

MARCH 12, 2018
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Stellarton Town Council II was held on Monday, March 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 S. Higdon.

AGENDA

The Agenda was approved as amended to include Fairview Street, on motion by Coun. G. Pentz, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

DECLARATION: CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Coun. B. Knight motioned to remove "Conflict of Interest" of the recurring Agendas, if there is a Conflict of Interest, the Councillor or Mayor will declare it at the time, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz. **Motion Carried.**

MINUTES

Coun. S. Campbell motioned to approve minutes from February 12, 2018 seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Revised Strategic Plan

Mayor D. MacGillivray provided some history; Council and Municipal Affairs worked on the Strategic Plan; developed three objectives; posted on the website inviting feedback from the public; ready to officially adopt the Strategic Plan.

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to adopt the Strategic Plan as written, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

37 Acadia Avenue Site Plan – Roland Burek & Racheal MacLean

Roland Burek re 37 Acadia Avenue; three unit dwelling; no permits issued for the change from single unit to multi-unit dwelling. Mr. Burek provided information on process; has to go through a site plan approval process; meaning the Development Officer can approve the application; notice has to be sent to residents within 60 metres of the proposed site, which has been done. One letter of objection was received. R. Burek reported that the house itself will not be expanded; interior renovations only; no site plan drawing required for the property. Since an objection has been received, the application has to go to Council for approval; Roland Burek, as per his report, recommends approving application.

Mayor D. MacGillivray re inspection of inside the building; R. Burek confirmed that if permit is approved for multi-units, the Building Inspector will do a walk-through to ensure that everything is up to code.

Ms. Wynands gave comments; has concerns; negative experience; bags of garbage; lack of parking.

Discussion commenced.

Owner of property, Ms. Roberts, spoke re improvements she made to the house since she purchased it in 2016; currently good tenants; the apartments were there when purchased; was unaware that permits weren't issued.

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to accept the recommendation from the Planner Director and approve application for 3-unit dwelling, seconded Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.** Coun. Knight Voted Nay.

Fairview Street

Mayor D. MacGillivray, re Fairview Street, information distributed electronically to Council; recommending to defer to PAC.

Coun. S. Lawand made motion to defer issue to the Planning Advisory Committee, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz. **Motion Carried.**

PRESENTATIONS:

Susan MacDonald, Pictou County Solid Waste, Plastic Bags

Susan MacDonald made presentation to Council regarding the status of plastic film in Nova Scotia; primarily plastic shopping bags and plastic grocery bags as well as other similar plastics; highlighting:

- Recycling facilities; Kemptown
- Sorting plastic films; baled; one use products
- Statistics
- Piling up due to lack of buyers for these bales
- China used to purchase the majority of plastics; but as of last year, it is now banned from China
- Looking for alternate markets for this plastic; very difficult at the moment
- Environment issues
- Reduce waste instead of disposal
- Recovery; recycling, composting
- Waste Management
- Options to reduce plastic film; banning plastic shopping bags; pay for shopping bags at the checkout; or a voluntary participation and education for the public
- Province-wide ban
- Looking for support from municipalities

Council will consider recommendations prior to making any decisions

Debra McNabb, Museum of Industry – Historic Presentation

Debra McNabb, Director of the Museum of Industry, along with David Rollinson and Laura deBoer from Industrial Heritage Nova Scotia, made presentation re project, learning more about the beginnings of Stellarton, Albion Mines; national historic site; industrial development of Canada; the importance of the foundry; research on the General Mining Association (GMA); upcoming plans; promotion; success with the public archeological projects. Slide show presented.

Mayor D. MacGillivray thanked presenters.

Town Crier Jack Langlois, Potential for Town

Jack Langlois, Town Crier, spoke re history, uniform, and role of the Town Crier; future options.

Mayor D. MacGillivray and Council thanked Jack Langlois.

Some discussion re Town Crier Uniform; will go to budget for consideration.

REPORTS FROM ELECTED

Mayor D. MacGillivray reported on the following:

- Pictou County Wellness Centre Board met February 26; three new board members, Kevin Tulloch (Engineering), Diane Cameron (Finance), and Travis Gunn (Marketing); income statements posted; sidewalk concerns
- Regional Enterprise Network nominating Committee; recommending 8 people to the Oversight Committee for appointment to the REN Board
- Pictou County Shared Services Authority, no meeting
- Habitat for Humanity; Information sessions; several volunteers; next meeting is March 19

Coun. B. Knight reported on the following:

- Attended Hockey game; Blayre Turnbull present
- Select Committee for Volunteer of the Year
- Family Day event
- MAP meeting in Pictou
- Council and Police Commission meetings

