

APRIL 10, 2017
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Stellarton Town Council II was held on Monday, April 10, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT

Mayor D. MacGillivray, Couns. S. Lawand, B. Knight, and G. Pentz.
Also present Town Clerk J. Eaton.
Regrets: Coun. S. Campbell.

AGENDA

The Agenda was approved as amended to include #10 Proposal from the Soccer Complex, and #11 The Westray Wall of Remembrance, on motion by Coun. B. Knight, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

DECLARATION: CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

MINUTES

Coun. G. Pentz motioned to approve minutes from March 13, 2017, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Ratify: Geophysical Assessment & Survey - \$50,000.00 plus HST. Mayor D. MacGillivray stated that there is a "red zone" in the Town that prohibits development; subsidence issues; want to find exact areas that may be problematic. Coun. G. Pentz made motion for a Geophysical Assessment & Survey, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

Ratify: Water Withdrawal Study Consultant – \$20,000.00 plus HST; Mayor D. MacGillivray stated that this has to do with the permission from the Province to withdraw water from the East River; proactive step. Coun. B. Knight made motion for Water Withdrawal Study Consultant for \$20,000 plus HST, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

Ratify: CUPE Negotiator – CML Consulting; Coun. G. Pentz motion to ratify CUPE Negotiator CML Consulting, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

PLANNING DIRECTOR APRIL 2017 MONTHLY REPORT – PLANNING (Attached)

Proposal – Guidelines for Unsightly Properties – Planning Director R. Burek re one consistent Policy across the board for the three Towns that he service, Stellarton, Trenton and Westville; being put forward to all three Councils for review.

Questions/Comments:

Coun. S. Lawand question re other towns' policies; mold in buildings.

R. Burek reported that Building Inspectors usually are not trained or qualified to make the determination regarding dangerous mold in buildings; landlord/tenant issue.

Coun. S. Lawand made motion that it is a Policy for the Town of Stellarton not to respond to complaints of mold, air quality or other health related matters that are outside of the scope of NS Building Code, NS Fire Code, or other applicable legislation, or areas the Town staff are not qualified or trained to address. Where reasonable to do so, Town staff may direct complaints to the appropriate agency or authority, such as the Department of Health, Department of Community Services, Residential Tenancy, Board, or and other relevant agency. Motion seconded by Coun. B. Knight.

Question: Coun. G. Pentz asked what action is taken.

R. Burek replied that people are informed that this is outside of their jurisdiction.

Motion Carried.

Coun. G. Pentz re derelict buildings in other towns and Cape Breton. R. Burek replied on other policies and budgets for demolition.

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Coun. S. Lawand question re updates to Specific Plan and Municipal Documents Development Agreement; begun some preliminary work with the Town Engineer on the Albion Business Park Plan Revisions – what does that entail.

R. Burek explained that back in the fall, the Town Engineer and he had a discussion; and reviewed the current plan by CBCL to see if there's any revisions such as future land uses, road patterns, etc.; issue also brought up at the PAC meeting.

Coun. S. Lawand question re work continues with Town of Trenton Economic Development Committee on the Downtown Development Program; any information on the Committee and if it can be shared with Stellarton's Planning Committee.

R. Burek reported that the Town of Trenton has an Economic Development Committee for 12 plus years; they adopted a Downtown Revitalization Plan; some initiatives include historical plaques, main-street improvements; identifying and celebrating the first commercial pouring of steel in North America in 1873.

Coun. G. Pentz, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand, motioned to accept report / proposals.
Motion Carried.

REPORTS FROM ELECTED

Mayor D. MacGillivray reported on the following:

- Pictou County Shared Services – attended meeting on March 20; passed budgets for upcoming fiscal year for Pictou County Solid Waste, and East River Environmental Control Centre
- PAC met on March 22
- March 24 attended UNSM Regional Caucus in Truro
- April 3 meeting at Glasgow Square re Sexual Assault Awareness Month
- April 6 attended DEANS Gala
- Pictou County Wellness Centre met today; formed a Facility Manager Review Team; Advisory Committee

Coun. B. Knight reported on the following:

- March 13 Council meeting
- March 28 In Camera Council meeting
- March 29 Homecoming meeting
- March 31 sat on Interviewing Committee
- April 3 Interviewed students for Water Treatment Plant
- April 3 Council I meeting
- April 6 Police Commission meeting
- Attended Selection Committee meeting for Town Engineer position
- Met at the Sports Complex with Gary Matheson

Coun. S. Lawand reported on the following:

- Library Board meeting is on April 13; unable to attend
- Community in Bloom, April 11
- DEANS; attended the Gala; very good turnout
- Glen Haven Manor – working on the 4th quarter of their Strategic Plan
- Pictou County Business Development Committee – looking at hiring a facilitator; next meeting is on April 12; Coun. Pentz will attend
- Homecoming – bands were confirmed; bouncy houses confirmed; new activities planned.

