



## TOWN OF STELLARTON

Council

July 14, 2025

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

**1. Approval of Agenda**

**2. Approval of Minutes:** June 9, 2025 Regular Council

**3. Business Arising from the Minutes**

**4. Audited Financial Statement Presentation:** Doane Grant Thornton

**5. Reports from Staff: June**

- a. Chief Mark Hobeck – Stellarton Police Service
- b. Fire Chief Mike O’Sullivan – Fire Department
- c. Paige Draper – Marketing & Communications
- d. Blaine Murray – Town Engineer

**6. Committee of the Whole Report**

**7. Open Forum**

**8. Next Council Meeting:** Monday, September 8, 2025 @ 5:30 PM

**9. Adjourn**

**JUNE 9, 2025**  
**STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA**

**MEETING**

A meeting of the Stellarton Town Council was held on Monday, June 9, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**PRESENT**

Deputy Mayor Sandra Eis, Couns. Mark Fortune, Susan Campbell and Garry Pentz. Also present was Acting CAO and Town Engineer Blaine Murray, Fire Chief Mike O'Sullivan, and Marketing and Communications Paige Draper.  
Regrets: Mayor Darren Stroud

**1. AGENDA**

The Agenda was approved on motion by Coun. G. Pentz, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

**2. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from May 12, 2025 Regular Council were approved on motion by Coun. G. Pentz seconded by Coun. M. Fortune. **Motion Carried.**

**3. Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**4. Reports from Staff: May (Attached and available online)**

- a. Chief Mark Hobeck – Stellarton Police Service  
P. Draper highlighted report for May; 232 Calls for Services; several community events – Sgt. Sutherland attended GR Saunders for Big Brothers Big Sisters; Cst Smith attended the Wellness Centre for Police Week; the Youth Group attended the Atlantic Police Academy; Officers attended GR Saunders Spring Fling; Cst Vandergrift and Cst Berthier attended GR Saunders for Wellness Day; Officers provided the entire GR Saunders school with a tour of the station and police vehicles; Cst Berthier met with the Roots for Youth Executive Director re neighbourhood issues. There were 30 hours of Foot/Bike Patrol; 190 hours of Traffic Enforcement and 24 hours of Community Relations.  
Coun. G. Pentz made motion to accept Police Service Report, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**
- b. Fire Chief Mike O'Sullivan – Fire Department  
Chief O'Sullivan reported that the Stellarton Fire Department responded to 14 calls in May, on average 15 members attended each call; practices were held every Thursday evening with an average of 12 members attending; Equipment checks were completed weekly with individual crews.  
Coun. M. Fortune motioned to accept Fire Department's report for May 2025, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**
- c. Paige Draper – Marketing and Communications  
P. Draper highlighted: June 11 at 11:00 a.m. is the annual Davis Day Service, 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary; Summer Day Camp registration continues; and the Johnny Miles is June 15, there will be some road closures, notices will be sent out.  
Coun. G. Pentz made motion to approve the Marketing and Communications report, seconded by Coun. M. Fortune. **Motion Carried.**

d. Blaine Murray – Town Engineer

Town Engineer Blaine Murray presented reports to Council; commenting re the Rutherford Project has been pushed back until the second week of June. On the Water Report, no water main breaks; and spring flushing was done May.

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to approve Town Engineer's Reports, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

**5. Correspondence**

a. **Nova Scotia Emergency Management** Re: Update on our path forward with GSAR – P. Draper commented that correspondence received via email regarding Ground Search and Rescue update from the Deputy Minister of Emergency Management. For Council's information.

Deputy Mayor S. Eis comments re amping up the Ground Search and Rescue given the past month's events; awareness and support from municipalities.

**6. Committee of the Whole Report**

The following recommendation is for Council's consideration from the Committee of the Whole meeting held on May 26, 2025:

**Recommendation # 1**

On recommendation of Committee of the Whole Council approve the memorial bench request received from Diane Margeson to install a commemorative bench at Allan Park.

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to approve Recommendations from the Committee of the Whole, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

**7. Open Forum**

No one spoke during the Open Forum.

