

NOVEMBER 22, 2021
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

A meeting of the Stellarton Committee of the Whole was held on Monday, November 22, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in large Committee Room.

PRESENT

Chair Deputy Mayor G. Pentz, Mayor D. MacGillivray, Coun. B. Knight, and Coun. S. Campbell. Also present was CAO Susan Higdon.

1. Deputy Mayor G. Pentz called meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved as amended to include 9. Mental Health Crisis Group, 10. Hexo and 11. Transit Representatives, on motion by Coun. B. Knight, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

The Minutes of October 25, 2021 were approved on motion by Coun. B. Knight, seconded by Mayor D. MacGillivray. **Motion Carried.**

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. Correspondence

a. Pictou County Fuel Fund – CAO S. Higdon re request for donation from the Pictou County Fuel Fund, which was already been paid back in April.

6. Insurance Liabilities – Active Community Living Coordinator Noah Delorey reported that he along with the Town Engineer B. Murray and Superintendent J. MacDonald took part in a webinar November 9th, 2021; Intact Insurance – on structure play “Let’s Get Ready for Winter” webinar; to ensure safe environment for winter recreation; highlighting:

- Albion sledding hill – signage very important; design signs showing potential risks; recommendations rather than rules
- Valley Woods Pond – read from the webinar, “Frozen municipal water retention ponds should never be used by the public. These areas look safe and inviting, but in fact will change conditions as weather patterns fluctuate with a tendency to weaken ice.” The Valley Woods Pond is a retention pond. Discussion commenced re signage, fencing, legal opinion, etc. CAO S. Higdon will ensure signs are put up to advise and recommend the public to stay off the ice.

Noah added that he attended the Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame where Stellarton resident Cathy Mason was inducted. CAO S. Higdon said the Town will do something as well to recognize her at the December Council meeting.

Noah left the meeting.

7. MPAL Grant Update – CAO S. Higdon gave update on the provincial grant for the Active Community Living Coordinator position; three resumes were received; two interviews will be conducted on Thursday.

8. IT RFP – CAO S. Higdon reported that an RFP for the Town’s IT will be advertised; our present provider is located in Sydney; the Water Treatment Plant and the Police seem to have many issues.

- 9. Mental Health Crisis Group** – Coun. B. Knight commented on meeting held stressing the need for a unit in Pictou County, a psychiatrist and a support group. Both MP Carla MacFarlane and MLA Pat Dunn will be pushing for this cause. Next meeting will be in January 2022.
- 10. Hexo** – Coun. B. Knight received phone call where the individual was interested in purchasing the Hexo building on Acadia Avenue, for the purpose of manufacturing solar panels and recycling waste. Discussion on the building and its potential followed.
- 11. Transit Representatives** – CAO S. Higdon stated that Pictou County Transit requires two representatives from the Town of Stellarton; Mayor D. MacGillivray cannot be a representative because of the conflict of interest; asked Coun. B. Knight and Coun. S. Campbell to sit on Committee; both agreed. Motion will be put on agenda for the next Council meeting.
- 12. Next Meeting Date: January 24, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.**
- 13. Adjournment** on motion by Coun. B. Knight.