

April 26, 2021
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

A virtual regular meeting of the Stellarton Town Committee of the Whole was held on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 5:30 PM via the Zoom platform due to the rise in COVID-19 cases.

PRESENT

Chair Deputy Mayor S. Lawand, Mayor D. MacGillivray, Couns.B. Knight, S. Campbell, and G. Pentz.

Also present, Town Clerk S. Higdon, B. Murray, Town Engineer, and B. MacKay, Financial Accountant

AGENDA

Councillor G. Pentz approved the Agenda, seconded by Councillor B. Knight with the following additions:

- #13 Heritage Room
- #14 Seniors Complex
- #15 Tender for Allan & Victoria Infrastructure Upgrades.
- #16 Request for Donation from New Leaf

Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councillor G. Pentz made a motion to accept the March 22, 2021 minutes seconded by Mayor D. MacGillivray. **Motion Carried.**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

DEANS PRESENTATION – Cindy MacKinnon, Managing Director

Cindy presented an update on the vision and mission of the organization. She talked about the four goals they have been and continue to work on. Their three pillars include: Destination Marketing, Visitor Services, and Strategic Partnerships that enhance Tourism Product. The revenue they receive includes 18% coming from the municipalities, 22% from summer grants, 26% for projects and marketing, and in 2020 they received 34% from COVID grants. In looking ahead they are focusing on industry recovery, a potential winter festival, celebrating their 10th anniversary as DEANS. Their request for municipal funding has not been increased in many years and this year is no different.

Mayor MacGillivray asked who their primary market would be in 2021? Cindy noted they are focusing on Atlantic Canada right now hoping the bubble will be opening up soon.

Deputy Mayor Lawand thanked Cindy for her presentation.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Request for donation to NRHS – Karma Closet.

Moved by Councillor Pentz, seconded by Councillor Campbell. “To donate the amount that was given in 2020 which was \$300.00”. Motion carried.

PARKING PLAN DRAFT

Town Engineer Blaine Murray presented a draft parking plan for Foord St. It still has to be approved by the Traffic Authority, Chief Hobeck. Council was pleased to see a draft and based on the preliminary discussion, they are comfortable moving forward upon approval from Chief Hobeck.

Moved by Councillor Pentz, seconded by Councillor Campbell, “to recommend this be submitted to Council for their approval contingent upon approval from the traffic authority.” Motion carried.

TENDER- ASPHALT PATCHING

Three bids were submitted for the Patching Tender:

1. S.W Weeks Construction \$51,031.25
2. Webster Bros Paving and Concrete Ltd. \$52,253.13
3. Dexter Construction Company Ltd. \$91,856.25

Prices include HST. The tender forms were checked and process verified by Town Engineer who recommends awarding the tender to the low bidder, S. W Weeks Construction.

Councillor G. Pentz made a motion to recommend to council to accept the recommendation from the Town Engineer and accept the tender received from S.W. Weeks Construction in the amount of \$51,031.25 seconded by Councillor S. Campbell . Motion carried.

UPDATE FROM PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes from the March planning meeting were distributed to council for their information. No further information was requested.

REQUEST FOR WORKTERM

The Town received a request from a student from NSCC about a work term placement. He is a marketing student. It was thought that they would be a valuable addition to assist with the Heritage Room. Moved by Councillor Pentz, seconded by Councillor Knight, “to approve having this work term student for 5 weeks.” Motion carried.

COLL AVENUE

Councillor Knight asked about fixing the issue at Coll Avenue that has been brought up in 2020 regarding water from the catch basins going into owners backyards. It is a Town issue and it's the Town's water that is causing the issue. Blaine detailed what was happening here and he agreed that it is a town issue and it would cost approximately \$90,000.00 to reroute the storm sewer. Brenda informed council that if council chooses this could be taken out of reserves.

Moved by Councillor Knight, seconded by Mayor MacGillivray, "to take money out of reserves, up to \$90,000, to reroute the storm sewer and fix this issue". Motion carried.

REQUEST FROM BUILDING INSPECTOR

Mannie Withrow, the Town's acting building official, sent an email to the Town Clerk regarding his notice that he will be taking the month of August off, and any building inspections that need to be done, will be done by Mike MacKenzie. During the times he is off, there will be no Dangerous and Unsightlies completed. He wanted to ensure Council was ok with this arrangement. Council all agreed this was acceptable.

HERITAGE ROOM

Councillor Knight updated the Council on the status of the setup of the Heritage Room. He wanted to ensure to thank Mr. Frank Sobey as well as Scott Fraser for the gracious donation of furniture for the Room. He showed pictures of some of the furniture that will make it look professional and will be able to showcase the items properly in the Heritage Room. Council was very thankful for him taking the lead on that and contacting Sobey's to see if there was anything they could help with their surplus furniture. Councillor Knight asked that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Sobey with special mention of Scott Fraser for his help.

Moved by Councillor Knight, seconded by Mayor MacGillivray, "to send a thank you letter to Mr. Sobey, for the gracious donation of surplus furniture." Motion carried.

SENIORS COMPLEX

Councillor Knight brought up a concern from a resident regarding the issues at the Maple St. Seniors Complex. The concrete on the sidewalks in that area is very dangerous as the residents there are tripping, falling and destroying their walking aids. He is asking that something be done to rectify this situation before someone really gets hurt.

Moved by Councillor Knight, seconded by Councillor Campbell, "to send a letter to the Minister responsible for Eastern Mainland Housing Authority with a cc to MLA Pat Dunn indicating the conditions and to rectify them, and if they will not, the Town can do it and put the costs of labour and materials on their account." Motion carried.

TENDER FOR VICTORIA & ALLAN

Three bids were submitted for the Allan & Victoria Infrastructure Upgrades:

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| 1. S.W Weeks Construction | \$913,617.50 |
| 2. Dexter Construction Company Ltd. | \$1,346,650.00 |
| 3. C.F. Construction LTD. | \$917,176.75 |

Prices include HST. The tender forms were checked and process verified by Town Engineer who recommends awarding the tender to the low bidder, S. W Weeks Construction.

Councillor G. Pentz made a motion to recommend to council to accept the recommendation from the Town Engineer and accept the tender received from S.W. Weeks Construction in the amount of \$913,617.50 seconded by Councillor B.Knight. Motion carried.

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REQUEST FOR DONATION – NEW LEAF

A request for \$100.00 was received from New Leaf for a second edition cookbook to raise funds for services they offer for men who need the opportunity to learn how to develop and maintain healthy, intimate relationships.

Moved by Mayor MacGillivray, seconded by Councillor Pentz, “to donate \$100.00 for an ad in the New Leaf cookbook.” Motion carried.

OPEN FORUM

The Town Clerk noted that a notice was posted on social media notifying the public of the sudden change to virtual due to the rise in cases and if anyone required the link to the virtual meeting to contact the office.

No one spoke at the open forum.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date is scheduled for Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. (due to the Victoria Day Holiday on Monday, May 24, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councillor G. Pentz the meeting adjourned.

DEPUTY MAYOR

TOWN CLERK

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