TOWN OF STELLARTON
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
June 22, 2026

MEETING
A Committee of the Whole meeting of Stellarton Town Council was held on Monday, June 22, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the large Committee Room, Stellarton Town Hall.

PRESENT
Councillor S. Eis, Councillor M. Fortune, Councillor S. Campbell and Mayor D. Stroud. Also, present CAO A. Grover.

Regrets were received from Chair Councillor G. Pentz.

1. **Call to Order** Mayor D. Stroud called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda
The agenda was approved with one addition: After item #10, add #11 - The Tender Recommendation for a Utility Truck from Engineer Blaine Murray on motion Councillor M. Fortune, seconded by Councillor S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

3. Presentation: Stellarton Memorial Community Centre Association
This item is deferred.

4. Presentation: James MacLeod, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
James MacLeod presented on behalf of the Our Lady of Lourdes Cemetery Committee, requesting the installation of a water meter at the cemetery to provide water for visitors. He noted that similar requests had been made previously but were denied due to concerns related to non-revenue, cross-contamination risks, and the condition of the cemetery's underground water infrastructure. The Committee recommended that Town Engineer Blaine Murray prepare a memorandum for Council outlining the issues preventing the installation of a water meter at this location.

5. Approval of Minutes
Councillor M. Fortune moved the approval of the May 25, 2026 minutes, seconded by Councillor S. Eis. **Motion Carried**.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

- The CAO advised that Northumberland Regional High School's graduation ceremonies will be held on June 29, 2026.

- Mayor D. Stroud reported that the Minister of Energy had acknowledge receipt of the Town's letter regarding watershed concerns related to the proposed natural gas generation project and advised that a response would be provided by the Minister of Environment and Climate Change.

7. Correspondence:

a. Letter, Pictou County Sports Heritage Hall of Fame

The CAO presented correspondence advising of the organization's new Board of Directors and Executive, along with updates regarding governance, charitable status, and preparations for its grand opening.

b. Thank you, Fibromyalgia Association Canada

The CAO shared correspondence thanking the Town for participating in the Illumination Campaign by lighting Stellarton Town Hall in purple in support of fibromyalgia.

c. Land for Housing Program, Municipal Partnership Stream, Nova Scotia Housing Development & Partnerships

The CAO presented correspondence from the Province of Nova Scotia regarding the Land for Housing Program and opportunities to advance housing development on municipally owned lands. Council supported the CAO contacting the province to express the Town's interest in participating in the program.

8. Request for Support, Women Alike Society

The CAO presented a request for support from the Women Alike Breast Cancer Society of Pictou County on behalf of the ABreastARiver Dragonboat Team.

Moved by Councillor M. Fortune seconded by Councillor S. Campbell, Council approved a donation of $250 to assist with the team's participation in the 2026 IBCPC International Participatory Dragon Boat Festival. **Motion Carried**.

9. Draft Bylaw, Deer Management

The CAO reviewed proposed revisions to the Deer Management Bylaw. The Committee discussed public education initiatives.

Councillor S. Eis moved that the updated bylaw be submitted to Council for first reading, seconded by Councillor M. Fortune. Motion carried.

10. Updated Terms of Reference, Heritage Committee

The CAO presented updated Terms of Reference for the Stellarton Heritage Committee and provided an update on collaboration with the Pictou County Historical Society regarding a summer student position to support heritage initiatives. Mayor D. Stroud suggested an amendment to the Purpose section to clarify that the intended impact is to contribute to the local economy and increase revenue for the Town of Stellarton and the broader community.

Councillor S. Eis moved that the updated Terms of Reference for the Stellarton Heritage Committee be forwarded to Council for approval, seconded by Councillor M. Fortune. **Motion Carried.**

11. Tender Recommendation for Utility Truck – Town Engineer Blaine Murray

The CAO reported that two bids were received for the purchase of one new ½-ton truck.

Upon the recommendation of the Town Engineer, Council approved the award of the tender to Highland Ford in the amount of $63,602 plus HST.

Moved by Councillor S. Campbell seconded by Council S. Eis that Council approved the recommendation to award the tender for the purchase of one new ½ ton truck to Highland Ford in the amount of $63,602 plus HST. **Motion Carried**.

12. Round Table

- Councillor M. Fortune provided a Heritage Sports Hall of Fame Committee update. The committee is in the early stages of becoming active again and is working to establish a regular meeting schedule.
- Councillor S. Eis provided a Homecoming Committee update, noting that planning is progressing well. This year's events will be similar to last year's. Comedy Night will not be held this year, and a new Fun Run has been added to the Homecoming festivities. The Homecoming schedule will be released once finalized, and volunteers will be sought in the coming weeks. The Homecoming Dance will have a capacity of 1,200 attendees.
- An update was provided on the town parking lot, with paving schedule to begin after the Homecoming celebrations. Approximately two-thirds of the lot will be completed this year, with the remainder scheduled for next year. Potholes will be repaired prior to the Homecoming Dance.
- Mayor D. Stroud discussed opportunities to increase the use of the Town Square by hosting community events, such as live music evenings, to encourage public engagement and support the downtown area. Staff advised they are exploring options for events featuring live musicians.
- Discussion also included the possibility of collaborating with neighbouring municipalities and Coastal Nova Scotia to promote coordinated community events. The CAO noted that the idea could be brought forward to the Marketing Levy Committee for consideration and that Coastal Nova Scotia could potentially assist with promotion and coordination.

13. Next meeting date – July 26, 2026.

14. Adjournment Councillor S. Eis**.**