

JULY 22, 2019
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

A meeting of the Stellarton Committee of the Whole was held on Monday, July 22, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

PRESENT

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

AGENDA

The Agenda was approved as amended to include request for donation from the Maritime Golden Retriever Club, on motion by Coun. S. Lawand, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Minutes of June 24, 2019 were approved on motion by Coun. G. Pentz seconded by Mayor D. MacGillivray. **Motion Carried.**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Mayor D. MacGillivray asked for an update on the Parklet. Town Clerk S. Higdon reported that the Town Engineer and Town Planner have been working together; the plan is to have the Parklet in place for Friday July 26, during Homecoming street party.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Northumberland Regional High School Re: Thank you Dorrington Bursary
- b. Northumberland Regional High School Re: Thank you Oulton Bursary
- c. PC Volunteer Ground Search & Rescue Re: Thank you for Grant
- d. NSCC Re: Thank you for Frank Sobey Jr. Bursary
- e. NS Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal Re: 32 Bridge Avenue – Town Clerk S. Higdon re letter sent to the province regarding the facility at 32 Bridge; the response from the province was that they agree with the Town's concerns on the building and are working to address these concerns; they will keep the Town updated on any new developments.
- f. Pictou County Shared Services Authority Re: Financial Statements – Town Clerk S. Higdon reported that statements were sent via email and are available at the Administrative office.
- g. CHAD Transit Re: Financial Statements (via email)
- h. Riverview Volunteer Association Re: Thank you for Grant
- i. NSCC Pictou Campus Re: Request for \$500 Grant & Invitation – Town Clerk S. Higdon reported that this is an annual request from NSCC regarding their welcoming bar-b-que they hold every year; this is included under the Mayor and Council line in the budget. Coun. G. Pentz made motion to recommend to Council approval of \$500 grant for the NSCC welcoming bar-b-que, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand.
On the question, Coun. S. Lawand asked that they be made aware to submit their request in February as per the Annual Grants Policy. Town Clerk S. Higdon will let them know.
Motion Carried.
- j. Multi-Cultural Fusion Festival Re: Request for Donation – Town Clerk S. Higdon reported that this request was received on June 25, 2019; Coun. S. Lawand re past the deadline for financial requests. Chairman B. Knight asked if anyone would make a motion; no one made motion; request for donation denied.

- k. Maritime Golden Retriever Club Re: Request for Donation – Town Clerk S. Higdon reported that this was received last week; they are hosting a National Dog Show at the Sports Complex, Stellarton, in September 2019. Coun. S. Lawand referred to his early statement re deadline for submissions; however, this is a new event and is being hosted in Town. Coun. G. Pentz made motion to approve donation of \$200.00, no one seconded motion. Motion denied. Mayor D. MacGillivray commented that the Town supports the Sports Complex with tax rebate and provides use of soccer fields.

SIDEWALK PLOW TENDER (closing Friday July 19, 2019) – Chairman B. Knight reported that only one tender was received from MacFarlane's Ltd. for \$149,119.35. Town Clerk S. Higdon commented that this was below the budgeted cost. Mayor D. MacGillivray made motion to approve the recommendation for the sidewalk plow from MacFarlane's Ltd. for \$149,119.35, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz. **Motion Carried.**

COMMUNITY WORKS PROGRAM

Town Clerk S. Higdon reported that this was sent to Council via email looking for some ratification on the permission to submit an application for an employment opportunity for the Town; the Community Works Program will consider up to 50% to a maximum of \$25,000 of eligible costs for an employment project. Coun. S. Lawand motioned to approve the submission of application for the Community Works Program, seconded by Mayor D. MacGillivray. **Motion Carried.**

CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION DRAFT POLICY

Town Clerk S. Higdon re a policy that would recognize any resident of the Town of Stellarton for their 50th anniversary and subsequent anniversaries at 5 year intervals; as well as birthdays at 80 years and above in subsequent 5 year intervals; only requirement would be to submit an application, either by a resident or Council. Coun. S. Lawand re including births as well. Coun. G. Pentz made motion to approve the Certificates of Recognition Draft Policy, to include births, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

Mayor D. MacGillivray acknowledged and thanked Deputy Mayor B. Knight for bringing this idea to Council.

OPEN FORUM

Chairman B. Knight comments:

- received call from Gary Stewart who was unable to attend meeting
- other residents voiced concerns over the access to the second floor of the Town Hall
- applied for an accessibility grant; however missed the deadline
- will apply again next year

Gary Stewart comments via phone:

- need for accessibility in the Town Hall
- several years of volunteer work
- served on many Committees within the Town
- wants to be notified when PAC meetings are cancelled

NEXT MEETING DATE: September 23, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT on motion Coun. G. Pentz.