

MEETING

The regular meeting of the Stellarton Memorial Rink Commission was held on Thursday, March 26, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT

Chair Mayor D. MacGillivray, Comms. S. Campbell, G. Pentz, B. Knight, M. MacDonald, S. Mayich and D. Davidson. Also present Town Clerk S. Higdon, Town Engineer B. Murray, Community Development & Recreation Director, P. Corbin, Financial Advisor B. MacKay and Bingo Manager Leslie Morrison.

AGENDA

The Agenda was approved on Motion by Comm. S. Campbell and seconded by Comm. M. MacDonald. **Motion Carried.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: DECEMBER 21, 2017

Comm. G. Pentz moved the Approval of the December 21, 2017 Minutes as received, seconded by Comm. D. Davidson. **Motion Carried.**

FIRE DEPARTMENT – SIGNAGE FOR RINK

The Stellarton Fire Department donated a new sign to the Town for the front of the Stellarton Memorial Rink. Fire Chief Dwight Campbell circulated photos of the new sign. The Fire Department is donating the new sign to the Town at no cost to the Town of Stellarton. For clarity, Financial Advisor, B. MacKay explained that the new signage will be a purchase by the Town and the funding will be provided by the Fire Department.

At this time, Comm. B. Knight arrived at the meeting and Chair D. MacGillivray brought him up to date on the discussion.

Fire Chief D. Campbell said the sign should be complete in three to four weeks.

It was then moved by Comm. G. Pentz that we accept the generosity of the Stellarton Fire Department towards the new signage for the Stellarton Memorial Rink, seconded by Comm. M. MacDonald. **Motion Carried.**

Fire Chief D. Campbell, along with the Stellarton Fire Department, were thanked for their generous donation.

FINANCE REPORT: MARCH 31, 2018

At this time, Financial Advisor B. MacKay reviewed the year-to-date Financial Report for February 28, 2018 in detail. The report showed total budgeted revenue of \$199,500.00; actual year-to-date \$198,599.00. Overall total expenditures budgeted - \$344,500.00 for the year; actual year-to-date \$285,372.00. B. MacKay reported that the Town is at 83% of their budget and 92% of the year.

A copy of the report is attached to form part of the Minutes.

B. MacKay was thanked for her review.

It was moved by Comm. G. Pentz to accept the Financial Report for the month-ending February 2018 as presented, seconded by Comm. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

TOWN ENGINEER: UPDATE AND REPORT

The Town Engineer, B. Murray presented the Town Engineer's Report dated March 22, 2018. A copy of this report will be attached to form part of the minutes.

Rink Plant. The gas detector in the plant room failed upon inspection. The old unit was obsolete. A new ammonia detector was purchased and replaced.

Rink Maintenance. The Rink continued to perform as expected throughout the month. Minor maintenance and repairs on the building were performed.

Rink Closure. The last day of ice rentals was Sunday, March 18. Ice removal began on Monday and is now complete. The Spring Fling is scheduled for April 28th and Bingo will follow May 1st. Some discussion took place on the need for additional (rink) staff (qualified to flood ice) to cover in an emergency situation.

Comm. D. Davidson asked if staff had made any progress with washroom facilities upstairs. Town Engineer B. Murray reported that work should begin on the facilities sometime over the summer months. Comm. D. Davidson felt two washrooms were needed. Town Engineer B. Murray said this is something Council would have to consider.

It was moved by Comm. G. Pentz to approve Town Engineer's Report as read for February 2018, moved by Comm. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & RECREATION UPDATE

Community Development & Recreation Director P. Corbin reported a pick-up in ice rentals since his last report. He reported that Stellarton became the overflow Rink for all the other Rinks when a hockey tournament was going on. Chair D. MacGillivray said the revenue dollars definitely support this statement. He thanked P. Corbin for his work on his work. Comm. G. Pentz also felt that P. Corbin should be commended on coordinating the extra revenue for the Rink. Commission members agreed.

A short discussion then took place on availability of grants for the Rink. Comm. B. Knight spoke on accessibility grants. P. Corbin said there are accessibility grants available; it is just a matter of what Council prioritizes.

Comm. S. Campbell spoke on a low carbon economy challenge she heard about through social media and was wondering if the Rink would somehow fit into that with heating grant. P. Corbin said he is not aware of this grant but will look into it.

P. Corbin informed the Commission that All In A Bun mobile food truck will no longer be stationed outside the Rink during special events. The owner said that she was not attracting enough business to continue; it was not feasible or cost effective for her.

It was moved by Comm. B. Knight accept the Community Development and Recreation Director's Report, seconded by Comm. M. MacDonald. **Motion Carried.**

BINGO MANAGER – LESLIE MORRISON

Bingo Manager Lesley Morrison made a presentation to the Commission on ideas for increasing revenue for this summer's Bingo season stressing the importance of advertising. She also suggested the Town install a smoking shelter for Bingo goers so they would be sheltered from the weather.

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Discussion. Shelter - Comm. G. Pentz asked the Town Engineer to discuss this further with the Bingo Manager and come up with a plan/cost to be presented to Council for discussion and consideration. Advertising - Various advertising options were discussed.

Staff will look at the various options suggested to promote Bingo and prepare a cost estimate for a shelter to protect patrons who want to exit the building for short periods of time and stay out of the elements. It was suggested a Commission meeting be held in late April if staff has enough time to address these concerns and report back with suggestions.

Comm. G. Pentz accepted Leslie Morrison's Report as given seconded by Comm. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

Chair D. MacGillivray thanked Leslie Morrison for her work over the years bringing in the revenue for the Bingo noting that Bingo is a big part of keeping our rink sustainable.

KRAFT HOCKEYVILLE

Comm. M. MacDonald spoke on the Kraft Hockeyville competition. He circulated competition rules to members. The competition is designed to find which Canadian hockey community stands above all the others. The competition aims to rally people together and help protect the future of hockey in Canada because communities build hockey and hockey build communities. He asked members to review the correspondence, and at the April Commission meeting members can let him know if they want him to proceed and enter Stellarton in the competition. He would look after all the details. Deadline for entries is January 2019.

Members were in agreement that this was a good idea.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m. on motion Comm. G. Pentz.

CHAIRMAN

TOWN CLERK