

MAY 24, 2022
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

A meeting of the Stellarton Committee of the Whole was held on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the Large Committee Room, Stellarton Town Hall.

PRESENT

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

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

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

The Minutes of April 25, 2022 were approved on motion by Mayor D. MacGillivray, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

5. Deer Conversation with representatives from Department of Natural Resources

CAO S. Higdon reported that complaints have been received regarding the number of deer; the Town of New Glasgow has a program set up; asked Department of Natural Resources for information.

David Steeves and Suzanne Adshead, from Natural Resources provided information on this issue highlighting:

- Public input and feedback
- Determine deer population; gathering data; monitoring
- Bylaws re feeding wildlife
- Deter bird-feeders and certain plants that deer will eat
- Dietary needs of deer not being met in Town
- Education and information for public awareness
- Other associated concerns include - coyotes follow the deer, ticks
- Generations of deer now born in Town, unable to survive in the wilderness
- Easier food and calories in Town
- Include information material with bills, on social media, newsletter, etc.
- Share information with other Towns

Council thanked them for information. Representatives left the meeting.

6. Proclamation – Accessibility Awareness Week May 29 – June 4, 2022

Mayor D. MacGillivray read Proclamation for Access Awareness Week, May 29th – June 4th, 2022, attached, proclaiming May 29 – June 4, 2022 as “Access Awareness Week” in the Town of Stellarton. Coun. S. Campbell made motion to approve proclamation, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

7. Proclamation – VON May 22 – 28, 2022

Mayor D. MacGillivray read Proclamation for VON Pictou County, attached, proclaiming May 22 – May 28, 2022 as VON Week in the Town of Stellarton. Coun. S. Campbell made motion to approve proclamation, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

8. Water Meter Recommendation – Blaine Murray

Town Engineer B. Murray reported that RFP was sent out for supply and installation of water meters; explained the specifications requirements. B. Murray along with Water Meter Committee recommends Neptune Meters; two proposals were submitted, one company did not meet the specifications. Cost \$975,000.00. Coun. B. Knight made motion to accept recommendation from Town Engineer to award water meter project to Neptune, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

Discussion re the analytics of the proposed meters; B. Murray stated that readings will be remote and that the software will be able to indicate issues such as a water leak.

9. Provincial Town Entrance Signs – CAO S. Higdon asked Council, if approved, for Town Engineer to take these signs down; landscaping to restore area. All agreed to remove signage. Town Engineer left the meeting.

10. Correspondence

a. **NSFM** Re: Service Exchange Agreement – CAO S. Higdon referred to the NSFM Service Exchange Agreement; they are requesting one per municipality. CAO S. Higdon reviewed the agreement with Council; the responsibilities of municipalities and province. Discussion commenced re proposed input:

- Coun. B. Knight re the ability to control speed limits and collection of fines;
- Mayor D. MacGillivray re public health;
- Other areas looked at are Police, Public Works and Recreational assets.
- Health and Education
- Code of Conduct
- Consolidation with other municipalities is of no interest currently
- Provincial and other grants increased funding and opportunities
- Mine reclamation

CAO S. Higdon will compile survey as per discussion to submit to NSFM before deadline.

b. **Jeux de l'Acadie** Re: Information Session – CAO S. Higdon stated that this went to all municipalities, to advise Council that the selection process will soon begin for the host municipality for the 44th Jeux de l'Acadie to be held in 2025. An information session will be held on May 30, via zoom.

c. **Pride 2022** Re: Flag Raising – A request was sent to the Mayor asking if the Town could raise their flag on September 2, even though June is commonly recognized as Pride month, it is also National Indigenous Month, therefore Pride celebrations will begin September 1, 2022. Coun. B. Knight made motion to raise the Pride Flag on September 2, 2022, seconded by Mayor D. MacGillivray. **Motion Carried.**

Coun. B. Knight made motion to raise the Mi'Kmaq flag the month of June 2022, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

11. Annual Grants

CAO S. Higdon reported on budgeted amount allotted for Annual grants (\$9,500.00) and went down the list of organizations' requests and provided information as needed for Council's consideration.

The following is the approved Annual Grants for 2022.

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Northumberland Regional High School – Dorrington Award – Graduation	\$200.00
Northumberland Regional High School – Oulton Award – Graduation	\$200.00
Riverview Home Volunteer Association	\$100.00
Our Lady of Lourdes Cemetery	\$160.00
PC Cruise Committee	\$600.00
PC Ground Search and Rescue	\$862.00
PC Fuel Fund	\$250.00
Pictou County Christmas Fund	\$500.00
Pictou County Food Bank	\$150.00
Pictou County Seniors Festival	\$200.00
Pictou County Sports Heritage Hall of Fame	\$300.00
CARMA	\$250.00
VON	\$2,000.00
Big Brothers Big Sisters	\$100.00
Ryan’s Case for Smiles	\$250.00
Creative Pictou County	\$500.00
Pictou County Rib Fest	\$100.00
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SHS Reunion Committee	\$250.00
Stellarton Fire Department	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
	Total
	\$8,572.00

12. Next Meeting Date: June 27, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

13. Adjournment on motion by Coun. B. Knight