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IMPORTANT DATES

- JUL 8 -** Council
- JUL 17 -** Planning Advisory
Committee
- JUL 22 -** Committee of the Whole
- JUL 24-28-** Homecoming
- JUL 25-** George M. Grant
dedication
- AUG 3-** Carlton's Community Bash
(A Riverfront Jubilee Concert
at Stellarton Soccer Fields)
- AUG 8-10-** Pictou County Seniors
Festival
- SEPT 9-** Council
- SEPT 23-** Committee of the Whole

Mayor's Message

Dear Friends and Neighbors;

It is that time of year again. Graduations and the Summer Solstice are behind us, while the warm and relaxing July and August await. Our Town Square's Splash Pad is a great place for the kids to cool down. It is already bustling with children on the warmer days.



Council always has safety top of mind. Pedestrians and business owners along Foord Street perceive a speeding issue. Our testing tells us that there is not a speeding issue, as most vehicles do travel 50 km per hour or slower. However, is 50 km per hour a safe speed for our main street? Pedestrians say no, they feel unsafe trying to use the crosswalks. Vehicles appear to travel fast, and people parking on the yellow lines near crosswalks make it difficult for motorists to see pedestrians crossing, until they are already out in the traffic.

Foord Street is a provincial highway, with heavy traffic consisting of transfer and log trucks, as we all see everyday.

In 1993, a citizen crossing Foord Street was killed. In our neighbouring Town of New Glasgow, there have been two recent fatalities of people crossing the road. It has happened; it can happen again.

Council has explored several different options to try to improve the safety of our Foord Street. First, we looked at the speed limit. Only the Provincial Government has the authority to set speed limits, and they will not go any lower than 50 km per hour. Next, we discussed removing parking from Foord Street. That would alleviate most of the concerns that pedestrians have about using the cross walks. However, council did not feel this would be a prudent approach. We want clientele of local establishments to have ease of access to the business.

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Council is settling on a Pedestrian Safety Improvement Initiative that will include the following:

- Flashing Crosswalk Lights for crosswalks in front of the Post Office and A&W
- Painting parking “stalls” on Foord Street. Little white lines that indicate a parking spot. This will clearly define where parking is allowed, and where it is not allowed.
- A “Parklet” across from Town Hall, in front of Sam’s Pizza. This will be an attractive physical structure, much like a deck, that will occupy the yellow no parking lines in front of the fire hydrant, and will contain seating options (chairs or benches). It is a problem area for illegal parking; this parklet will make it impossible to park there. It will also be a visual clue for drivers to slow down. This is a seasonal initiative and will be removed during the winter.
- A pilot project installing a three way stop at the bottom of Jubilee Avenue and two new stop signs on Foord Street. Stop signs are a proven way to slow down traffic. It would make the crosswalk in front of the library much safer. That crosswalk is a common concern for pedestrians, vehicles are travelling fast and the sightline is bad. In addition, taking a left turn off Jubilee onto Foord can be a lengthy wait. This will address that concern as well. This is a pilot project, and if it does not work out, we will go back to the current setup. We have consulted traffic experts, and they anticipate this will be a successful move.

The Pedestrian Safety Improvement Initiative is an important piece of work for Council, and we wanted to let you know of the changes before they happen. We hope it is well received by residents, as I think we can all agree, safety is number one. Enjoy your summer, and all that Stellarton and Pictou County has to offer, during this season of vacations and relaxation. Most of us still have to go to work, but outdoor recreation is so much easier in the warm weather. If it is too hot, we have the Splash Pad for the kids, or the family can always take a trip to good old Melmerby Beach! It is a great season to live in Pictou County.

Happy summer to all!

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

All the Very Best;

Danny

Town Hall Updates

Administration

Accessibility Advisory Committee

The Town of Stellarton’s mission statement is “working together to address Stellarton’s needs, build a vibrant community and create an environment that encourages growth”. Nova Scotia is the third province in Canada that has adopted an accessibility law. Municipalities are required to create an Accessibility Plan by April 2021. The Town is looking for citizens to assist with creating an Accessibility Plan and organize actions to improve accessibility. In accordance with section 44 (2) of the Accessibility Act, “at least one half of the members of an accessibility advisory committee must be persons with disabilities or representatives from organizations representing persons with disabilities.” The plan will reflect the goal of the Town to be responsive to the needs of people with various abilities. If you would like more information on being a part of an exciting initiative, please contact Susan Higdon, Town Clerk at susan.higdon@stellarton.ca

Communities in Bloom

Spirit People Pride...Growing Together!

The Stellarton Communities in Bloom committee has been busy preparing the floral hanging baskets along Foord Street as well as other beautification projects throughout Allan Park. If you have an interest in fostering civic pride, environmental responsibility and beautification, the Communities in Bloom Committee can always use your help.

Email Town.office@stellarton.ca for more information.

Planning Department

Parklets and Street Design

For the downtown as a whole, in efforts to slow and calm traffic while enhancing the pedestrian experience, it was recommended that a pilot project on parklets be launched. A parklet, is when a parking space is used and converted into pedestrian space. This can be permanent or seasonal, all the while maintaining the sidewalk for accessibility purposes. This expands and creates useable streetscape for the Town. This is an excellent opportunity to partner with business as well. In June Sam’s Pizza was approached to have a parklet installed in front of their business in the space occupied by the fire hydrant. This project will be launched this summer and will be removed late fall.



