

OCTOBER 24, 2022
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

A meeting of the Stellarton Committee of the Whole was held on Monday, October 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, Coun. S. Lawand and Coun. B. Knight. 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 under Correspondence 6.c. Lights at Foord and Marie, 6.d. Stellarton Library re Thanks, 6.3. Climate Summit Program, and 7. Fiona Financial Update, on motion by Coun. B. Knight, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

The Minutes of September 25, 2022 were approved on motion by Mayor D. MacGillivray, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

5. Presentation – Support Healthy School Food – Lindsay Corbin

Lindsay Corbin, Coordinator, NS Coalition for Healthy School Food made presentation to Council, highlights attached.

- Healthy / Unhealthy food environment
- Advocate for a universal cost-shared healthy Canada-wide school food program
- Support replication; networking; diverse school food programs across Canada
- NS Advisory to the National Coalition
- Guiding principals; promoting health; inclusive; universal access; cost-shared; flexible and locally adapted
- Committed to Indigenous Control
- Community Economic Development
- Food Literacy integrated in school curriculum
- Guidance and Accountability Measures

Lindsay is asking the Town of Stellarton to be an Endorser of the Canada-Wide School Food Program

Coun. B. Knight made motion to recommend Council sign on as an endorser of the Coalition for Healthy School Food, seconded by Mayor D. MacGillivray. **Motion Carried.**

Coun. S. Lawand re specifics to identify and address issue within the schools. Lindsay replied that they are focusing on the principals at the moment and determine best ways to implement program.

Council thanked Lindsay Corbin for presentation.

6. Correspondence

- a. **4H Club** Re: Thank you's from participants to Council for their donation
- b. **Residents Bob Boardway & Rosalie MacEachern** Re: Trees – CAO S. Higdon stated that Rosalie MacEachern reached out regarding "Free Trees for a Replanting Program". Bob Boardway also inquired about

Town supplying trees to residents. Discussion commenced re location, ownership of trees and the financial impact. Item was tabled until budget deliberations.

- c. **Lights at Foord & Marie** – CAO S. Higdon received email addressed to Mayor and Council from Verna Gallant wanting better lights at the Crosswalk at Foord & Marie; S. Higdon forwarded email to the Traffic Authority and Town Engineer. Response from B. Murray was that all regulatory steps have been taken; issue is the drivers disobeying crosswalk protocol. Chief Hobeck did respond to V. Gallant. Discussion re radar signs.
- d. **Stellarton Library Re: Thanks** – CAO S. Higdon read thank you note from the Library to Blaine, Susan and Public Works Team for their stellar job on the new sidewalk and entrance.
- e. **Climate Summit Program** – CAO S. Higdon received from Rachel Mitchell, Climate Change Coordinator for the Town of New Glasgow; inviting Stellarton to be a part of a Climate Summit Program, as well as all municipalities in Pictou County; done by the AIM Network. Cost is \$1900.00 per municipality; includes documentation of all materials. Coun. S. Lawand comments re recent weather events. Coun. S. Lawand made motion to recommend Council approve \$1900.00 to participate in the Climate Change Summit with the Town of New Glasgow and the AIM Network, seconded by Mayor D. MacGillivray. **Motion Carried.**

7. Fiona Financial Update – CAO S. Higdon updated Council on the costs associated with Fiona to date, \$93,000.00. S. Higdon reported that the Federal Government earmarked \$300 million dollars to Nova Scotia; ACAO will facilitate program; Town will apply for funding.

8. G. A. Isenor Re: Water Rate Study – CAO S. Higdon reported that she, along with Town Accountant and Town Engineer, met with G.A. Isenor regarding the Water Rate Study; it will be done in two phases; once all meters are installed, water consumption will be tracked for a year to get an idea of what to charge. The UARB will determine the water rates. Coun. S. Lawand comments re raising rates and has concerns. CAO S. Higdon explained the process; only one change in rate based on consumption.

9. Salt Haul Recommendation

CAO S. Higdon read the results of the Salt Haul Tenders:

Three tenders were received:

- Pictou County Bulk Carries at \$17.90 per tonne
- DG Sons Trucking Ltd. at \$14.40 per tonne
- Dexter Construction at \$21.60 per tonne

She reported that the Town Engineer recommends awarding the tender to the low bidder, DG Sons Trucking Ltd.

Coun. B. Knight made motion that Council approve the Salt Haul Tender in the amount of \$14.90/tonne from DG Sons Trucking Ltd., seconded by Coun. S. Lawand.

On the Question:

Coun. S. Lawand re this is a new company and are they able to fulfill the requirements.

CAO S. Higdon replied that the Town Engineer spoke with company to ensure capability.

Motion Carried.

10. Christmas Shoe Box Campaign – Council discussed request and denied it.

11. Committee Schedules 2022-23

CAO S. Higdon circulated meeting schedule and Committee List for 2022/23 for Council's review, attached. Mayor D. MacGillivray stood down from Planning Commission; Coun. G. Pentz will sit on the Planning Commission; Coun. S. Lawand will sit on the Active Living Committee. Coun. S. Lawand made motion to approve Committee list with the noted changes, Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

12. Next Meeting Date: November 28, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

13. Adjournment on motion by Coun. B. Knight.