**8. Next Council Meeting:** Monday, July 14, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

**9. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned on motion by Coun. G. Pentz.

MAYOR

CAO



## STELLARTON POLICE SERVICE

Report up to June 29th, 2025

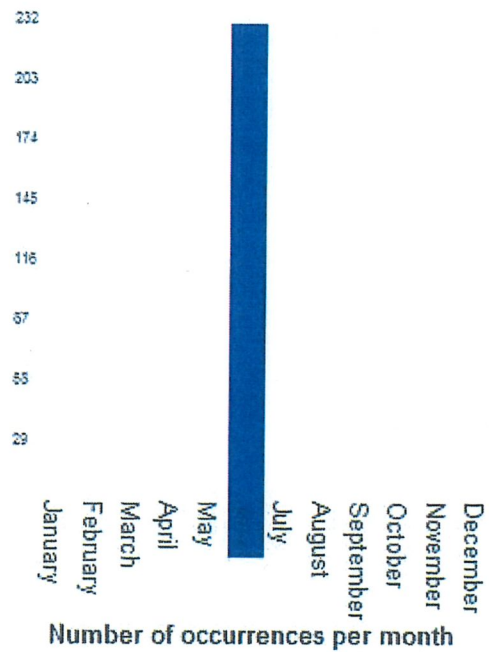
Calls for Service : 228 (2024 calls: 234)

Calls	Type
3	911 Act-Other Activities
3	Animal
6	Assaults
14	Assists to the General Public
10	Assist other Police Agency
2	Break and Enter
6	Checkpoint
3	Causing a disturbance
4	Disobeying a court order
0	Criminal negligence causing injury
4	False Alarms
1	Family Relations Act
4	Fraud under \$5,000
0	Fail to remain MVA
3	Fail to comply with conditions
7	Information Files
3	Item Lost/Found
8	Mental Health Act

0	Harassment
3	Mischief
26	Motor Vehicle Act Violations
12	Municipal Bylaw
1	Missing person
5	No pursuit flight from police
5	Offender Management
3	Operation while impaired (alcohol)
0	Operation while impaired (drug)
0	Peace Bond
0	Sexual Assault
6	Thefts
2	Possession of a weapon
0	Property check
3	S.T.E.P.
15	Suspicious Persons/person/vehicle
5	Traffic Collision non-fatal
10	Trespass Act
1	Uttering Threats -person
0	Unwanted person
9	Well-Being Checks

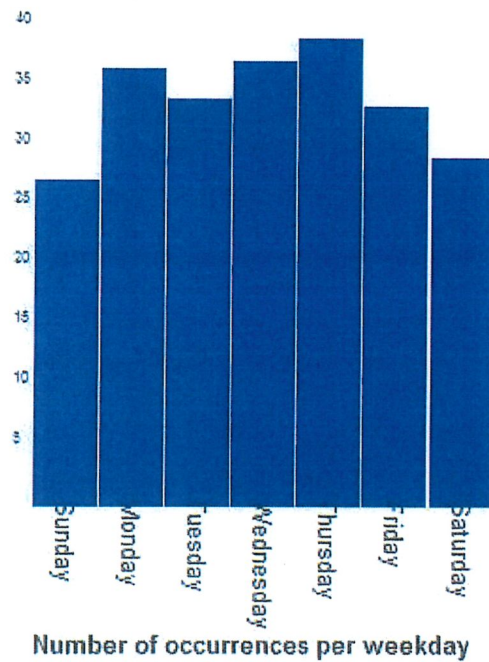
**Breakdown by month:**

<i>Month</i>	<i>Number of occurrences</i>	<i>Percentage of total</i>
January	0	0.0%
February	0	0.0%
March	0	0.0%
April	0	0.0%
May	0	0.0%
June	228	100.0%
July	0	0.0%
August	0	0.0%
September	0	0.0%
October	0	0.0%
November	0	0.0%
December	0	0.0%
Unknown	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>100%</b>



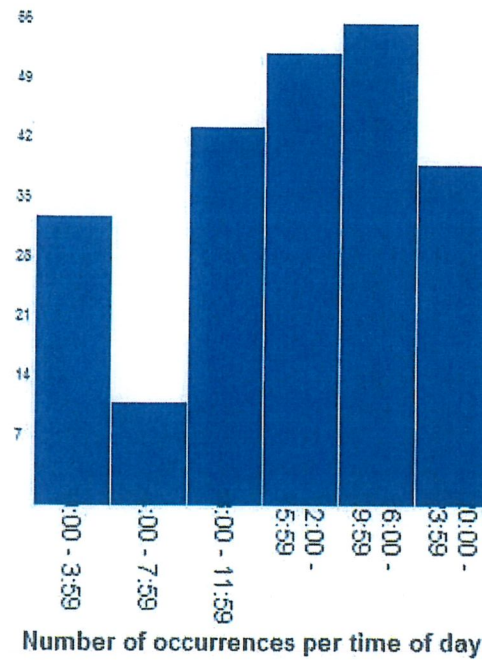
**Breakdown by day of the week:**

<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Number of occurrences</i>	<i>Percentage of total</i>
Sunday	26	11.4%
Monday	35	15.4%
Tuesday	33	14.5%
Wednesday	36	15.8%
Thursday	38	16.7%
Friday	32	14.0%
Saturday	28	12.3%
Unknown	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>100%</b>



**Breakdown by time of day:**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Number of occurrences</u>	<u>Percentage of total</u>
0:00 - 3:59	32	14.0%
4:00 - 7:59	10	4.4%
8:00 - 11:59	42	18.4%
12:00 - 15:59	51	22.4%
16:00 - 19:59	55	24.1%
20:00 - 23:59	38	16.7%
Unknown	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>100%</b>



## Charges

Criminal Code - 23

Motor Vehicle Act - 8

Warnings - 56

## Events

- On June 4th, 2025, Sgt. Sutherland attended G.R. Saunders Elementary school and spent the lunch hour with a grade 5 student
- On June 6th, 2025, Sgt. Veenhuis, Sgt. Sutherland and Cst. MacAdam attended the 911 Ride Opening Night at the Soccer Complex on Old Foxbrook Road

- On June 7th and June 8th, Sgt. Veenhuis and Cst. Smith participated in the two day 911 Ride Event
- On June 11th, 2025, Chief Hobeck, Inspector Pond and Sergeant Sutherland attended the William Davis Miners' Memorial Day Service
- On June 16th, 2025, Cst. Vandergrift attended the Town of Stellarton Pride Flag Raising Ceremony
- On June 17th, 2025, Sgt. Veenhuis and Cst. Holland participated in the Town of Stellarton & Town of New Glasgow Ice Cream Ride

## Other Activities

Foot/Bike Patrol - 20 hours

Traffic Enforcement - 102 hours

Community Relations -15 hours

Completed by: Sergeant Makayla Sutherland

*Sgt. M. Sutherland*

## Stellarton Fire Department

### Monthly Report – June 2025

#### **CALLS:**

During the month of June, we responded to 9 calls: 2 were for motor vehicle accidents, 2 were grass fires, 1 was for public assistance, 1 was for a propane leak, 1 was to provide assistance to the Police and the other 2 were alarm calls. An average of 10 fire fighters responded to each call. Overall, calls were all minor. I would like to take the opportunity to remind the residents to check the burn ban on a daily basis. Other than that we look forward to seeing everyone who comes out for the fire fighting competition during Stellarton Home coming.

#### **PRACTICES:**

Practices were held every Thursday. On average 9 - 10 members attended. Practices will be suspended for the Summer months.

#### **Clean-up/Equipment checks:**

Weekly clean-up and equipment checks are performed with individual crews and these will continue over the Summer.

**June Council Report**  
**Marketing, Communications, Recreation**

***Davis Day***

On June 11, we hosted the 100<sup>th</sup> Davis Day service at the Miners' Monument. Deputy Mayor Eismc'd this event and Judith Hoegg Ryan was our guest speaker. This year, we were pleased to host a small reception at the Christ Anglican Church once again – this was the first year since 2019 that we were able to do this. It was a wonderful day, and we thank all of those who were able to join us for this event.

***Mental Health First Aid (Standard)***

On June 12, I completed the Mental Health First Aid Standard training at a full-day workshop in Truro. This training was put on by the Mental Health Commission of Canada. Participants of this workshop learned skills for providing initial help to individuals experiencing a decline in their mental well-being or a mental health or substance use crisis.

