

FEBRUARY 21, 2017
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Stellarton Town Council II was held on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT

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

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. G. Pentz motioned to approve minutes from January 16, 2017, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

PRESENTATIONS:

Nil

REPORTS FROM ELECTED

Mayor D. MacGillivray reported:

- January 17, toured the Pioneer Coal operations
- January 19, attended Tender Opening for work to be done on Cambey and Hudson
- January 23, attended Economic and Development Committee meeting hosted in Stellarton
- January 30, attended Rink Commission meeting
- February 1, Slow Pitch Executive; try to get them back using our fields
- February 2, Police Commission meeting
- February 3, met with Habitat for Humanity representative
- February 4, Fire Fighters' Banquet
- February 6, Shared Services meeting and Council I meeting
- February 13, Pictou County Wellness Meeting

Mayor D. MacGillivray provided an update re the Pictou County Wellness Centre; in 2014 there was a \$778,000 deficit, Stellarton paid \$230,000; in 2015 the deficit was \$961,000, Stellarton paid \$284,000; in 2016 about 1 million, Stellarton paid \$313,000; Stellarton paid 29.6% of the operational deficit; probable \$200,000 contribution per year for Stellarton; closure of the Stellarton Rink will not affect deficit; factors which drive deficit includes ice surfaces, power, pool, etc. Information re the YMCA and its benefits.

Mayor D. MacGillivray re meeting with Habitat for Humanity representative, Executive Director Mary Franc LeBlanc; Stellarton could be a possible location; information on the project in Oxford; need Corporate sponsor and available land; refer to the Planning Advisory Committee.

Coun. S. Lawand comments on Mayor's report; Wellness Centre; special events to reduce deficits. Mayor D. MacGillivray stated that there are ongoing efforts to reduce the deficit, special events will help.

Coun. B. Knight reported:

- January 17, toured the Pioneer Coal mine, very informative
- January 26, attended the Homecoming meeting; new ideas

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- January 30, attended the Rink Commission meeting
- February 1, attended meeting with other Couns. Campbell and Pentz to discuss Employee Service Awards
- February 2, attended the Police Commission meeting
- February 4, travelled to Truro to see their Dog Park; also went to their Town Library
- February 4, attended the Annual Fire Fighters' Banquet.
- February 6, Council I meeting
- February 7, iPad Training session
- February 8, another Homecoming meeting
- February 9, Pictou County Alcohol Project Committee meeting; items discussed included Shuttle Services, Babysitting services, etc.
- Also sat in on Interviews for Public Works vacancy (2).

Coun. S. Lawand:

- Attended the Fire Fighters' banquet
- Stellarton's first Family Fun Day on February 20 at the Albion Field; very good turnout
- Community in Bloom; lunch meeting with the Town Engineer; summer students to work at the Town Square as well as the Allan Park; other areas in Town; hanging planters commemorating Canada's 150, red and white colours; work to be done in Allan Park include pathway and clock repairs
- DEANS, preparing for Tartan Days Gala Awards; Canada's 150 birthday events
- Homecoming; two meetings held in the last month; 17 volunteers; Homecoming dates are July 26 – 30; planning well underway, similar to last year's schedule; new activities being looked at; next meeting is scheduled for March 15 at 6 p.m.
- Police Commission – new Chair and Vice Chairs appointed; Don Taylor returning as Chair; Adrian Pearson as Vice Chair; foot patrols; speeding rates - no major problems; parking review; Taxi Bylaw; Dog Bylaw
- Library Board meetings; did a reading at the Stellarton Library; toured library facilities; future use of the Youth Centre. Statistics provided as information. Reported that they were not able to find person to fill the Landscape Technology position – had to decline the grant funding.
- Glen Haven Manor – Chair and Vice Chair chosen for this year
- Pictou County Economic Development Committee – attended meeting on Feb.1, REN and participation from all municipal units; recommendation for each Council approve the Mayors and Warden to meet with Eastern REN Steering Committee and explore the opportunity of joining them; meeting set for March 1 for Councillors, read invitation and meeting agenda from Lenny White, Vice Chair of the Pictou County Economic Working Group. Coun. B. Knight commented on the validity of invitation. Coun. S. Lawand suggests the Town Clerk send letter to the Warden to clarify this issue.

Coun. S. Campbell reported on the following:

- Riverview Home Corp, attended monthly meeting on January 26
- Toured the Pioneer Coal operations
- Stellarton Rink Commission meeting on January 30
- Dog Park visit in Truro
- Annual Banquet at the Stellarton Fire Department
- Family Day activities
- Working on the Service Awards Policy

Coun. G. Pentz reported on the following:

- Toured the Pioneer Coal operations with the rest of Council
- January 18, attended a Sports Hall of Fame meeting
- January 19, Flight Engineers in Pictou
- January 30, Rink Commission meeting
- February 1, Economic Development meeting
- February 4, Dog Park in Truro

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- February 8, Homecoming meeting

SOBEY FOUNDATION – DEED OF GIFTS – STELLARTON TOWN SQUARE

Town Clerk J. Eaton reported that a motion of Council is needed to have Mayor and Clerk sign document to complete process of Town receiving official deed to the property from the Sobey Foundation. Coun. B. Knight made motion for the Mayor and Town Clerk have authorization to sign documents, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

COUN. S. LAWAND: DEDICATION PLAQUE – CPL. KEVIN MEGENEY

Coun. S. Lawand provided some background re dedication plaque; requested that prior to the next Council Meeting on March 6, they unveil the plaque in the Town Hall, downstairs with media present, commemorating Cpl. Kevin Megeney. Mayor D. MacGillivray voiced his support. Coun. B. Knight made motion to have unveiling of the Dedication Plaque on March 6, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS:

Town Clerk reported on names supported by Town Council to sit on Committees for 3 year terms commencing this date, as follows:

STELLARTON MEMORIAL RINK: Millan MacDonald

RECREATION COMMITTEE: Patty Lloyd, Peggy Williams, and Ian Turner

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Matthew MacDonald, Jack Langlois, and Gary Stewart.

EASTERN MAINLAND HOUSING AUTHORITY:

Submission of two names for consideration by the Province: Nancy Terris and Peter Kay.

Coun. G. Pentz motioned to accept Citizen Appointments for the Stellarton Memorial Rink Commission, Recreation Committee, and Planning Advisory Committee, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO PLANNING ADVISORY AND RECREATION COMMITTEES:

Mayor D. MacGillivray, Coun. S. Lawand and Coun. S. Campbell to sit on Planning Advisory Committee on motion Coun. S. Lawand, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz.

Motion Carried.

Coun. B. Knight and Coun. G. Pentz to sit on the Recreation Committee on motion by Coun. S. Lawand, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell.

Motion Carried.

UCT – FINANCIAL REQUEST – PROGRAM ADVERTISEMENT

Town Clerk J. Eaton added information in Council's package; looking for response by February 28; cost of a half page is \$200, full page is \$350. Coun. G. Pentz made motion to purchase half page advertisement for \$200, seconded by Coun. B. Knight.

Motion Carried.

NEXT MEETING:

March 13, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

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OPEN FORUM

Brian Atkinson comments:

- Acknowledged the exceptional job of the Town Workers during the last snow storms

Frank Jackson comments:

- Thanked Council on the "No Vote" re amalgamation
- Cost factors
- Public Transportation bus service information

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. on motion by Coun. G. Pentz.

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK