

**DECEMBER 11, 2017
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA**

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Stellarton Town Council II was held on Monday, December 11, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT

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

Also present Town Clerk J. Eaton.

Regrets: Coun. S. Campbell

AGENDA

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

DECLARATION: CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

MINUTES

Coun. B. Knight motioned to approve minutes from November 20, 2017, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz. **Motion Carried.**

BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Ratify: Contract Services – Roland Burek, Planning & Development. Approved on motion by Coun. G. Pentz to have Roland Burek on a contract basis for Planning and Development, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

Coun. S. Lawand asked if contract included meeting attendance.

Compensation: Non-Union Employees

Mayor D. MacGillivray re Policy for banked hours for non-union employees; it's a labour hour bank for non-union staff; to encompass all non-union staff; the bank can be a maximum of 40 hours; must be accumulated outside regular office hours, not lunch or staying an hour late; Council I and Council II meetings are not included, they are a part of regular job description; time-off from the bank will be pre-approved by supervisor; any time to be banked must be pre-approved by supervisor as well; minimum of 2 hours work. Town Clerk J. Eaton re clarity of 40 banked hours, per year, or re-fillable. Council agreed that the max is 40 hours, but once depleted, hours can start accumulating again.

Ratify Change: Police Commission Hiring of Term Employees – First three Candidates may be contacted if necessary within a 90 day period prior to re-advertising.

Coun. B. Knight made motion to allow Police Chief to hire alternative candidates, from the first three, if necessary within a 90 day period prior to re-advertising, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

PRESENTATIONS: Nil

REPORTS FROM ELECTED

Mayor D. MacGillivray reported on the following:

- Pictou County Shared Services
- Pictou County Wellness Centre; expenses up in October; year-end similar to last year
- Municipal Awareness Week – presentation to grade 3 class at G. R. Saunders Elementary School
- Pictou County Christmas Fund presentation at the DeCoste Centre; made donation on behalf of the Town
- Aberdeen Hospital Foundation Government Relations Committee meeting; population health; Vital-Signs Project United Way
- Christmas Tree Lighting at the Town Square
- Northern Pulp information session re proposed affluent release in the Northumberland Strait
- Seniors Christmas events

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Coun. S. Lawand re Pictou County Wellness Centre deficit, same as last year, new management structure, any savings.

Mayor D. MacGillivray replied that savings will occur the next fiscal year.

Coun. B. Knight reported on the following:

- Handicapped Awareness
- Recreation Committee meeting
- Municipal Awareness presentation at the G. R. Saunders School
- Christmas Tree Lighting
- Council I and In-Camera meetings
- Indoor Sports Complex; National Dog Show meeting
- Seniors Christmas Parties
- Nova Scotia Community College meeting with Town Engineer

Coun. S. Lawand reported on the following:

- Attended several functions; but nothing to report on Committees

Coun. S. Campbell absent.

Coun. G. Pentz reported on the following:

- Recreation Committee meeting
- Municipal Awareness presentation at the G. R. Saunders School
- School Advisory Committee, Northumberland Regional High School
- Indoor Sports Complex, National Dog Show meeting
- Seniors Christmas socials

FINANCIAL REQUEST – MARIPOSA EAST SKATING CENTRE

Town Clerk J. Eaton reported that the event is February 23 – 25. Coun. S. Lawand re monies left in budget; Town Clerk J. Eaton replied that there is enough for business card or quarter page advertisement.

Coun. S. Lawand made motion to purchase quarter page advertisement, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz. **Motion Carried.**

Coun. B. Knight noted that Council is supporting the Event, not a specific team.

ASHTON CREATIVE DESIGN – INTERPRETIVE PANEL – REV. GEORGE M. GRANT

Mayor D. MacGillivray provided comments on Interpretive Panel by Ashton Creative Design; George M. Grant, Stellarton-born Nation builder; big part of Confederation.

Coun. S. Lawand recommended forwarding to the Planning Advisory Committee. Also, include for next budget deliberations. Coun. G. Pentz suggested inviting Mr. Ashton to Council meeting for more information, prior to budget.

UNSM BOARD REPORT – DECEMBER 1, 2017

Received as information.

NEXT MEETING:

January 15, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

OPEN FORUM - Nil

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. on motion by Coun. G. Pentz.