentious comment about the MOU that was expressed by the Mayor, and Councillor Francis wanted it to be known that this was a personal statement expressed by the Mayor and it certainly did not reflect the beliefs of the Council.

**PRESENTATIONS: None**

**BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

- a. **Annual Grants – 2015-2016:** Mayor J. Gennoe presented list of Annual Grants. Council reviewed and discussed Annual Grants list (attached). Coun. K. Francis made motion to approve the Annual Grants for 2015-2016 as per the approved budget, seconded by Coun. D. Taylor. **Motion Carried.**

**REPORTS FROM ELECTED – OUTSIDE COMMITTEES**

**Mayor J. Gennoe:**

Invitation from Natural Resources for Nov. 17, 10:30 a.m. in Lorne for the cutting of the Christmas tree that is being donated to Boston.

MOU – information is on the [onepictoucounty.ca](http://onepictoucounty.ca) website.

The Pictou County Wellness Centre – Annual General Meeting will be November 26, meetings every two months.

Pictou County Shared Services Authority – next meeting November 16.

**Coun. S. Lawand:**

Pictou County Sports Hall of Fame – induction of the New Glasgow Rangers from 1964-65 on November 13, 2:00 to 4:00 in the New Glasgow Council Chambers, all invited.

Communities in Bloom – update on Annual General Meeting; commitment from Town Engineer for watering plants.

DEANS – some talk of cutting funds.

Soccer Complex – more storage space is required; parking lot issues, paving costs too high; possible PC YMCA taking over the Squash Courts.

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**Coun. J. MacLellan reported on the following:**

Library – next meeting is November 12 in Pictou; acknowledged award received by Town of Antigonish - 2015 recipient of the Community Arts and Culture recognition award.

Mine Liaison Pioneer Coal – received no complaints.

**Coun. K. Francis reported on the following:**

Homecoming – no meeting in the last month

School Advisory Council, Northumberland Regional High School – Beautification of the school grounds.

Glen Haven Manor – accreditation; performance assessments; standard of conduct; confidentiality.

Municipal Alcohol Project – discussed at recent conference; province-wide; work with high schools.

**Coun. D. Taylor reported on the following:**

G. R. Saunders School Liaison – new members on Committee; updating Terms of Reference.

Riverview Home – governance reviews; planning a grand opening when renovations are complete; Board meeting next week.

MOU – UNSM Conference had positive comments re Pictou County and its efforts with the MOU; read article from the Chronical Herald, Letter to the Editor; forward thinking with the Alternative Voting Bylaw.

**PUBLIC HEARING RESULTS – SECOND READING: ALTERNATIVE VOTING BYLAW**

Town Clerk J. Eaton stated for the record that a Public Hearing was held at 5:00 p.m. November 9, 2015; one citizen voiced objections to the proposed bylaw; no other communication either verbal or writing received. Town Clerk J. Eaton proceeded to do the Second Reading.

Coun. D. Taylor made motion to proceed with the alternative voting bylaw, seconded by Coun. J. MacLellan. **Motion Carried.** Mayor J. Gennoe voted nay.

Coun. S. Lawand requested financial information prior to making his decision. Coun. D. Taylor stated that costs would be less.

Town Clerk J. Eaton clarified that this bylaw allows the Town to consider alternative voting methods for the plebiscite along with the fall election regardless of outcome, whether status quo or a new region; cost information on the onepictoucounty.ca website.

Discussion commenced.

**MAYOR J. GENNOE: 2015-2016 COMMITTEES**

Council reviewed list (attached).

Coun. K. Francis re Homecoming Committee, struggle to get new volunteers. Coun. D. Taylor suggested separate meeting with the Recreation Department, Council and Homecoming Committee to look at various aspects and discuss ideas. Council agreed to meet with Recreation Director and any interested parties.

Coun. K. Francis made motion to accept 2015-2016 Committees as presented, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

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**PICTOU COUNTY ROOTS FOR YOUTH SOCIETY – INVITATION FOR A TOUR**  
Coun. K. Francis provided details; new Chairperson; extended invitation to tour the Roots for Youth house.

**FINANCIAL REQUESTS:**  
Included with the Annual Grants.

**NEXT MEETING:**  
December 14, 2015, at 5:00 p.m.

**OPEN FORUM**

John Baker comments:  
- Future issues  
- Amalgamation concerns

**ADJOURN**  
Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

**MAYOR**

**TOWN CLERK**