



STELLAR NEWS

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IMPORTANT DATES

- JAN 9 -** Police Commission
- JAN 13-** Council
- JAN 15-** Planning Advisory
- JAN 27 -** Committee of the Whole
- FEB 6 -** Police Commission
- FEB 10 -** Council
- FEB 17 -** Heritage Day
(Administration Office Closed)
- FEB 24 -** Committee of the Whole
- MAR 5 -** Police Commission
- MAR 9 -** Council
- MAR 23-** Committee of the Whole

Stellarton Homecoming
Save the Date
JULY 22-26, 2020

Mayor's Message

Dear Friends and Neighbours;

Snow is on the ground, salt is on the roads, and thus another Northern Nova Scotia winter is upon us. The Public Works Department have tuned up the big plows, and their operators are ready to roll. Our town is as prepared as we can be for the winter of 2020. As a reminder, the Fire Hall is a warming station, in the event of a prolonged power outage.



The stop signs on Foord Street have been the talk of the town. Council and staff feel as though they are having the desired effect. We erected the stop signs for the following reasons: 1) slow traffic down on Foord Street, 2) make the crosswalk in front of library safer to use and 3) allow for the left turn from Jubilee Avenue onto Foord Street. We felt it extra important to slow down traffic with the continued popularity of our beautiful Town Square. It attracts people of all ages, including young children, who enjoy playing in the Splash Pad. Things can happen very quickly, the slower the traffic, the less likely anything will happen.

The traffic is still moving at a good pace. The stop signs make the Foord Street drive about a minute longer during peak traffic hours. Council feels that is an acceptable price to pay for the added benefits provided by the stop signs.

When staff first suggested the idea of stop signs on Foord Street, I was firmly against the idea, as I was viewing it from my personal perspective (slowing my trip through Main Street). I then put on my Mayor hat and thought about the benefits vs the costs for the Town as a whole. That shift in perspective resulted in a shift in my opinion. From the entire Town's perspective, the stop signs are the right thing to do.

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The Albion Business Park is poised for expansion in 2020. Council's decision to drop the price of the land, and offer tax incentives, has resulted in significant interest from developers. There are building plans in the pipeline.

We expect to see construction of new buildings, and thus new business in the park, in 2020.

A major new employer is in Stellarton, with operations underway. Zenabis, the cannabis facility located at 114 Acadia Avenue, is in full growth mode. They have been a part of numerous job fairs in 2019. If you or a loved one is seeking employment, Zenabis is an option, especially if staying in Pictou County is a priority.

Town Council feels as though we have accomplished much in 2019 (and 2018, and 2017). We are proactively addressing issues in a progressive manner. We believe that is what you elected us to do, and we will continue to do so in 2020.

Council and staff hope you enjoyed the Holidays, and are embracing the New Year.

All the very best!

Danny

Town Hall Updates

Public Works and Engineering

After Hours Service

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

Fixed Transit Route

The Town of Stellarton is pleased the Province of Nova Scotia has confirmed funding for a three year public transit pilot project, to be launched in 2020. The fixed route bus service will offer our citizens an affordable, convenient and environmentally friendly form of transportation.

Many citizens are concerned with the lack of affordable transportation in the area when they do not own their own car. In 2020 and beyond, the answer for Stellarton and New Glasgow residents, will be "Pictou County Transit". Hopefully, after the pilot project demonstrates success, other local municipal units will choose to join Pictou County Transit. There are successful fixed route bus services in rural areas such as Antigonish, Bridgewater, Yarmouth, Kentville and Port Hawkesbury. People have been asking, why not here? We will no longer have to ask that question, as there will be one here, in 2020.

Property Assessment Notices

Assessment notices will be mailed to property owners on January 13, 2020 from Property Valuation Services Corporation (PVSC). If you have any questions regarding your assessment please contact them at 1-800-380-7775.

Police Department

Winter Parking By-law

Please note, there is currently a parking ban in place within the Town of Stellarton. You could be ticketed and possibly towed if you park on the streets at night between December 1, 2019 and April 15, 2020.

