

APRIL 23, 2018
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Stellarton Town Council II was held on Monday, April 23, 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 Viola's Place, Netting for the Albion Field and NS Power Agreement, on motion by Coun. G. Pentz, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

MINUTES

Coun. G. Pentz motioned to approve minutes from March 12, 2018 seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Pictou County Solid Waste – Consider Recommendation re Plastic Bag Ban

Town Clerk S. Higdon reported that the Towns of Pictou, New Glasgow, Westville and the County are in favour of a province wide ban. Coun. B. Knight made motion to support a province wide ban of plastic bags, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

Sidewalk on Westville Road

Mayor D. MacGillivray stated that letters were sent to the Province regarding their concerns on the lack of pedestrian access from Westville Road to the Wellness Centre and Albion Business Park area; another concern is the intersection itself. The Province did respond and will be looking into it further.

PRESENTATION:

Friends of Northumberland Strait

Christa Fulton and Jill Graham Scanlan, Representatives from the Friends of Northumberland Strait; a group of property owners, business owners, outdoor enthusiasts, members of the Tourism and Fishing Industry; made presentation to Council regarding the preservation of the Northumberland Strait. Highlighting:

- Boat Harbour history; prior to the pulp mill
- 2015 New regulations preventing affluent waste going into Boat Harbour after 2020
- Slide show outlining areas affected and current operations
- Proposals for new affluent pipe; located in prime fishing grounds; huge concern
- Pollution impacts on fishing, beaches, tourism, etc.
- What makes up the affluent, concerns, a lot of unknowns
- Financial impacts; local economy
- Risk factors; more information is required; studies re water quality; ecosystem; long term effects unknown
- Environmental studies; effects; monitoring
- Risk of accidental spills
- Air quality; additional biomass will be burned in the plant
- Environmental Assessment Process
- NS Auditor General's report
- Federal regulations; Fisheries Act
- They have a Website with further information

They asked Council to write a letter to the Nova Scotia Minister of Environment to request an Environmental Assessment Report, with copy going to the Federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change.

They also want Council to write a letter to the Federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change to designate this project for Federal Environmental Assessment under section 14 of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act.

Mayor D. MacGillivray thanked the presenters.

REPORTS FROM ELECTED

Mayor D. MacGillivray reported on the following:

- Pictou County Shared Services; passed a Pictou County Solid Waste Budget; in 2017/18 Pictou County Solid Waste required contribution from Stellarton of \$311,000; that has gone down for 2018/19 to \$275,000. Budget was passed for the East River Environmental Control Centre (EREC) \$444,000, up ten thousand from last year.
- Pictou County Wellness Centre; draft year end financials; budget for next year
- Habitat for Humanity Pictou County Chapter meeting April 25; this year's focus is on fundraising, acquiring the land, and choosing a family to live in the house.
- Regional Enterprise Network – list of potential Board members

Coun. B. Knight reported on the following:

- Rink Committee Meeting
- UNSM meeting
- Volunteer Recognition Ceremonies
- MAP meeting
- MORE Committee Proclamation signing
- Budget meetings
- Council, Recreation and Police Commission meetings

Coun. S. Lawand reported on the following:

- Glen Haven, working on the old bylaws
- Economic Working Committee; waiting on the County to sign the REN Agreement
- Community in Bloom, hanging baskets were delivered; picnic table for the Allan Park; raise concern re walkway in Town Square, unevenness, tripping hazard.
- Homecoming Festival planning continues
- Police Commission meeting
- Planning Advisory Committee, advertisement for new Committee member

Coun. S. Campbell reported on the following:

- Planning Advisory Committee meeting
- Riverview Corporation Board meeting
- Rink Commission meeting
- Homecoming meeting
- Interviews for CEO at Riverview Corporation
- Volunteer Recognition Reception

Coun. G. Pentz reported on the following:

- Flag raising for Autism Awareness
- Vida Corp. information session and dinner
- Recreation Committee meeting
- Sports Hall of Fame meeting
- Budget meetings
- 144 Engineers meeting in Pictou

REQUEST FROM PICTOU COUNTY ATHLETICS

Mayor and Council reviewed request from Pictou County Athletics and Recreation; Town Clerk S. Higdon provided details, asking the Town for purchase and hauling of the sand for their jump pits - \$1,271.14 (before taxes). Discussion commenced. Coun. S. Lawand made motion to approve request for \$1,271.14, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

PROCLAMATION – APRIL AS AUTISM AWARENESS AND ACCEPTANCE MONTH

Mayor D. MacGillivray read Proclamation; April has become known as Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month.

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to accept proclamation recognizing April as Autism Awareness and Acceptance month, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

PROCLAMATION – MAY AS GAELIC NOVA SCOTIA MONTH

Town Clerk S. Higdon reported that Lewis MacKinnon, Executive Director from Gaelic Fairs, was going to perform this for Council, but was unable to attend meeting; he has requested to do it over the phone; Mr. MacKinnon thanked Mayor and Councillor; and read the Proclamation in Gaelic; Mayor D. MacGillivray read Proclamation in English, and declared May as Gaelic Nova Scotia Month.

Coun. B. Knight made motion to accept Proclamation declaring May as Gaelic Nova Scotia Month, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

UNSM BOARD REPORT

Mayor D. MacGillivray commented; UNSM Board Report for information purposes.

DOG BYLAW – SECOND AND FINAL READING

Mayor D. MacGillivray re the second and final reading of the new Dog Bylaw. Coun. B. Knight made comments on issue and what led to drafting a new Dog Bylaw; as well as confusion when incorrect draft was posted on the Town's Website; Dog Licenses.

Coun. B. Knight made motion to pass the second reading of the Dog Bylaw, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

VIOLA'S PLACE

Mayor D. MacGillivray, as stated in previous Council meeting, a decision on their funding request will be made prior to April 30th; Town Council had some concerns; outlined some operations information and financials; very ambitious but attainable; they are requesting a one-time capital ask of \$5,000. towards the purchase of their building. Coun. S. Lawand comments; good cause; other municipalities are on board.

Coun. S. Lawand made motion to give Viola's place a one-time grant for \$5,000.00, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

NETTING FOR BALL FIELD

Town Clerk S. Higdon provided information re damage to netting, and as per the Community Development and Recreation Director Paul Corbin and Town Engineer Blaine Murray, quoted \$24,718.27 for complete repairs; looking for approval prior to budget because of ball season.

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to approve expenditure to repair the netting at the Albion Ball Field, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

NS POWER AGREEMENT

Town Clerk S. Higdon informed Council that Ryan MacDonald, from NS Power, has requested they put a power pole at plant on Acadia Avenue; a Utility Easement; reviewed by the Town Solicitor and Town Engineer.

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to approve NS Power Agreement, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

NEXT MEETING:

May 14, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

OPEN FORUM

Comments re:
Sidewalks in Valley Woods
Ban of plastic bags

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. on motion by Coun. G. Pentz.