Police Department

Back Yard Thefts

Stellarton Police are advising residents to use precaution during the summer to keep their property safe and secure. Backyards become an attractive place for thefts of items. Some thieves use this to make cash and some youth like to refurbish their camps in the back woods with your furniture. Take some preventive measures:

- (1) Lighting – Keep your property well lit. A motion sensor is a good preventive measure that comes on when someone enters your property.
- (2) Locks – Purchase good locks for outbuildings with a strong hasp. Keep your valuables secure!
- (3) Secure furniture – At night put your backyard furniture away under lock and key. The family BBQ is a popular item for thieves
- (4) Tools – Tools should always be secured as they too are easy cash for thieves.
- (5) Landscaping – Keep you scrubs and trees trimmed so they do not provide a place for someone to hide.
- (6) Neighbors – Establish an agreement with your neighbors to watch your property and pick up any flyers or advertisement left while you're away. You can do the same for them.
- (7) Timers – Use timers on your lights to make your property look occupied when away.
- (8) Security systems – Today security systems such as alarms on all buildings and cameras have decreased in pricing which now make them a cost effective way to protect your home while away and even when you're home.

These are just a few suggestions. Our Police Service is always there to assist with security measures. If you see someone around the neighborhood that looks suspicious, just call 902-752-6160 and we will check it out.

Community Development & Recreation

Summer Day Camp

The Recreation Summer camp is now in full swing and the camps are now full! We are still accepting names for a wait list, contact 902-752-8944 for more info.



Check out what is happening below:

Experimentation Nation: Join us in the laboratory for a fun and educational week full of science themed activities! July 8th-12th

Survivor Week: Have a blast with our fun challenges as campers become castaways on survivor island! July 15th-19th

Stellarton Spirit: During Homecoming week, explore all that our awesome Town has to offer! July 22nd-26th

Disney Week: Grab your Mickey Mouse ears and dive into the wonderful world of Disney! July 29th- August 2nd

Splash Zone: Stay cool this week with wonderful water games and exploring the seven seas! August 6th-9th

Circus Week: Experience the colorful and creative circus themed week! Enjoy circus themed games, and activities. August 12th-16th

Engineering and Public Works

Lead Monitoring Program needs Volunteers

Why is the Town of Stellarton sampling drinking water? Health Canada has developed the “Guidance on Controlling Corrosion in Drinking Water Distribution Systems”. This requires all municipalities to regularly sample and test private taps within their respective homes for lead. These requirements place an emphasis on the testing of private plumbing, which has a possibility of containing lead. Older homes may have been built with lead service lines or they may contain lead based solder, as this was previously acceptable for private plumbing.

Can everyone participate? The Town is required to sample 40 residential households. If more than 40 households volunteer, staff will reduce the list to the 40 that will best represent all areas of Town.

To volunteer for this program please contact the Town Office at (902) 752-2114 between the hours of 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. More information available at www.stellarton.ca



Stellarton Homecoming 2019

Wednesday July 24	Thursday July 25	Friday July 26	Saturday July 27	Sunday July 28
<p>Coffee Party Presbyterian Church 10am</p> <p>Charity Ice Cream Social Sponsored by Bounce Around Inflatables and Highland District Soccer Town Square on Foord St 11am- 3pm Proceeds to Westville/Stellarton Salvation Army Christmas Fund</p> <p>Mayor's Garden Party Opening Concert Allan Park 7pm-9pm</p> <p>Sponsored by</p>  <p>Entertainment by:</p>   <p>Big Fish</p>	<p>BBQ Party Medical Hall Parking Lot 11am- 2pm Proceeds to IWK</p> <p>Seniors Lunch 11am-1pm RCAF Association Foord Street</p> <p>Golf Tournament Abercrombie Golf Club 1pm- Shotgun Start Call RCAF for details to register and book carts 902-752-5168</p> <p>Firefighters Competition Soccer Fields, Old Foxbrook Rd. 6pm</p> <p>BBQ available by the Stellarton Area Lions Club</p>  <p>Trivia Night RCAF 8:30pm Teams of 4-6 (first come first serve) <u>No need to pre-register</u></p>	<p>Coffee Party Christ Anglican Church 10am</p> <p> Children's Costume Parade Foord Street 6:30pm Line up behind Scotia Bank</p> <p>Stellarton Street Party Presented by Mix 94.1 FM Downtown Foord Street 6:30pm-9pm (Weather Pending) Antique Cars, Live Entertainment, Food Truck Rally, BBQ, Keith Lodge Open House</p> <p>Pharmacy First's Strawberry Social Pharmacy First 6:30pm</p> <p>Pre-Teen Dance Dream Candy (above the Library on Foord) 7:30-9pm</p> <p>Old Time Dance Stellarton Legion 9pm-1am Featuring "Harold Borden and the Tren-Tones"</p>  <p>\$10 at the Door</p>	<p>Pancake Breakfast Stellarton Fire Hall 7am-11am By Donation</p> <p>Yard Sale Presbyterian Church 8am-11am</p> <p>Washer Toss Tournament Pleasant Street Horseshoe Beds 10am</p> <p>Family Fun Day Soccer Fields Old Foxbrook Rd. 11am-2pm Come enjoy some fun inflatables!</p> <p>Pork Chop BBQ RCAF Association 3:30pm-5:30pm</p> <p>Homecoming Dance & Beer Garden Presented by Z97.9 FM CLASSIC ROCK NSCC Gym 11pm-2am</p> <p>Entertainment</p>  <p>by: OLD SCHOOL</p> <p>\$10 at the Door 19 and Over. Government ID required</p>	<p>Cemetery Mass Our Lady of Lourdes 9am</p> <p>Ecumenical Church Service Sharon St. John Church 11am</p> <p>Horseshoe Tournament Pleasant Street Horseshoe Beds 10am Start</p> <p>Closing Concert and Fireworks Soccer Fields 8pm-10:15pm (Weather Pending)</p> <p>Entertainment By:</p>  <p>NEXT EXIT</p> <p>BBQ available from the Stellarton Area Lions Club</p> 