Coun. S. Lawand reported on the following:

- Library, next meeting will be April 12
- Glen Haven, elected Vice Chair at the last meeting

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- Economic Working Committee
- Community in Bloom, met with Engineer
- Homecoming Festival planning;

Coun. S. Lawand made motion for Council to contribute \$1,500.00 for the Fire Fighters' Competition during Homecoming, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz. **Motion Carried.**

- Police Commission meeting; Dog Bylaw
- Planning Advisory Committee, met with John Ashton re the exhibit panel; defer to budget deliberations

Coun. S. Campbell reported on the following:

- Planning Advisory Committee meeting
- Riverview Corporation Board meeting
- Homecoming meeting
- School Advisory Committee meeting
- Funding announcement for the New Horizon grant for the Community Centre

Coun. G. Pentz reported on the following:

- School Advisory Committee meeting
- 144 CEF in Pictou
- CUPE Negotiations
- Sports Hall of Fame meeting

WELLNESS CENTRE INCOME STATEMENT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018

Mayor D. MacGillivray reported that Income Statements are posted on the Town Website.

TBR – SPRING DEBENTURE ESTIMATE

Project Public Works equipment: Project Total \$550,000.00; included in the current year's budget; cover the purchase of a backhoe, plow truck, sidewalk plow, the newly installed generator, and chain link fence on the Albion trail.

Mayor D. MacGillivray re Temporary Borrowing Resolution (attached)

Coun. G. Pentz motion to approve Temporary Borrowing Resolution for \$550,000, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

UNSM BULLETIN – JANUARY – FEBRUARY 2018

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

FINANCIAL REQUEST FROM CHAD

Mayor D. MacGillivray declared a Conflict of Interest, and asked the Deputy Mayor to take the Chair, Mayor D. MacGillivray left the Chambers.

Town Clerk S. Higdon read correspondence from CHAD Transit, requesting annual contribution of \$20,000.

Coun. S. Campbell made motion to defer request until budget deliberations, seconded by Coun. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

DOG BYLAW – FIRST READING

Mayor D. MacGillivray reported that the Police Commission completed new Dog Bylaw; Council's review and comments.

Coun. B. Knight made motion to accept the First Reading of the new Dog Bylaw, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz. **Motion Carried.**

ROBERTSON MEMORIAL PARK WALL

Mayor D. MacGillivray provided some background; met with the Robertson Memorial Park Wall Committee whom are disbanding; gave Town balance of their account, approximately \$19,000.; to be used for maintenance of the Memorial Wall; the Town has a \$50,000 fund currently, which brings total to about \$70,000. The wording of the Resolution says that the money can only be used for Robertson Wall Memorial maintenance; the Legion group has requested that it be expanded to include the Cenotaph maintenance as well.

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Coun. G. Pentz made motion to accept resolution, seconded by Coun. B. Knight.
Motion Carried.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF PICTOU COUNTY

Mayor D. MacGillivray re Town sponsored lane; Coun. S. Campbell, as per last year, all Councillors personally contributed \$20, recommends the same this year.

SIDEWALK ON WESTVILLE ROAD LETTER

Mayor D. MacGillivray reported that the Town of New Glasgow recently sent a letter to the Transportation Infrastructure Renewal regarding the pedestrians that access the Wellness Centre; no sidewalk; recommends the Town of Stellarton submit a letter of support and include concerns about the intersection itself.

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to send letter of support for sidewalk and intersection improvement, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

Coun. B. Knight commented that Stellarton installed sidewalk to Town boundary; request for County to complete project.

NAMING OF VALLEY WOODS PARK

Mayor D. MacGillivray gave background information regarding the Valley Woods Park / Pond; commenting that Olympian Blayre Turnbull grew up skating on the Pond; rename the park to "Olympic Park" in honour of Blayre Turnbull and Babe Mason's achievements. There will bill 2 interpretive panels placed in the park this summer, explaining why the area is called Olympic Park, chronicling the Olympians' journey, as well as commemorating the history of the area.

Coun. S. Lawand made motion to name the park in Valley Woods after the Olympic hero Blayre Turnbull and Babe Mason, Olympic Park, seconded by Coun. B. Knight.
Motion Carried.

Coun. S. Lawand presented to the Town, on behalf of Blayre Turnbull, a Town flag signed by the 2018 Women's Olympic Hockey Team.

NEXT MEETING:

April 23, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

OPEN FORUM

Brian Atkinson comments:

- Complimented Town re road clearing

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. on motion by Coun. G. Pentz.

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK