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**Committee of the Whole
Agenda
January 22, 2024
5:30 PM
Large Committee Room**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approval of Agenda**
- 3. Approval of Previous Minutes – November 27, 2023**
- 4. Business Arising from the Minutes**
- 5. Correspondence**
 - a. **Habitat for Humanity** Re: steering committee
 - b. **Communities in Bloom** Re: Minutes from December 12, 2023
- 6. CAO Report- Municipal Election 2024**
- 7. Municipal Innovation Program Recommendation**
- 8. Next meeting date: Monday, February 26, 2024 @ 5:30 PM**
- 9. Adjournment**

NOVEMBER 27, 2023
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

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

PRESENT

Chair Deputy Mayor S.Campbell, Mayor D. MacGillivray, and Coun. S. Lawand. Also present was CAO Susan Higdon, and Blaine Murray.

REGRETS

Coun. B. Knight

1. Call to Order

Chair S. Campbell called meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved on motion by Coun. G. Pentz, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand with an addition under correspondence: Home and School Association regarding request for donation. **Motion Carried.**

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

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

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

5. Correspondence

- a. Pictou County Fuel Fund – CAO S. Higdon received request from Pictou County Fuel Fund for their annual donation of \$250, under the Annual Grants. Coun. S. Lawand made motion to approve \$250 donation to the Fuel Fund, seconded by Coun. G.Pentz. Motion Carried.
- b. Letter received from Member of 4H Club re thank you for donation.
- c. Donald Keddy Memorial Tournament re thank you for donation.
- d. Home and School Association Re: request for donation for their Christmas Dinner. Moved by Coun. G. Pentz, seconded by Mayor MacGillivray, on the question, Coun. S. Lawand stated there is a policy that council has never followed. He is requesting either the policy be rescinded or amended as it is not being followed. CAO Higdon recommended to look at the usual requests under the Annual Grants and Council preapprove those. Most of the requests are received from volunteer organizations who are different volunteers every year, so they

would not get their request in in time. Motion carried, with Coun. Lawand against.

6. Pioneer Coal Reclamation Plan – Blaine presented the highlights of the Pioneer Coal Reclamation Plan that was submitted to the province in January 2021. There is grading from MacGregor to Pleasant. They anticipate there is enough material to fill the hole. But they will not be compacting. Cold Brook will be reinstated. There will be access Acadia. There is no deep, big lake in the plan. This is not the final draft.

Blaine left the meeting.

7. 2024 Schedule for Committee of the Whole Meetings

Moved by Coun. S. Lawand, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz, to approve the 2024 Schedule for the COTW meetings. Motion carried.

8. 2024 Schedule for Council Meetings

Moved by Coun. S. Lawand, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz, to approve the 2024 Schedule for the Council meetings. Motion carried.

9. Review of Committee Representation 2024

Moved by Coun. S. Lawand, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz, to approve the Committee Representation for 2024. On the question, Coun. G. Pentz noted he no longer wishes to sit on the Pictou County Sports Heritage Hall of Fame. He asked if Coun. Knight would like to take that. CAO Higdon will ask him. Motion carried.

Coun. S. Lawand noted that there is a deer problem in Stellarton and he wishes to do something about it. It was noted that representatives came from the Department of Natural Resources and they said the main issue of why deer are coming in to Town is because people are feeding them.

10. Next Meeting Date: Monday, January 22, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

11. Adjournment on motion by Coun. S. Lawand.