Coun. S. Lawand made motion for the Town to contribute \$10,500 towards the Homecoming Festival, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz. **Motion Carried.**

- March 24 attended UNSM Regional Caucus in Truro
- PAC meeting; brainstorming; next meeting April 19
- Police Commission meeting – unable to attend; read some comments from Chief Husher re retirement letter from Inspector Ambrose Heighton; approval to hire a full time officer; advertisements planned for both full time and term officer.

Coun. S. Campbell reported on the following:

- Absent; will provide reports next month

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Coun. G. Pentz reported on the following:

- Flight Engineers meeting March 15
- No Sports Heritage Hall of Fame meeting
- Homecoming meeting
- Selection Committee meeting for Town Engineer position

INFORMATION ONLY: MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS MINISTER – 12 MONTH NOTICE

Town Clerk J. Eaton re information purposes; effects the Dept. of Justice, the Legalization of Cannabis, NS Environment, Dept. of Municipal Affairs, uniform assessment, and Joint Municipality Accountability and Transparency Committee. Mayor D. MacGillivray stated that the Province has to give the municipalities 12 months notice of any Provincial Legislature, Regulation, or Administration actions that could affect a decrease in revenue or increase in expenditures.

Coun. S. Lawand question; the Dept. of Justice; decrease in expenses; will there be more money for Stellarton?

Coun. S. Lawand question re Drinking Water Requirement; send email to Town Engineer when would that be implemented in Stellarton; timelines and the cost for next meeting.

Coun. S. Lawand question re the UA Calculation; it's being reviewed to consider the following – inclusion of the Conservation Property Grant and the removal of Water Utilities – are we paying more money? Town Clerk J. Eaton replied that the Conservation Property Grant does not apply to Stellarton; also that in the Assessment Roll, the Water Utility is assessed as taxable property – therefore they pay tax to the Town of Stellarton as revenue.

LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH – MAY 2017

Mayor D. MacGillivray read Proclamation, Lyme Disease Awareness Month May 2017.

Coun. B. Knight made motion accepting Proclamation, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand.

Motion Carried.

GO CLEAN GET GREEN KICK OFF – APRIL 13, 2017

Mayor D. MacGillivray provided information, and dates of various events; actual clean up dates are April 21 and April 22. Coun. G. Pentz noted that former Stellarton Councillor John Murphy initiated this event back in the early 90s.

INDOOR SOCCER COMPLEX

Coun. B. Knight attended meeting April 8 at Soccer Complex with Facility Manager Gary Matheson, Rick Cook Vice President of Highland District Soccer Association, etc. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss possibility of a National Dog Competition in the complex, August 28 – September 2, 2019. Coun. B. Knight provided information re Dog Shows; national coverage; economic spin-offs for Pictou County. Committee is asking Town for use of one of the soccer fields for the outdoor requirements of competition; need all approvals prior to submitting application to host nationals. Coun. S. Lawand re field rotation for soccer use; one field is usually rested each season; will contact Recreation Director to coordinate field usage.

Coun. S. Lawand made motion to approve the utilization of a soccer field for a National Dog Competition in 2019, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz. **Motion Carried.**

WESTRAY WALL OF REMEMBRANCE

Mayor D. MacGillivray reported that was proposed by the Museum of Industry to have a Wall of Remembrance inside the Museum; total cost \$9,600; requesting \$1,600 from each of the municipalities.

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to approve \$1,600 for the Wall of Remembrance, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

NEXT MEETING:

May 8, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

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OPEN FORUM

Town Clerk J. Eaton comments:

- Correspondence from Katie McNiven re 2 oversized lounge chairs that Sobeys 110 are having constructed for Canada 150; they would like to donate and put them on the Albion Trail behind their office building.
Coun. B. Knight motioned to allow Sobeys to put the two lounge chairs on the Albion Trail, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz. **Motion Carried.**

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK