

NOVEMBER 28, 2022
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

A meeting of the Stellarton Committee of the Whole was held on Monday, November 28, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the Large Committee Room, Stellarton Town Hall.

PRESENT

Mayor D. MacGillivray, Coun. S. Campbell, Coun. S. Lawand and Coun. G. Pentz. Also present was CAO Susan Higdon

Regrets: Deputy Mayor B. Knight

1. Mayor D. MacGillivray called meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved as amended to include under Correspondence 5.b Pictou County Fuel Fund, on motion by Coun. G. Pentz, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand.

Motion Carried.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

The Minutes of October 24, 2022 were approved on motion by Coun. G. Pentz, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

5. Correspondence

a. **Stellar Curling Club** Re: request for donation – CAO S. Higdon received request for support for their Ship Hector Program in the amount of \$40.00; approved on motion by Coun. G. Pentz, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand.

Motion Carried.

b. **P.C. Fuel Fund** – COA S. Higdon reported that the Town already donated \$250 to the Pictou County Fuel Fund in the Annual Grants back in April; Coun. G. Pentz made motion to donate another \$250 to the P.C. Fuel Fund, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

6. Pictou County Partnership – Stakeholder Report Quarter 2 – for Council's information. CAO S. Higdon re as per the Mayors' and Warden meeting update; Scott Ferguson presented to the Mayors and Warden last week preparing Councils that they will be doubling their request for the 2023 fiscal; we pay \$21,500 now, but they will ask for \$43,000. They will be coming to Council with their request. Coun. S. Lawand comments re cost formula and possible need for new arrangement. Coun. G. Pentz re costs keep increasing.

7. Pictou County Wellness Centre – Financial Statements to March 31, 2022 for Council's information. Coun. S. Lawand re surplus in 2021 and now a deficit in 2022 of \$398,000. Mayor D. MacGillivray stated that this was due to the Energy Program the Centre is doing which will result in long-term savings.

8. Dangerous and Unsightly Policy AD-015 – Coun. S. Lawand comments re Policy; has concerns about the Appendix and some of the wording. Coun. G. Pentz recommended having Building Official provide his input. CAO S. Higdon stated that she gave Policy to Mannie to review; one observation he had was with the written

complaints submitted by residents, but not Councillors. Discussion commenced; CAO S. Higdon will discuss wording with Building Inspector.

9. Town-owned Tree Property Report – Town Engineer B. Murray presented Town Property Tree Damage Report to Council (attached) highlighting areas:

- Lot behind Hemlock
- High Street
- Back of Cambey and Kensington
- Poplar Street Reservoir, Birch Hill and Cedar
- Kensington Park

Quote from Blaine MacLane Excavation; work can commence over the winter.

Council and Town Engineer reviewed report and associated costs \$142,000.00.

CAO S. Higdon re possible government funding; application will be submitted.

Coun. S. Lawand budget concerns.

Coun. S. Lawand made motion to perform all work outlined in the tree report, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz. **Motion Carried.**

10. Next Meeting Date: January 23, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

11. Adjournment on motion by Coun. S. Lawand.