



STELLAR NEWS

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IMPORTANT DATES

OCT 4- Police Commission

OCT 15- Council

OCT 15- Rink Ice Open

OCT 22- Committee of the Whole

NOV 1- Police Commission

NOV 12- Council

NOV 26- Committee of the Whole

NOV 30- Christmas Tree Lighting

DEC 6- Police Commission

DEC 10-Council

DEC 24 (NOON) - JAN 2

Administration offices CLOSED

Mayor's Message

Dear Friends and Neighbours;

Your Town Council is busy setting Stellarton up for continued success, not only in the near future, but over the long term as well.

Our 2018 / 2019 budget includes expenditures that will help determine the path forward. We have budgeted \$25,000 for the study and design of an addition to our Public Works Facility located on MacGregor

Avenue. The Public Works Team is adding a superintendent. They will need an office at the Public Works site, hence the addition to the building.

Also in the 2018 /2019 budget is \$25,000 for a building assessment of the Stellarton Memorial Rink. This assessment will inform council as to what needs to be done to the building, what the priorities are, and what the cost will be. Council needs this information to make sound decisions about our rink.

Your Town Council was presented with an issue several months ago. Our shared Police Chief (with Westville), Don Hussner, announced he plans to retire by December 2019. It is a well-deserved retirement, after decades of policing the streets of Pictou County. Council and the Police Commission looked at the options of continuing the shared Chief with Westville, expanding the partnership with the Westville Police Service, or hire our own Chief. During the discussion, we realized this is a very important time of transition for our town, and a perfect opportunity to look at all possible options, with the help of an independent law enforcement professional.

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The Town issued a Request for Proposal, and over the next few months, we will work closely with a consultant to explore all law enforcement options. We need to perform our due diligence, ensuring the path forward serves the best interests of Stellarton residents. Our Police Service is a source of pride for residents, staff, and council.

There is sad news to share. The Public Works Team lost two long time employees; Stewart Anderson and Will Edwards both passed away in June. It was a huge loss to our Town. Our prayers go out to the families of both men. Will and Stewart served Stellarton well.

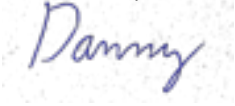
As updates to previous communications:

- The Cannabis facility on Acadia Ave is currently employing local contractors to finish the inside of the building, in preparation for the production of cannabis. Once completed, Health Canada will do an inspection, and if all is in order, issue the final license, allowing cannabis production at the facility. Over the long term, we expect 200 employment opportunities.
- Council continues to work closely with Endurance Equities to further develop the Albion Business Park. We expect some development in the near future i.e. new businesses in the park.

Stellarton is known as one of the top town's in Nova Scotia. Your council intends to ensure this reputation continues long into the future. We will achieve this with prudent planning, and sound, evidence based decision-making.

As always, please feel free to contact me by phone (902-759-6840) or email Danny.MacGillivray@stellarton.ca.

All the Very Best;



Town Hall Updates

Administrative Office

Tax Billing

The final tax billing was sent out during the second week of September 2018. The due date for these bills is November 15, 2018. Tax sale procedures for any account that is 3 years in arrears will be commencing in October.

2018-2019 Operating Budget

The Town of Stellarton has approved the Operating Budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. The estimated revenues and expenditures for 2018-2019 are \$7,819,875.

Council is now Online!

Council and Committee of the Whole meetings are now being broadcast live on YouTube. Stay up-to-date on current events or re-watch previous meetings.



Police Department

Back to School

With schools back for the season after the summer Stellarton Police are reminding motorists to be cautious and watch out for children walking to and from school.

Buses make regular stops picking up and dropping of children. When stopping they

deploy their flashing yellow lights to warn motorist they are about to stop and then turn their flashing lights to red when stopped at the bus stop. Traffic is required to stop in each direction while the bus is exhibiting flashing red lights and remain stopped until the bus proceeds and the lights are no longer flashing.



Crosswalks

The Town of Stellarton employs crossing guards at major intersections close to schools to provide a safe crossing for children. Motorists are reminded that it is an offence under the Motor Vehicle Act to not obey the directions of a crossing guard. It is also an offence to park within 3m or 15ft of a cross walk or intersection as it can hide or obstruct pedestrians trying to cross safely.

Fire Department

October 7-13 is Fire Prevention week. This year's campaign, "Look. Listen. Learn" highlights three steps people can take to quickly and safely escape a fire. **LOOK** for places fire could start – identify possible fire hazards and take care of them. **LISTEN** for the sound of the smoke alarm –Go to your predetermined outside meeting place, and ensure you test your smoke alarm batteries regularly. **LEARN** two ways out of every room and make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily and are free of clutter. A parade will be held on Saturday, October 6, 2018. Trucks will be on display for public viewing at 4:00pm and at approximately 6:45pm in the Wal-Mart parking lot.

Public Works and Engineering

Capital Infrastructure

Another construction season is wrapping up. The Town has invested in various infrastructure projects from water main renewals, sidewalk replacement and asphalt paving. Engineering staff will continue to use best asset management practices to determine the future infrastructure needs of the Town.

Dry Season Water Use Restrictions

Over the coming months the Town is required to develop contingency plans for water withdrawal from the East River during low flow conditions. Such plans will consist of water use restrictions on households and commercial businesses for beautification activities such as watering lawns and washing vehicles. The Town would ask for future cooperation to ensure compliance with all provincial and federal regulations.

After Hours Service

For after hours Public Works emergencies contact the Stellarton Police Service at (902) 752-6160.

Planning Department

Rachael McLean new to the team in 2018, is our Development Officer for the Town. Any and all land development that takes place within our municipal boundaries has to abide by the Common Land Use By-laws. This document lays out regulation for all of the Towns within Pictou County. Planning to build, subdivide or develop? Make sure you check the requirements for the zone that you live in and any/all other regulations that may apply. Questions? Contact Rachael at:

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Community Development & Recreation

Fall Program Opportunities

Indoor walking will start at the indoor sports complex at the end of Old Foxbrook Rd on October 15. For details please contact 752-8944 or 752-3793.

Public Skating will be on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays at 3:30-5pm; Saturday at 2pm and our Adult Skate is at 7pm starting October 15th. Helmets are mandatory. Full schedule available at www.stellarton.ca and is subject to change.

The Stellarton Library has a number of programs for all ages. They have free internet access and are a hub of activities and information. Call for more info 902-755-1638.

Dream Candy is another partner delivering children's programming. They are located above the library on Jubilee Ave. Schedule available at www.dreamcandy.org.



Highland Connect is a great resource to help find any information about recreation or sport programs, facilities or opportunities in the Highland region of Nova Scotia. Just visit www.highlandconnect.ca.

Website and Social Media

Stellarton.ca has had a major update this year and looks better than ever. Stay informed on meetings, events, news and more. For up to the minute information please subscribe to our Facebook and Twitter accounts under "Town of Stellarton".

Renting Ice

Stellarton Memorial Rink will be open again to skaters by October 15th. The schedule is available at stellarton.ca and rentals can be booked ahead of time at 902-752-8944. The cost is \$158/hr taxes included and helmets are mandatory.



“Stellarton is a thriving community that is safe, healthy, inclusive and engaged with a robust economy that appeals to businesses, citizens and visitors alike.”

Pictured: Opening of Olympic Park, Davis Day Ceremony, Homecoming events and Recreation Day camp.