

**FEBRUARY 8, 2016
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA**

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Stellarton Town Council II was held on Monday, February 8, 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.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

The minutes of November 9 and December 14, 2015 approved on motion by Coun. S. Lawand, seconded by Coun. J. MacLellan. **Motion Carried.**

BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- a. **Citizen Appointment to the Stellarton Police Commission:** Town Clerk J. Eaton informed Council that the advertisement was placed; one letter of interest was received from Adrian Pearson. J. Eaton added that there was no interest received for the Stellarton Memorial Rink Commission. Coun. S. Lawand made motion to accept request from Adrian Pearson to join the Stellarton Police Commission for a three-year term, seconded by Coun. K. Francis. **Motion Carried.**
Council discussed Rink Commission vacancy; and decided to re-advertise the position; areas to post will include the Rink, facebook, and the Town's website. Coun. K. Francis made motion to re-advertise the vacant position for the Stellarton Memorial Rink Commission, seconded by Coun. J. MacLellan. **Motion Carried.**
- b. **Town Clerk – Interview Committee recommendation: Public Works Vacancy**
Town Clerk J. Eaton updated Council re recommendation from the Town of Stellarton Interviewing Committee dealing with the Public Works vacancy for the Machine Operator and Maintenance; advertisement was placed in the local news with closing date January 29; applications were short-listed; interviews took place on February 3, 2016. It is the recommendation from the Interviewing Committee that Harvey Fitzpatrick be hired as a full time employee with the Town of Stellarton Public Works Department, effective February 8, 2016. It is further recommended that the normal probationary period be waived in lieu of the temporary employment experience of seven (7) months with the Town of Stellarton; and it is recommended that Harvey be entitled to two (2) weeks-vacation in the fiscal year 2016 following the Collective Agreement, and that procedures relating to benefits, medical, dental and pension begin immediately. Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Interviewing Committee.
Coun. K. Francis made a motion to accept recommendation and hire Harvey Fitzpatrick for the full-time position with the Public Works Department, effective February 8, 2016, and that the probationary period be waived, as well be entitled to two (2) weeks-vacation, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

PRESENTATION: Nil

REPORTS FROM ELECTED

Mayor J. Gennoe:

144 CEF Flight Engineers – they are struggling to find recruits; budget issues as well; looking for inside work.

Pictou County Shared Services Authority – attended meeting today; areas under-budget.

MOU – several meetings held; final document has been submitted to the Province. Coun. S. Lawand re MOU; On page 25 of the document, regarding metering for sanitary sewage billings; Coun. S. Lawand read this section; asked how is Stellarton getting their fair share of the 27 million government funding. Coun. Lawand went on to read from page 23, regarding taxation policy – unclear of what it means. Coun. D. Taylor will get written responses; and commented that Stellarton submitted 5-year capital expenditure plan.

Coun. S. Lawand:

Economic Development – unable to attend meeting; Coun. K. Francis attended on his behalf.

Pictou County Sports Hall of Fame – unable to attend meeting

DEANS – in contact with Cindy MacKinnon, DEANS, regarding festival dates.

Communities in Bloom – lunch meeting today; Committee agreed to purchase 12 additional hanging baskets

Coun. J. MacLellan reported on the following:

Library – Thanked all who attended the Family Literacy event.

Mine Liason Pioneer Coal – nothing new to report.

Heritage – nothing new to report.

Coun. K. Francis reported on the following:

Homecoming – meeting scheduled for February 10 at noon; changes / new ideas being looked at.

School Advisory Council, Northumberland Regional High School –Education Foundation; scholarships; looking for Stellarton representatives.

Municipal Alcohol Project – Forum was held on February 4 at the Wellness Centre; intergenerational forum; well-attended.

Economic Development – attended meeting; two facilitators to help develop a strategic plan; next meeting is February 18, 2016.

Glen Haven Manor – end of 4th quarter; major work done; targets addressed.

Coun. D. Taylor reported on the following:

Riverview Home – attended meeting; reviewed financials.

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G. R. Saunders School Liaison – attended School Advisory Council meeting January 25, working on school enhancements; applying for grants; Home and School recruitment.

MOU Committee – several meetings over the last few weeks; will bring any questions from Council to MOU Committee.

NEXT MEETING:

March 14, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

OPEN FORUM

None.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK