

SEPTEMBER 24, 2018
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

A meeting of the Stellarton Committee of the Whole was held on Monday, September 24, 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 and Town Engineer B. Murray.

AGENDA

The Agenda was approved as amended to include Culvert Policy under New Business, on motion by Coun. S. Lawand, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Minutes of July 23, 2018 were approved on motion by Coun. S. Campbell, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Coun. B. Knight re physician recruitment; will help with integration into the community.

COORESPONDENCE

Town Clerk S. Higdon received email from Thelma Edwards, Family Home Child Care re: Tax Exemption; working with the Town Solicitor, drafting Tax Exemption Policy; will bring to Council when draft complete to include Schedule A.

NEW BUSINESS

October 15, Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day

Town Clerk S. Higdon re their request to have blue and pink lights in the Town Square on October 15, in recognition of Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day; same as last year; Council agreed to have pink and blue lights installed for October 15.

Town of Stellarton Newsletter

Town Clerk S. Higdon informed Council that a Town's Newsletter is being drafted by her and the Community and Development Recreation Director Paul Corbin; for Council's consideration; will be included with the Water Bill – quarterly; keeping the residents informed.

Committee Members attending relevant conferences

Town Clerk S. Higdon re citizens on Committees; money budgeted for members of the Police Commission to attend relevant conferences; no set budget for Planning Advisory or Recreation Committee members to attend relevant conferences; a Committee member wants to attend a conference; need Council's approval to put in budget; approximately \$650.

Discussion commenced. Deputy Mayor G. Pentz offered money out of his budgeted travel expense for this committee member to attend conference.

Town Clerk S. Higdon will bring to Council for approval that this expenditure will come out of Deputy Mayor's Pentz' expense account.

Tolls – Fundraising

Town Clerk S. Higdon re request from Police Chief Hussher regarding Tolls; special permission needed to have toll fundraisers; only two organizations, Rotary and Lions Clubs. Council agreed to grant permission to those organizations to hold Tolls.

Dog Park Update

Town Clerk S. Higdon provided update on Dog Park proposal for Heritage and MacGregor location; nothing yet from the Province.

Parking Spots for Fire Department

Coun. S. Lawand reported on issue brought by the Fire Department; fire fighters unable to find available parking spots in Town Parking lot (occasionally); looking for some designated spots for Fire Fighter Parking; requesting six spots.

Coun. B. Knight suggested having the Traffic Authority (Police Chief) and Town Engineer look into issue and bring back recommendations to Council.

Flashing Lights for Train Crossing on River Street

Coun. S. Lawand re train crossing on River Street; very busy with trains; would it be a Town issue or the Rail Road.

More information to be gathered.

Culvert Policy

Town Clerk S. Higdon reported that a Culvert Policy has been drafted by the Town Engineer; installation and repair; for Council's consideration.

Coun. S. Lawand asked if there was an existing Policy; and how it compares with other towns.

Town Engineer B. Murray comments; no consistent policy; past practice, entire culvert replacement was homeowner's responsibility; now the Town incurs the costs, including driveway replacement, concrete reinstatement; new Policy will create consistency, homeowner responsible for some costs, and Town will install at no cost; very similar to other towns.

Mayor D. MacGillivray motioned to accept the Culvert Policy as presented, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

OPEN FORUM - None

NEXT MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 22, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT on motion Mayor D. MacGillivray