

**JULY 23, 2018**  
**STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA**

**MEETING**

A meeting of the Stellarton Committee of the Whole was held on Monday, July 23, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

**PRESENT**

Chair Deputy Mayor G. Pentz, Mayor D. MacGillivray, Couns. B. Knight, S. Lawand, and S. Campbell. Also present was the Town Clerk S. Higdon.

**AGENDA**

The Agenda was approved as amended to include Recreation for All under New Business, and Transit Study Update under New Business, on motion by Mayor D. MacGillivray, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The Minutes of June 27, 2018 were approved on motion by Coun. S. Lawand, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the previous minutes.

**PRESENTATION – DEANS, CINDY MACKINNON, MANAGING DIRECTOR**

Cindy MacKinnon made presentation, highlighting:

- Visitor's Guides, positive feedback
- Motorcycle Guide, popular
- Saltscape Expo participation
- Map
- Visitor's Centres, stats, tourism revenue
- Social media campaigns
- Cruise Committee
- Special Olympics
- Partnership with the NFL Ferries
- Hemlock Group, Trenton Park
- Revenue, budget, upcoming projects, municipal funding
- Kiosk will be completed very soon

Comments/Questions:

Coun. B. Knight re Dog Shows in 2019; National Shows

Mayor D. MacGillivray re Visitor Centres' stats; budget requests to municipalities unchanged; very pleased.

Coun. S. Lawand positive feedback; data-based website on events; Cindy replied that it will happen; has staff working on it now; can be linked to municipalities' websites;

Thanked Cindy for the Kiosk.

**CORRESPONDENCE – For Information; Received by Council**

Town Clerk S. Higdon re correspondence:

- a. GFL Environmental Re: acquisition of Atlantic Supermarket Contractors
- b. Nova Scotia Health Authority Re: Non-Medical Cannabis Policy Options – Coun. S. Lawand asked Town Clerk to investigate the current bylaws and possible new bylaws required to address the use of non-medical cannabis in our community; revising existing smoking bylaws, look at limiting the marketing of non-medical cannabis products at local businesses

- c. Tearmann Society Re: Annual Grant – Town Clerk S. Higdon stated as per previous years, the Town has donated an annual grant of \$200 to the Tearmann Society which they are again requesting; this has been included in the budget Annual Grants. Coun. S. Lawand motioned to donate \$200 to the Tearmann Society, seconded by Mayor D. MacGillivray. **Motion Carried.**
  - d. Multicultural Fusion Festival Re: Annual Grant – Town Clerk S. Higdon reported that \$250 was donated last year; included in this year’s Annual Grants. Coun. S. Campbell motioned to donate \$250 annual grant to the Multicultural Fusion Festival, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**
- Coun. S. Lawand questioned the location of the Festival; New Glasgow last year and this year; Town Clerk will get clarification re Festival venues i.e. Stellarton.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Leading in the Municipal Sector, September 5-6, New Glasgow**

Town Clerk S. Higdon reported that this is being put on the by the Association of Municipal Administrators, held in New Glasgow at Summer Street on September 5 and 6; she will be attending, asking if any Councillors are interested in attending.

### **Draft – Community Grants Policy**

Town Clerk S. Higdon provided a Draft Community Grants Policy to Council, in order to consider financial requests during budget deliberations; suggested cut-off date on or before February 28; advertisements and website; discussion re community groups; details of the program; application process.

Coun. B. Knight motioned to recommend with ammendments Community Grants Policy, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

### **Physician Recruitment & Retention Request**

Town Clerk S. Higdon reported that this request came from the Aberdeen Health Foundation regarding support for a Recruitment Officer; they would pay one-third, and are asking the municipalities within Pictou County to pay 1/3 as well; Stellarton’s share of 9.6%, is \$4,800 per year for 5 years. Coun. B. Knight motioned to accept the \$4,800 request for a Recruitment Officer, seconded by Mayor D. MacGillivray. **Motion Carried.** Comments from Council re provincial downloading on the municipal units.

### **Recreation for All**

Paul Corbin, as per recommendation from the Recreation Advisory Committee, to waive field fees for children under the age of 18; only affects two facilities – Soccer Facility and the Albion Ball Field; data is provided.

Questions/Comments:

Mayor D. MacGillivray re asking if registration fees will be reduced if field rentals were waived; P. Corbin reported that it would vary depending on usage.

Mayor D. MacGillivray motioned to accept the “Recreation for All” program, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

Coun. S. Lawand spoke on Homecoming updates and thanked Paul who went above and beyond; asked to be put in his file.

### **Transit Study Update**

Mayor D. MacGillivray provided an update on the Transit Study; Stellarton’s Council has previously approved \$1,250 towards a \$5,000 study; since that time, the Province has agreed to fund the study 100%; a different study costing \$30,000; focusing on our communities. Council agreed to proceed with new study.

**OPEN FORUM - None**

**NEXT MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 24, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.**

**ADJOURNMENT** on motion Mayor D. MacGillivray