

**FEBRUARY 27, 2023**  
**STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA**

**MEETING**

A meeting of the Stellarton Committee of the Whole was held on Monday, February 27, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the Large Committee Room, Stellarton Town Hall.

**PRESENT**

Chair Deputy Mayor B. Knight, Mayor D. MacGillivray, Coun. S. Campbell, Coun. S. Lawand, Coun. G. Pentz. Also present was CAO Susan Higdon

1. Coun. B. Knight called meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

The Agenda was approved as amended to include #3.a. Water Source, on motion by Coun. S. Lawand, seconded by Mayor D. MacGillivray. **Motion Carried.**

**3. Approval of Previous Minutes**

The Minutes of January 23, 2023 were approved on motion by Coun. G. Pentz, seconded by Mayor D. MacGillivray. **Motion Carried.**

**3. a. Water Source** – Coun. B. Knight re concerns about water from the East River; recommends looking at other options/source. CAO S. Higdon stated that the Town Engineer submitted a report to the Planning Advisory Committee; he investigated Middle River with NS Environment; approximate costs for piping for be approximately \$6 million; however, NS Environment noted that there are already two users (drawers) from this source, and they would not approve a third. Town Engineer is working on an alternative water source plan.

**4. Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

**5. Correspondence**

- a. **Pictou County Women's Resource & Sexual Assault Centre** Re: International Women's Day, March 8, 2023 – for Council's information
- b. **NSUARB** – Re: 2023 Rate Application – CAO S. Higdon informed Council that on June 1, 2023, at 11:00 a.m., the NSUARB are having the Water Utility Rate Application Hearing at the Stellarton Fire Hall; advertisements will be put in the newspaper on March 1, 8, and 15<sup>th</sup>; if people want to intervene, they will have to apply by March 17 by pre-submitting their questions or concerns. This information will also be included on the Town's social media. Council is encouraged to attend along with Town Engineer, CAO and Town Accountant. Discussion re proposed increases; current flat rate of \$107.39 will increase to \$121.93 this year; next year flat rate will increase to \$138.32; then water rates will be based on the water meter consumption billing in 2025.

**6. Next Meeting Date: Monday, March 27, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.**

**7. Adjournment** on motion by Mayor. D. MacGillivay.