

**TOWN OF STELLARTON
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
February 23, 2026**

MEETING

A Committee of the Whole meeting of Stellarton Town Council was held on Monday, February 23, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the large Committee Room, Stellarton Town Hall.

PRESENT

Chair Deputy Mayor G. Pentz, Councillor S. Campbell, Councillor S. Eis, Councillor M. Fortune, and Mayor D. Stroud. Also, present CAO A. Grover.

1. **Call to Order** Chair G. Pentz called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved on motion Councillor M. Fortune, seconded by Councillor S. Eis as amended. Amendments: add Property Issues as Item 3 and combine Condense Meeting Minutes and Creative Pictou County grant request with Item 7. **Motion Carried.**

Planner, Roland Burek submitted his regrets and will not be presenting at this evening's meeting.

3. **Property Issues**

Councillor S. Eis raised concerns regarding a rental property on Fairview Avenue following a resident complaint. The resident expressed frustration with the lack of resolution after contacting the owner and property manager.

A Grover advised that the Police Department is monitoring the area and will refer any warranted matters to Street Crime. The issue will also be raised at the next Police Commission Board meeting. Residents are encouraged to report concerns through the police non-emergency line or Crime Stoppers.

4. **Approval of Previous Minutes – February 2, 2026.**

The February 2, 2026 minutes were approved as presented on motion Councillor M. Fortune seconded by Councillor S. Campbell. Motion Carried.

5. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

Crosswalk and Lighting: A Grover advised that the Police Chief and Town Engineer are reviewing the crosswalk, noting there is currently not streetlight at the location and options to improve visibility are being explored.

6. **Correspondence**

a. Coastal Nova Scotia, Re: Marketing Levy Impact Report 2025:

A Grover reported that the Marketing Levy Impact Report 2025 was received, highlighting tourism initiatives supported through the levy, including a tourism strategy, website updates, branding, and event support. Managing Director, Cindy MacKinnon, Managing Director of Coastal Nova Scotia has been invited to present at the April Committee of the Whole meeting to talk about the work that they are doing.

7. **Requests**

a. **Support Request, Fibromyalgia Association Canada Re: Light up for Fibromyalgia Campaign**

Council approved illuminating municipal buildings in purple on May 12 in support of the Light Up for Fibromyalgia campaign.

b. Grant Request – Creative Pictou County

Council approved a one-time contribution of \$500 for bridge funding.

c. Condensing Meeting Minutes

Council agreed that meeting minutes be condensed to summarize discussions while capturing key decisions and direction.

8. Draft Bylaw Review – Feeding of Wild Animals

Council agreed by the-law should focus on feeding deer. A Grover will revise the draft and bring it back at the next Committee of the Whole. The by-law aims to communicate the town's position and can be enforced through community reporting or police guidance.

9. Draft Policy Review, Acquisition and Disposal of Surplus Property

A Grover advised the draft policy is still under review and has been forwarded to the solicitor for feedback. Planner Roland Burek will be in attendance at a future meeting where he can address any questions or concerns.

10. Council Committee Updates

- Heritage Committee: Efforts underway to reinvigorate the committee; the Museum of Industry offered support with cataloguing Heritage Room items.
- Communities in Bloom: Annual meeting held to review the committee's terms of reference.
- Riverview Home Committee: Update provided on the Home Rights Remedy Plan process.
- Pictou County Partnership Oversight Committee: Business plan currently under review.
- Police Commission: Meeting schedule for next week.
- Glen Haven Manor Committee: Meeting scheduled with governance discussions ongoing.
- Pioneer Coal: Meeting scheduled next week.

11. Round Table

- Councillor M. Fortune raised a snow removal concern on Fairview Avenue, which will be referred to Public Works.
- In response to a question by Councillor M. Fortune, A Grover clarified that under the Municipal Government Act, councillors, staff, and their spouses cannot bid on tax sale properties and noted that Lori Dunbar, who looks after the town tax sale, will issue a letter referencing this provision.

12. Next meeting date: March 23, 2026

13. Adjournment Councillor S. Campbell.