

**OCTOBER 19, 2015
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA**

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Stellarton Town Council II was held on Monday, October 19, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT

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

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

The minutes were deferred to next meeting.

FOR THE RECORD

Council did not meet In-Camera prior to the meeting.

PRESENTATION: DEANS

Cindy MacKinnon from DEANS made presentation to Council; played video highlighting various activities; some changes planned in 2016; budget and funding formula; information on visitor numbers; calendars provided.

Questions/Comments:

Coun. D. Taylor gave positive comments regarding the cruise ships and their visits to Pictou County; tour the Museum of Industry. She asked about the Kiosk; completion date.

Coun. K. Francis thanked DEANS for their support of the Stellarton Homecoming Festival.

Coun. J. MacLellan also expressed her thanks for all the hard work done by DEANS.

Coun. J. MacLellan commented that DEANS has the paint for the Kiosk, and asked Town Engineer B. Funke if Public Works could perform the painting.

BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- a. **Town Engineer: Monthly Activity Report – Public Works:** Coun. J. MacLellan asked for an update regarding the paving and traffic lights; timelines, etc. Town Engineer B. Funke reported that paving has commenced this week and will continue weather permitting; extensive work involved; gas line installation continues. He reported that parts for the traffic lights are ordered. Coun. D. Taylor commented on having no utility poles along main streets. Town Engineer B. Funke agreed however there are major cost factors involved. Coun. J. MacLellan re business park crosswalks and the curb cutting. Town Engineer B. Funke confirmed that this work is being planned; work continues on the Pleasant Street.
- b. **Town Engineer: Monthly Activity Report – Water Department –** Town Engineer B. Funke provided update re Water Report. Coun. J. MacLellan asked about flooding issue for various businesses; Town Engineer B. Funke feels that the issue has been resolved. He commented on an old main not in use which has caused problems; it has been remedied. Also, infrastructure design work is started for water and sewer; grant money obtained for an engineering student for winter term. The inlet structure is complete; consistent water quality.
- c. **Robert Little – Lot on Aspen Street – installation of services**
Town Engineer B. Funke provided information on this lot, located at the end of Aspen Street; unserviced; recommends continuing services. Town Planner R. Burek gave some background information; Mr. Little applied to subdivide the lot;

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before he can sign off on the approval of the subdivision, the lot has to front a publically owned and maintained road.

Coun. K. Francis made motion that the installation of services for the lot owned by Robert Little on Aspen Street be approved, seconded by Coun. D. Taylor.

Motion Carried.

- d. **Code of Conduct for Elected Municipal Officials** – Coun. D. Taylor checked with our Municipal Advisor re the Code of Conduct for Elected Municipal Officials, which was previously approved in 2009; the response provided was that once the Code of Conduct is adopted by Council, it becomes a Policy of Council; the Councillors are then bound by those Policies; there is no need for each Councillor to sign individually.
- e. **Purchasing Joint Returning Officers services from the County for upcoming MOU Plebiscite and possible fall election (new Unit of Status Quo)**

Coun. D. Taylor made the motion that the Town of Stellarton purchase Joint Returning Officers services from the County for the upcoming MOU Plebiscite and the possible fall election for a new unit or status quo, seconded by Coun. J. MacLellan. **Motion Carried.**

PLANNING DIRECTOR – SECOND READING OF INTER-MUNICIPAL PLANNING STRATEGY

Town Planner Roland Burek reported that Council can now proceed with the Second Reading of the Inter-Municipal Planning Strategy, Secondary Planning Strategy for Stellarton and Uniform Land Use Bylaw. He stated that the Towns of Pictou and New Glasgow are also going to be doing the same very soon. Public Hearing has taken place; meeting took place with the Provincial Planning Office. R. Burek recommends that 290 Foord Street be rezoned from a C1 downtown commercial to a Residential Zoning; he provided relevant information and what the new document allows. Some discussion commenced.

Coun. D. Taylor motioned moving forward with the Second Reading of the Inter-Municipal Planning Strategy and follow this property under the recommendation of the Town Planner, seconded by Coun. K. Francis. **Motion Carried.**

Town Clerk J. Eaton read the Second Reading of the Inter-Municipal Planning Strategy, Secondary Strategy and Uniform Land Use Bylaw; this will also include the change and approved recommendation to have 290 South Foord Street as an R3.

Coun. D. Taylor motioned to proceed, seconded by Coun. J. MacLellan. **Motion Carried.**

REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL – OUTSIDE BOARDS

Mayor J. Gennoe:

144 CEF, no meetings held last month; project work on the Pictou Senior Club; member recruitment ongoing.

MOU – very busy, Steering Committee; information is on the onepictoucounty.ca website; next meeting Oct. 26 at 9 a.m.

The Pictou County Wellness Centre – next meeting is November 3.

Coun. S. Lawand absent.

Coun. J. MacLellan reported on the following:

Library – next meeting is November 12; attended the Library Conference in Halifax; Stellarton's Library is busy with programs etc.

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Mine Liaison Pioneer Coal – received no complaints; will touch base with Mr. White for any updates/reports.

Coun. K. Francis reported on the following:

Glen Haven Manor – newly accredited; high level of excellent service recognized.

Homecoming – final budget presented to Council; successful festival; positive feedback.

School Advisory Council, Northumberland Regional High School – good start to school year; a new Code of Conduct for the school, new Attendance Policy adopted; School Beautification and Improvement to Communications.

Coun. D. Taylor reported on the following:

G. R. Saunders School Liaison – meeting scheduled for the following week.

Riverview Home – attended Board meeting last month; next one is this week; fire alarm evacuation (false alarm) all went well.

MOU – some changes in the original schedule; posted on the website; Human Resources report will be out soon; Governance; Capital Investment Asset Plan; minutes are on the website.

FIRST READING: REGIONAL GOVERNMENT ALTERNATIVE VOTING BYLAW

Town Clerk J. Eaton stated that Council could have a motion to proceed with the First Reading – lengthy document – or defer to the next meeting to let Council review the document. Coun. D. Taylor commented that the “Alternative Voting” will include electronic voting as well as regular paper voting – for both the Plebiscite and fall election.

Coun. D. Taylor made motion to move forward with the First Reading of Alternative Voting Bylaw for the Plebiscite in 2016 and the election in 2016, seconded by Coun. J. MacLellan. **Motion Carried.**

2015-2016 ANNUAL GRANTS

Council agreed to defer this item to next meeting, when all Council members present.

NEXT MEETING:

Discussion commenced regarding times of future Council II meetings.

Coun. D. Taylor made a motion that Council change the time for Council II meetings from 7:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., seconded by Coun. K. Francis. **Motion Carried.**

NOVEMBER 9, 2015, 5:00 p.m.

OPEN FORUM

Town Clerk J. Eaton showed Council a plaque which was presented at a recent conference she attended for the Association of Municipal Administrators; the Town of Stellarton received a Bronze Award pertaining to the enhancement of the health and wellness of their employees and elected officials. She credited the Recreation Director for his contributions resulting in receiving plaque.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK