

APRIL 11, 2016
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Stellarton Town Council II was held on Monday, April 11, 2016 at 5:00 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 and Town Solicitor Craig Clarke.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Minutes not available.

BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- a. **Eastern Mainland Housing Authority – Vacancy:** Mayor J. Gennoe reported that this vacancy had no response; suggested Councillors asking individuals for consideration. A brief description of this position will be obtained for information purposes for both Council and interested candidates. Issue deferred.

PRESENTATION: NIL

REPORTS FROM ELECTED

Mayor J. Gennoe:

MOU – no meeting; communications active.

Pictou County Shared Services Authority – meeting on June 18th.

144 CEF Flight Engineers – no meeting.

Coun. S. Lawand:

Communities in Bloom – new flower pots will be picked up by Public Works as well as clean up the old pots; discussion re the gazebo roof repairs.

DEANS – Upcoming Gala.

Soccer Complex Committee – work started on the storage facility; conference room is complete.

Pictou County Sports Hall of Fame – seeking volunteers to man the hall in the day time hours; looking for funding.

Economic Development – unable to attend last meeting; Subcommittee projects planned.

Coun. J. MacLellan reported on the following:

Coun. J. MacLellan reported that she attended the Town Caucus meeting in Truro on April 6; good session; updates; rural areas; Scotia Rail Development information passed onto the Clerk; there is an opening on the Town Caucus Board.

Library – financial crisis; no funding increases from Province in 7 years; possible service cuts; request for increased funding from each Municipality to maintain services; Library

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Appreciation Event coming up on April 16 in Antigonish; asking Council to forward a letter to the Minister of Finance Mr. Delorey and the Minister of Community Cultures Mr. Ince and Heritage to request that they increase their funding to the Regional Libraries. Coun. J. MacLellan made motion that Stellarton Town Council send a letter to Minister Delorey and Minister Ince about how important the Libraries are and that Provincial support is needed to keep them available to our residents, seconded Coun. D. Taylor.
Motion Carried.

Coun. K. Francis reported on the following:

Homecoming – July 20 to 24; next meeting is April 13 at noon; final stages for brochure.

School Advisory Council, Northumberland Regional High School – Chairperson Cindy Skinner is stepping down, very much appreciated her volunteerism.

Glen Haven Manor – future of facility, maintenance.

Municipal Alcohol Project – “Girls Night Out” documentary; April 19 at 6:30 p.m.; inter-generational.

Economic Development – event tentatively planned for May 19; people returning from out west; economic turn; presentation from business perspective; three subcommittees established – Planning Committee, Entrepreneurship Group, and Communications Group.

Coun. D. Taylor reported on the following:

Riverview Home – next meeting April 27; met with province; community-based living; some concerns.

G. R. Saunders School Liaison – School Advisory Council; commended Cindy Skinner as well for Chairing those Committees; grant application complete for the school enhancements; meeting on April 25; MORE Proclamation April 20.

MOU Committee – Communications meetings; information included in Council’s packages; onepictoucounty.ca information; Stellarton’s session to be held this Thursday at the NSCC; same format as other sessions with presentation followed by questions.

Coun. S. Lawand questioned future of existing libraries, new library, funding formats. Coun. D. Taylor believed things would not change; Stellarton and other towns will continue to have their library; funding still to come from municipalities; her understanding is that the new library will be attached to the DeCoste Centre, has no financial information.

CHAD TRANSIT: 2016-2017 FINANCIAL REQUEST - \$18,000.00

Mayor J. Gennoe reported that this request will be deferred to budget.

RED SHIELD CAMPAIGN – TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2016 AT 7:00 p.m.

Mayor J. Gennoe informed Council of invitation to Red Shield Campaign on May 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the Westville Civic Centre; Deputy Mayor J. MacLellan will attend.

PICTOU ANTIGONISH REGIONAL LIBRARY – 2016.2017 FINANCIAL REQUESTS - \$39,928.00

Mayor J. Gennoe stated this request will be brought to the budget.

GAELIC AFFAIRS – MAY – GAELIC AWARENESS MONTH – PROCLAMATION

Council will sign Proclamation in recognition of Gaelic Awareness Month for May.

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NEXT MEETING:

May 9, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Coun. J. MacLellan asked about the Day of Mourning; Mayor J. Gennoe informed Council of the date – April 28th Trenton Park at 6 p.m.

OPEN FORUM

Brian Atkinson comments:

- Looking for responses to questions submitted at an earlier meeting

Town Clerk J. Eaton reported that she presented the 4 questions from Mr. Atkinson to the Steering Committee Project Manager; and expect to have the answers for the next Council I, May 2, 2016.

Coun. S. Lawand concerns with length of time for responses to questions.

Town Clerk J. Eaton commented on Council meeting procedures.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK