

**OCTOBER 16, 2017
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA**

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Stellarton Town Council II was held on Monday, October 16, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT

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

Also present Town Clerk J. Eaton.

Regrets: Coun. S. Lawand

AGENDA

The Agenda was approved as amended to include the Sobeys Sports Complex and the Department of Mines building on Bridge Avenue, on motion by Coun. G. Pentz, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

DECLARATION: CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

MINUTES

Coun. B. Knight motioned to approve minutes from September 18, 2017, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

PRESENTATIONS: None

REPORTS FROM ELECTED

Mayor D. MacGillivray reported on the following:

- "Working Minds" training session re Mental Health
- Planning Advisory Committee meeting
- Rink Commission meeting; rink improvements, financial statements, ice bookings
- Pictou County Shared Services Authority meeting; small surplus
- Stellarton - Westville Policing Study; meeting with Committee; potential service models
- Police Commission meeting
- Habitat for Humanity meeting; Planner provided possible properties that could be used for model; Committees formed consisting of land to be used, fundraising, family for the household, build construction committee, volunteers, and finance/treasurer
- Tony DeCoste Video-grapher doing 8 videos promoting Stellarton; focusing on the Fire, Police, Business, Recreation, NSCC, St. Joseph's Academy, Restaurants, and a Highlights video; will be published on the Town's new website when complete
- October 14, a bench in the Town Square was dedicated to Catherine Campbell
- Pregnancy Infancy Loss Awareness Ceremony
- Toured the Emergency Department of the Aberdeen Hospital

Coun. B. Knight reported on the following:

- Mental Health training session
- Volunteered at the Maple Cedar Restaurant, proceeds going toward homeless shelter
- Maple Crest Seniors meeting
- Rink Commission meeting
- Recreation Committee meeting, next meeting Oct. 23 at 5:30 p.m.
- Police Commission meeting
- Bench dedication for Catherine Campbell
- Pregnancy Infancy Loss Awareness Ceremony

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Coun. S. Lawand, absent, Mayor D. MacGillivray read his report:

- Communities in Bloom – financial statements; beautification project for Foord / Bridge intersection; bench for Allan Park; will assist with the Town's Annual Christmas Event by purchasing hats
- Strategic Planning Advisory Committee
- Glen Haven Manor Board
- Pictou County Economic Working Group; Inter-Municipal Agreement regarding RENS

Coun. S. Campbell reported on the following:

- Mental Health training session
- Volunteered at the Maple Cedar Restaurant
- Rink Commission meeting
- Riverview Corp Board meeting
- Council I meeting
- Pregnancy Infancy Loss Awareness Ceremony

Coun. G. Pentz reported on the following:

- Sports Hall of Fame
- Flight 144 Engineers
- Rink Commission Meeting

MUNICIPAL AWARENESS WEEK: November 20 – 26, 2017

Mayor D. MacGillivray reported that Municipal Awareness Week is November 20-26; purpose is to promote the importance of municipal government in people's daily lives, including school aged children; encourage citizens to participate in municipal government; attending Council meetings, public hearings; and increase voter turnout during municipal elections.

Town Clerk J. Eaton stated that in the past, a Council member would take groups of school children down to Town Hall Council Chambers, and were given a presentation. Mayor D. MacGillivray is willing to do something similar. Coun. G. Pentz suggested Council go into the G. R. Saunders. Coun. S. Campbell also suggested a Family Skate. Contact Principal to set something up; ask Recreation Director to be involved.

MUNICIPAL WORKING GROUP – CANNABIS UPDATE & INFORMATION REQUEST

Mayor D. MacGillivray reported that UNSM is asking us to form a Committee to see what the impact of the legalization of cannabis would be; recreationally, July 2018. He feels this is covered by the Municipal Alcohol Project, with Coun. B. Knight sitting on the Committee; there is a meeting coming up.

Coun. B. Knight informed Council of upcoming meeting; there will also be an information session for the public in the future, for their input; look at their concerns; policing; costs, etc., raise awareness. Mayor D. MacGillivray re meeting date is October 25 at the NSCC, 6:00 p.m.; invitees include Pictou County Mayors, Warden, Councillors, CAO's, Clerks, Police, RCMP, and MLA's.

CANNABIS LEGALIZATION – MUNICIPAL IMPACTS

Addressed above.

CANNABIS CONSULTATIONS

Mayor D. MacGillivray re Municipal Affairs will be holding four consultations throughout the province; Port Hawkesbury (tonight), Truro (tomorrow afternoon), Kings County (Wednesday), and White Point (Thursday). Staff from Municipal Affairs, the Department of Justice, and NS Health Authority will be on-hand to answer questions.

2017 HOMECOMING FINANCIAL REPORT

Mayor D. MacGillivray presented the Homecoming financial report, highlighting: Town's contributed \$10,500, plus an additional \$600 to cover shortfall; \$26,000 total cost for the Festival; \$107 balance in bank.

Coun. B. Knight thanked Treasurer Allan Murray for his volunteerism.

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Coun. B. Knight made motion to send Allan Murray a letter of thanks for his dedication and work towards the Homecoming Festival, seconded Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

BILL 177 – PHASED IN ASSESSMENT AGREEMENT

Proposed Bylaw – “Commercial Development District Improvement Plan Bylaw”

Mayor D. MacGillivray re a way to attract new businesses to the Town; Bill 177 which allows some mechanisms to do that; recently received information from the province on what the program consists of; forward to Lawyer for clarity and advice.

UNSM CONFERENCE: MINISTERS PANEL – QUESTIONS FOR MINISTER

Mayor D. MacGillivray reported that the UNSM Conference takes place the second week in November; opportunity to ask questions to various provincial Ministers on behalf of your communities; the following Ministers have been invited: Education, Health, Justice, Transportation Infrastructure Renewal, Natural Resources, and Municipal Affairs; have until October 26 to present questions.

Coun. B. Knight reported that he asked question re speed limits; Town does not have the ability to drop speed limit; Give the Municipal Units the legal ability to drop the speed limits in areas they deem as dangerous.

SOBEYS SPORTS COMPLEX

Coun. B. Knight information to Council; the Sobeys Sports Complex along with two local dog agility organizations have been selected to host the 2019 UK1 Agility Nationals. Event planning; benefits to community; possible larger events in future if successful with this one.

DEPARTMENT OF MINES BUILDING

Mayor D. MacGillivray voiced concerns with area; newly installed sidewalks; Department of Mines Building looks shabby; recommends sending letter to Province asking them to complete the siding on the building.

Coun. B. Knight made motion to send letter to Province requesting visual improvements to the Department of Mines building located on Bridge Avenue, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz. **Motion Carried.**

NEXT MEETING:

November 20, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

OPEN FORUM

Brian Atkinson comments:

- Letter from Mayor included with the water bills; appreciated
- Information for school kids and well as the NSCC students

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m. on motion by Coun. G. Pentz.

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK