

**JANUARY 15, 2018
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA**

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Stellarton Town Council II was held on Monday, January 15, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT

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

AGENDA

The Agenda was approved, 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 December 11, 2017, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Town Clerk J. Eaton stated that the original request to Council was to have permission to bid on two different properties if there weren't any public interest; which was granted; these properties will become vested properties in the Town. The first one 25 Bunker Hill, was bid by a citizen. Town Clerk was successful in acquiring 102 River Street for the Town as a vested property.

Ratify: Approval for purchase – Tax Sale Properties; Coun. S. Lawand motioned for Town to purchase 102 River Street for \$13,827.50, seconded by Coun. B. Knight.

Motion Carried.

PRESENTATIONS:

John Ashton – Re: Rev. George Monro Grant

John Ashton made presentation and proposal to Council to make an interpretive panel about Rev. George Monro Grant. Mr. Ashton referred to article and proposal, provided a brief bio; parents lived in the Albion Mines; he is known as an outstanding Canadian. Interpretive panel information, development and cost.

Questions/Comments:

Coun. S. Lawand re design. Mr. Ashton is able to alter or make changes.

Coun. B. Knight re federal monies through the Heritage Society. Mr. Ashton referred to Heritage Canada for a Commemorate Canada Grant.

Coun. B. Knight suggested area at Kirk / Foord, small green area.

John Ashton re NSCC to help with structure; PARL and Roots Society to help with geneology

Coun. B. Knight proposed having the Recreation Committee and Paul Corbin work with Mr. Ashton and come back to Council with cost and proposals.

Coun. S. Lawand proposed that the project go to the Planning Advisory Committee, they are already working on other interpretive panels; uniformity.

Discussion commenced.

Council agreed to defer to the Planning Advisory Committee.

Judge Clyde MacDonald and Phillip MacKenzie

Judge Clyde MacDonald and Phillip MacKenzie presented to Council two plaque-boards; which are historic; preservation of the Town; various photos with captions. Other Towns received similar plaque-boards. Mayor D. MacGillivray accepted plaque-boards and thanked presenters.

Kate MacDonald, Village Academy

Lacey Morrell-Peers from Village Academy along with Kate MacDonald-Baker made presentation to Council, proposed partnership between them and the Town and Recreation Department. Presentation / Slide Show / information attached. Program focuses on:

- Academics, Wellness, Environment and Citizenship. Facility and outdoor space.
- Facility, outdoor classroom, community garden, greenhouse

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- Community Partners
- Shared use or purchase of land near the Valley Woods Playground; visual map provided; acquisition of 100 acres for future expansion
- The benefits to community
- Funding, investments

Questions from Council:

Mayor D. MacGillivray re ages/grades; funding partners; ownership of the 100 acres.

Coun. S. Lawand re accredited; 100 acres, some swamps; facility size; winter conditions; any other similar facilities; location choice.

Mayor D. MacGillivray suggested working with the Recreation Department.

Coun. S. Lawand offered to volunteer his time and work with this Committee.

REPORTS FROM ELECTED

Mayor D. MacGillivray reported on the following:

- Pictou County Wellness Centre Board meeting; financial information shared
- Habitat for Humanity; information session planned
- New Website will be launched late January

Coun. B. Knight reported on the following:

- Municipal Advisory Committee meeting re cannabis
- Christmas events
- Rink Commission and Police Commission meetings
- Dream Candy Grand Opening
- Met with Recreation Director and John Ashton re interpretive panel
- Policy for Website

Coun. S. Lawand reported on the following:

- DEANS, nothing to report
 - Library, next meeting will be February 8
 - Glen Haven, next meeting January 24
 - Economic Working Group, updated REN Agreement, Inter-Municipal Agreement; with Town Solicitor for review
- Coun. S. Lawand made a motion to accept Agreement, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz. **Motion Carried.**
- Community in Bloom, meeting was cancelled
 - Planning Advisory Committee meeting January 17
 - Homecoming Festival meeting set for last week of January
 - Police Commission meeting, finalized Dog Bylaw, forwarded to Council for approval

Coun. S. Campbell reported on the following:

- Town Christmas function, Service Awards presented
- Seniors Christmas Socials
- Open House for Dream Candy

Coun. G. Pentz reported on the following:

- 144 CEF in Pictou
- Rink Commission meeting

UNSM – NOVEMBER / DECEMBER BULLETIN – WEB SITE

UNSM – TOPIC REQUESTS – SPRING WORKSHOP AND FALL CONFERENCE

Town Clerk J. Eaton re February 2 is the deadline for Topic Requests for the Spring Workshop and Fall Conference; looking for input from the municipalities.

Coun. B. Knight would like to bring forward the topic of Speed Limits.

POLICE COMMISSION: PROPOSED AMENDED DRAFT DOG BYLAW

Mayor D. MacGillivray reported that the Police Commission has a new proposed draft Dog Bylaw for Council's consideration.

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Approve on principle, pending legal approval. Town Clerk J. Eaton outlined the procedures to adopt new bylaws; there is one in place now, will it be repealed or amended; then there is first and second reading, and advertisement; and cleared by solicitor. Coun. G. Pentz made motion to approve the new Dog Bylaw in principle, and proceed with appropriate steps required, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

FINANCIAL REQUEST – VIOLA’S PLACE - \$5,000.00

Mayor D. MacGillivray re financial request from Viola’s Place, a non-profit group looking at establishing a homeless shelter; they are looking for a response prior to March 31; Mayor MacGillivray reported that other towns have approved funding pending an operational plan. Discussion commenced. Town Clerk J. Eaton stated that if motion is made, then money will come out of current year’s budget; a motion in principle can allow this for next year’s budget; clarity is required. Council agreed to defer until next month, in order to review financial information.

NEXT MEETING:

February 12, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

OPEN FORUM

Brian Atkinson comments:

- Impressed with Village Academy presentation; fully supports it
- Viola’s Place financial request

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. on motion by Coun. G. Pentz.

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK