

**TOWN OF STELLARTON
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
May 25, 2026**

MEETING

A Committee of the Whole meeting of Stellarton Town Council was held on Tuesday, May 25, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the large Committee Room, Stellarton Town Hall.

PRESENT

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

Regrets were received from Councillor S. Campbell.

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 with one addition: information for Council from the town engineer – added after #8, make it the new #9 on motion Councillor S. Eis, seconded by Councillor M. Fortune. **Motion Carried.**

3. **Presentation: Roland Burek, Planner/Development Officer**

R. Burek reviewed information regarding areas of probable subsidence resulting from historic mining activities and the associated development requirements. Council discussed potential non-habitable uses for the Department of Mines lot, future development opportunities on former mining lands, and the importance of due diligence when considering development permits in affected areas. R. Burek advised that properties within areas of probable subsidence may be sold with appropriate disclosure. R. Burek will prepare an inventory of Town-owned land for Council's review.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

Councillor M. Fortune moved the approval of the April 27, 2026 minutes, seconded by Councillor S. Eis. **Motion Carried.**

5. **No Business Arising from the Minutes**

A. Grover provided an update on the NS Military Veterans Group grant request. Council requested that additional information be obtained regarding decisions made by other municipalities before further consideration.

6. **Correspondence:**

a. **Letter from Minister of Municipal Affairs, John A. MacDonald**

Council received correspondence regarding upcoming provincial initiatives that may impact municipalities. The correspondence was received for information.

b. **Letter from Minister of Emergency Services, Kim Masland**

Council received correspondence regarding the Fire Services Modernization Act. The correspondence was received for information.

c. **Thank you, U13 AAA Fundy Highland Stars**

Council received a thank you card in appreciation of the Town's support. The correspondence was received for information.

d. **Municipality of Pictou County, Re: IESO Resolution and Letter to Premier Tim Houston**

Council discussed correspondence regarding a proposed natural gas generation project and concerns related to watershed protection, water supply, and groundwater recharge.

Recommendation: Direction of Council to staff to prepare a draft letter for consideration and approval at the next Regular Council meeting, to be forward to the Premier outlining the Town's concerns regarding potential impacts to water supply and groundwater recharge.

e. Letter from Ken Langille, Former Chair of the Pictou County Sports Heritage Hall of Fame Board of Directors

Council received correspondence regarding Mr. Langille's resignation from the Board. The correspondence was received for information.

7. Draft Bylaw, Deer Management

Council reviewed the proposed deer management bylaw and directed staff to make revisions and return with an updated draft for further consideration at a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

8. Requests for Council Support:

a. Disability Pride Flag Raising, July 2026

Council approved a Disability Pride Flag Raising Ceremony in July 2026.

b. Pictou Landing First Nation, 34th Annual Mawio'mi

Council approved a \$100 donation in support of the 34th Annual Mawio'mi hosted by Pictou Landing First Nation.

9. Information Items

a. A. Grover advised that Council had previously expressed interest in attending bursary presentations at Northumberland Regional High School. She has contacted Principal Matt O'Toole and will advise Council once the date and time are confirmed.

b. A. Grover provided an update on 110 MacGregor Avenue, noting that a structure review of the warehouse behind the Public Works building has been completed and indicates that all replacement is required. The engineer will work with the consultant on a phased approach to complete the work. This update was provided for information.

9. Council Committee Updates

There were no Committee updates to report.

10. Round Table

- Council raised concerns regarding maintenance at Pleasant Street Park, including missing basketball net mesh and the need to review replacement of a swing following a previous incident.
- Council discussed the status of net replacement at Dorrington Ballfield, with staff advising there has not been a net at the field for approximately 20 years and referencing prior discussion regarding potential use of remaining Albion Field project funds, if available.
- Council discussed sending a sympathy card following the passing of Beth Sobey. Staff were directed to prepare a card for the Mayor's signature on behalf of Council and staff.

11. Next meeting date – June 22, 2026

12. Adjournment Councillor S. Eis.