***Verbal De-Escalation & Harm Reduction Training***

Hosted by Ridgeback Security in the Town of Trenton, I and several other staff members attended a security training session. This session focused on verbal de-escalation and harm reduction and provided great information on how to better protect ourselves, the town, and citizens in the event of an escalated situation at the Town Hall – or in the community.

***Flag Raisings & Light Up Town Hall***

Throughout the month of June, we had multiple flag raisings that took place. With the assistance of our Police Service, the Town Square displayed the flags for:

1. Pride Week – Pictou County Pride hosted a week long festival from June 16-22. We kicked off this week to show support with the raising of the pride flag.
2. Disability Pride Month – July marks the beginning of Disability Pride Month. This month, we join with others around the globe to recognize and celebrate the diversity and culture of people with disabilities. We promote visibility and challenge stereotypes, we advocate for inclusion and accessibility, we recognize the history and achievements of those with disabilities, and we acknowledge the unique experiences and contributions of people living with a disability.

***Summer Day Camp***

Registration for the YMCA Summer Day Camp taking place at G.R. Saunders Elementary is open. There are eight weeks of camp between July 2 and August 22 that families can register for. All additional camp details and registration is available through the YMCA online here: <https://t.ly/Craik>

## **Report from Lucia Mason, Events & Marketing Specialist**

Since beginning work on June 16, this is what I have been working on:

- Organized and executed a fun day at the Splash Pad; this included cold treats, music, yard games, and the use of the splash pad.
- Organized a movie night (scheduled for July 9), and an inflatable and waterslide day.
- Collaborated with the YMCA to schedule and coordinate a 3v3 basketball tournament.
- Collaborated with Pictou County Invasion Volleyball to schedule and coordinate a volleyball pop-up.
- Currently collaborating with the Museum of Industry to organize an event.
- Booked the Pictou County Brass & Reed Band for a concert in the park later this summer.
- Actively seeking out pricing and availability of entertainment providers for additional events this summer.
- Created graphics for summer events, as well as for Homecoming events. Developed and posted information for social media posts.
- Revised the Homecoming schedule; edited promotional materials and prepared tri-fold pamphlets for the public.
- Brainstorming for an additional Street Party style event for later in the summer.
- Researched additional recreation equipment to be purchased to enhance the Equipment Loan Program.
- Created instruction sheets for all existing games/equipment under the Equipment Loan Program.
- Organized and developed an inventory list for all recreation equipment.

Respectfully submitted,


Paige Draper

Marketing & Communications Coordinator

# Town Engineers Report June 2025 Engineering & Public Works Report

**Engineering/Projects**

- 1. See capital projects update sheet below:

	<b>Town of Stellarton Capital Projects Update Sheet</b>	
<b>CAPITAL</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Equipment</b>		
	One Ton Truck	Arriving soon
	Boom Flail Mower	Received
	Public Works Truck	
	Backhoe	Received
	Membranes	Ordered
	PLC Upgrade	Ordered
	Plow Truck	
<b>Infrastructure</b>		
	Rutherford Infrastructure Upgrades	In construction
	South Foord Sanitary Reaplacement	Waiting approval from CB&CNS
	Acadia Avenue sidewalk - Scotia Bank	

- 2. The Rutherford Infrastructure Upgrades project has begun. The sanitary main is approximately 50% complete.

### **Streets/Properties**

3. Ball lights were installed at the Albion ballfield.
4. Line painting continued throughout the Town.
5. Flowers and hanging baskets were put out in the Town.
6. Canada flags were put up on the poles.
7. Public Works participated in the Johnny Miles race set up.

### **Safety**

8. Annual inspections were done on the slings, chains, fall arrest gear and all lifting cables.

**Blaine Murray, P.Eng.,  
Town Engineer**

# **Town of Stellarton Town Engineers Report June 2025 Water Utility Report**

## **Water Distribution**

1. No water main breaks to report for the month.
2. Divers entered and cleaned the Lehigh reservoir. It was cleaned with underwater vacuums. Upon completion a mixer was installed in the reservoir to circulate water. This will improve water quality parameters.

## **WTP**

3. Average treated water Production for June 2025 (1,849,546 LPD) compared to June 2024 (1,731,052 LPD) was 6.9% higher.
4. Zeeweed membrane #1 had 20 leaks over the month that needed repair. This membrane will be replaced in the fall.

**Blaine Murray, P. Eng.  
Town Engineer**