The winter parking by-law prohibits parking on roadways from 1:00 AM to 7:00 AM in the Town of Stellarton so that vehicles do not interfere with snow removal.

Because stormy weather can arrive unexpectedly, it is important to keep the streets clear every night. Fines can be charged, even if there is no snow at the time, but towing is usually done only when necessary. Vehicles can also be towed during the day if they are left where they interfere with snow removal.



Volunteer of the Year Nominations

The Town of Stellarton is seeking nominations for the Francis "Bud" MacKay Memorial Award. If you or your organization is aware of an outstanding volunteer who is a resident of the Town of Stellarton or volunteers for a Stellarton organization, please submit their name to the Town of Stellarton. There is a link on the Town of Stellarton's website or you can email town.office@stellarton.ca.

Community

Winter Program Opportunities

Indoor walking continues at the Sobeys Indoor Sports Complex at the end of Old Foxbrook Rd. Times are 8:30-9:30 am and 12pm-1pm Monday-Friday. For more details please contact 752-3793.

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.

1970 -71 Graduates of Stellarton High School

Attention Graduates and friends from the SHS classes of 1970 and 1971! There will be a reunion during Homecoming Week in July 2020. If you are interested in attending and have not been contacted, you may call:

Paula (902) 476-8949 Carol (902) 771-0047
Marion (902) 759-3972 Phyllis (902) 752-3197
Harvey (902) 752-9216

See you in July!

Heritage Day Event

Mark your calendars -on February 17th the Town of Stellarton will be hosting a free family event. Please check Facebook or call (902) 752-2114 for more information.



Meet the Public Works Department....

Spotlight Public Works Department

There are 18 staff in the Public Works Department including the Town Engineer, Blaine Murray; the Superintendent, Ed Stewart; and our newest addition, the Engineering Technologist, Darryl Moss.

The Public Works Department is responsible for the day-to-day maintenance of the Town's infrastructure such as sewer maintenance, water distribution and testing, facility operations, street maintenance, storm and sanitary operations, and snow removal. This department is on call 24-7 and ensures our Town is running smoothly and efficiently. They are out in the worst of weather, and also during holidays to ensure all the services of the Town are in working order.



Some of the major fleet consists of three snowplows, two backhoes, and two sidewalk plows. Currently, the Town Barn is being renovated to accommodate the growing needs of the department as well to ensure our facility is safe and up to code. The addition to the building is in our 2019-2020 capital budget at a cost of \$600,000.00.

Stellarton Fire Department

Fire Extinguisher Safety Tip

Always call 911 FIRST in case of any fire.

When using a fire extinguisher keep in mind the following acronym - PASS

P = PULL

Pull the pin out of the extinguisher to activate it. If the pin is not pulled out, it will not activate and you will not be able to squeeze the trigger. Make sure that the plastic safety seal is also broken.

A = AIM

Aim the extinguisher at the base of the fire. This means at the item that is burning (the source of the fire) and not at the flames themselves.

S = SQUEEZE

Squeeze the trigger on the extinguisher to activate it.

S = SWEEP

Sweep the extinguisher back and forth across the burning material to make sure it is fully extinguished. Never turn your back on the fire in case it may happen to flare back up. Always replace your extinguisher once it reaches its expiry date, even if it was never used. Stay safe



Planning & Development

The Planning & Development office is located on the second floor of the Trenton Administration Office (120 Main Street) and provides a variety of planning, property development and building and fire inspection services.

This department ensures that buildings are constructed and maintained to the National Building and Fire Codes of Canada, and to National and Provincial safety standards. The department is also responsible for the enforcement of the Common Land Use By-Laws, community planning, dangerous and unsightly premises administration, building permits and inspections, fire inspections, and civic addressing. They are also responsible for naming of streets, producing development agreements, plan amendments, assists with Heritage Property registration and long range community planning.

Contact Emily Lutton, Building and Fire Inspector, at 902-752-5209 or emily.jones@trenton.ca

Contact Roland Burek, Acting Planner, at 902-752-4476 or roland.burek@trenton.ca.

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