

**APRIL 24, 2023**  
**STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA**

**MEETING**

A meeting of the Stellarton Committee of the Whole was held on Monday, April 24, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the Large Committee Room, Stellarton Town Hall.

**PRESENT**

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

1. Coun. B. Knight called meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

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

**3. Approval of Previous Minutes**

The Minutes of March 27, 2023 were approved on motion by Coun. S. Lawand, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

**4. Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

**5. