

**FEBRUARY 12, 2018
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA**

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Stellarton Town Council II was held on Monday, February 12, 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 as amended to include Recreation Name Change, 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 January 15, 2018 seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

MAYOR D. MACGILLIVRAY: WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION: SUSAN HIGDON

Mayor D. MacGillivray comments; retirement of Town Clerk; Susan Higdon was selected as new Town Clerk, starting February 26, 2018. Mayor MacGillivray extended welcome to Susan Higdon.

BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Ratify: cost of banner: \$479.00 + HST.

Mayor D. MacGillivray re banner displayed on front of Town Hall supporting Olympian Blayre Turnbull. Coun. S. Lawand motioned to approve cost of banner, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

Financial Request – Viola’s Place - \$5,000.00

To be discussed following Presentation.

PRESENTATIONS:

Viola’s Place Society

Karen MacPhee made presentation to Council:

- What to do with someone with no place to go, and has no money
- There is temporary shelter; not opened until 11 a.m.
- Homelessness issues
- Viola’s Place Society to assist those in need
- Mission Statement; Vision; Problems identified
- Downsizing of services
- Solutions; Steering Committee formed; Non Profit Group
- Statistics shown; majority are men
- Funding; Expenses; Grants available
- Timelines; re-establishing programs; outreach services
- AHNS, Affordable Housing Nova Scotia
- Revenue-stream built in; affordable housing; not just shelter based
- Long Term Goals; Sustainability; Fundraising Plans; Endowment campaign; Fee for services
- Social Returns
- Financial requests to other municipal units
- Homelessness Report

Questions/Comments:

Mayor D. MacGillivray comments; non-profit; financial requests; commitment from other municipalities; timelines; financial risks.

Coun. S. Lawand re Life Shelter that closed; volunteers; sustainability; expenses.

Coun. S. Campbell re temporary shelter numbers.

Town Clerk J. Eaton reported that there is room in budget for \$5,000 contribution.

Coun. G. Pentz and Coun. B. Knight recommended waiting until new budget year before making commitment; gather more information; Needs study.

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Mayor D. MacGillivray thanked presenters; decision will be made in upcoming budget deliberations; prior to April 30.

REPORTS FROM ELECTED

Mayor D. MacGillivray reported on the following:

- Pictou County Wellness Centre Board; interviewing for three new staff positions
- Pictou County Shared Services Authority; presentation from Pictou County Solid Waste
- Mayors and Warden meeting re Marathon of Respect and Equality will be May 3
- Regional Enterprise Network nominating Committee; looking for members for REN
- Habitat for Humanity; Information session planned for February 22 at Wellness Centre

Coun. B. Knight reported on the following:

- Strategic Planning Committee meeting
- Hiring Committee meeting for new police positions
- Interviews for Town Clerk and Police positions
- Council, Recreation Meeting and Police Commission meetings
- Book and Flag signing for Olympian Blayre Turnbull
- Big Brothers pancake breakfast at NSCC

Coun. S. Lawand reported on the following:

- DEANS
- Library, next meeting will be March 8
- Glen Haven, next meeting on February 28
- Economic Working Group
- Community in Bloom, meetings on February 15 and 16; flower pots, tables and benches, etc.
- Planning Advisory Committee; projects
- Homecoming Festival meeting; minutes will distributed
- Police Commission meeting

Coun. S. Campbell reported on the following:

- Planning Advisory Committee meeting
- Interviews for Town Clerk
- SAC for G. R. Saunders
- Riverview Corporation Board meeting
- Homecoming meeting
- Governance and Nominating Committee at Riverview

Coun. G. Pentz reported on the following:

- Pictou County Sports Hall of Fame
- 144 CEF in Pictou
- Interviews
- Recreation Committee meeting
- School Advisory Committee meeting

UNSM BOARD REPORT – JANUARY 2018

Mayor D. MacGillivray commented; UNSM Board Report for January 2018 is included on Town's Website for information purposes.

EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION OF NS: MARCH – PURPLE DAY – MARCH 26, 2018

Mayor D. MacGillivray reported that March 26, 2018 is Purple Day in recognition of the Epilepsy Association of Nova Scotia; Council will wear Purple Ribbons during March Council meetings.

Coun. G. Pentz motioned that the Town Council will wear a Purple Ribbon on March 26, 2018 in recognition of Epilepsy Day, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

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MADD – STRIDES FOR CHANGE – MAY 12, 2018 – TRURO

Mayor D. MacGillivray informed Council of an event in Truro at Victoria Park on May 12; Strides for Change; Run, Walk and Wheelchair event put on by Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

APPLICATION AND RECOMMENDATION: SITE PLAN APPROVAL – 37 ACADIA AVENUE

Reviewed by Council.

Comments:

Coun. S. Lawand unsure of what direction to take; building is already there; concern/objection from neighbour re expansion; looking for further information from Planning Director on what options are available.

Mayor D. MacGillivray reported that recommendation from Planner is to move ahead. Discussion commenced. Council decided to invite Town Planner to next meeting to look at options.

FINANCIAL REQUEST – STELLAR CURLING CLUB

Mayor D. MacGillivray reported he met with the Stellar Curling Club Executive; toured building and saw what work needs to be done; they applied for provincial monies; they are requesting \$5,000.

Coun. G. Pentz motioned to defer request until budget deliberations, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

MAYOR D. MACGILLIVRAY: G.R. SAUNDERS VIDEO - \$750.00 – WEBSITE

Mayor D. MacGillivray commented on Town's new Website which includes 8 different videos; recommends having another video promoting and focusing on the G. R. Saunders Elementary School.

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to have video made for website on the G. R. Saunders Elementary School at a cost of \$750.00, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

Coun. S. Lawand suggested approaching NSCC for something to promote them on our website.

COUN. S. LAWAND: TOWN CRIER UNIFORM

Coun. S. Lawand reported that the Town Crier has asked the question, through the Planning Advisory Committee, if the Town wants to continue with the current Crier Uniform; or switch to more of a coalminer-type uniform.

Discussion commenced re costs or stay with traditional approach.

Council decided to continue with the current uniform.

COUN. B. KNIGHT: RECREATION NAME CHANGE

Coun. B. Knight spoke re changing the name of Recreation Department to Community Development or a combination; field of work a broader scope; responsibilities; community planning, etc. Coun. B. Knight made motion to change the current recreation department's name to Community Development and Recreation Department, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand.

Coun. S. Lawand re Recreation Director title will change to Community Development and Recreation Director. **Motion Carried.**

NEXT MEETING:

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

OPEN FORUM

Brian Atkinson comments:

- Councillor Pentz / Deputy Mayor Pentz.

Coun. S. Lawand welcomed the new Town Clerk.

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ADJOURN

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

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK