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Mayor's Message

Happy new year. 2025 marked the first full year for your current town council and I am pleased to tell you Stellarton enjoyed a year of forward and steady progress. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with council while getting to know our dedicated and skilled town staff.

Challenges Overcome: Summer of 2025 was exceptionally hot and dry. Through the course of water restrictions and burn bans, Stellarton residents – and indeed residents across Pictou County – proved responsive and worked together to navigate. Well done and thank you.

Renewed Infrastructure: We completed a number of noteworthy projects. Of particular note, was Rutherford Street. This significant update included replacements to some of Stellarton's oldest remaining water, sewer and storm lines. I wish to thank our residents for their patience throughout this project.

Business Development: We welcomed new businesses both downtown and in the Albion Business Park. New to our downtown in 2025 are the following: Dina's Fish & Chips, House 47 Restaurant and Wine Bar, St. Barbara Limited (mining), Endless Love Bridal & Prom Consignment Boutique, Lemon Nails, and the re-opened Blue Lobster Public House. Meanwhile in our Albion Business Park, Carstar (auto body repair) commenced operations in its newly constructed location on Lawrence Boulevard and the RCMP broke ground nearby in constructing its new net zero carbon Pictou County district detachment.

During 2025 we sold two additional business lots and repurchased a lot for resale. Our businesses are dear to the continued growth and vibrance of Stellarton. Current council continues to actively explore ways to develop opportunities and maximize benefits from available resources.

Deer Population in Town: We have made meaningful progress including coordinated discussions with our neighbouring towns. In November, we concluded a survey among residents that will help to inform Council during its review and deliberation as to next steps during 2026.

Water Metering: Town staff will be engaging with the Nova Scotia Regulatory and Appeals Board early in 2026 to begin a water rate study. There is much effort required to ensure metering data is accurate. We anticipate going live with meter-based billing during 2026 and will follow with further detail as a measurable timeline is developed.

I continue to be honoured to be your mayor and remain committed to helping foster better connection and continued growth across our community.

Yours Truly,

Darren



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IMPORTANT DATES

- Jan. 8 - Police Commission
- Jan. 12 - Council
- Jan. 26 - Committee of the Whole
- Feb. 5 - Police Commission
- Feb. 9 - Council
- Feb. 16 - Heritage Day (ADMIN OFFICE CLOSED)
- Feb. 23 - Committee of the Whole
- Mar. 5 - Police Commission
- Mar. 9 - Council
- Mar. 23 - Committee of the Whole

Winter Parking Regulations

Whereas due to the congestion on the streets and highways in the communities of Westville and Stellarton caused by vehicular and pedestrian traffic and the limitation on the free use of the streets liable to be caused by the presence of snow and ice thereon and notwithstanding that certain traffic signs have been erected in these communities prohibiting or permitting vehicles to park or stand upon any street during the hours stated thereon:

No person shall park or leave standing any vehicle upon any street in these communities between the hours of 01:00am and 07:00am of the same day.

No owner, driver or person having control or custody of any vehicle shall between the 1st day of December, 2025 and the 15th day of April, 2026, park or leave unattended by a person authorized to move and capable of operating the same upon any street in the above manner as to hinder, inconvenience or prevent removal or snow or ice from such highway or street.

No owner, driver or person having control or custody of any vehicle shall during the period from one hour after any snowstorm has commenced to two hours after such snowstorm has stopped, park the vehicle if it is unattended by a person authorized to move and capable of operating the same, upon any street in these communities.

In addition to the general winter parking regulations, there are regulations in utilizing the public parking lot located on Jubilee Avenue, behind Stellarton Town Hall. These regulations are as follows:

When snow is forecasted to be 10cm or more, vehicles must park in the furthest back rows towards Stellar Street. Vehicles should not park in any other row until the back is full.

All parked vehicles must be moved within 12 hours of the snow stopping. If you are planning to be away from your vehicle for a longer period of time, you must have accommodations in place to have it moved within the allotted time.

Any vehicles not adhering to these regulations will be towed at the owners' expense.

Nothing in the foregoing shall apply to:

1. A motor vehicle of a physician or surgeon parked reasonably near his/her office or residence and immediately available for professional calls.
2. A motor vehicle parked by a physician or surgeon who is actually engaged in his/her professional occupation and reasonably near where he/she is so engaged.
3. A motor vehicle parked by an operator who is actually engaged in discharging his/her duties as a Police Officer or a member of the police or the armed services.
4. A motor vehicle parked by an operator who is actually engaged in discharging his/her duties as a member of a Fire Department.
5. A commercial vehicle parked by an operator for the purpose of loading or unloading merchandise.
6. A motor vehicle belonging to a public utility company or corporation parked reasonably near the residence of an operator and immediately available for emergency calls.



It shall be an offence for any person to fail to comply with these regulations and such person will be liable to a penalty as provided by Section 293 of the Motor Vehicle Act. No person shall remove or permit to be removed snow or ice from a property onto a public street, sidewalk or other public place. Businesses are reminded that it is your responsibility to remove all snow and ice from the sidewalk abutting their property including the street corner. Your cooperation is essential for the safety of all pedestrians particularly school children and senior citizens during the winter months.

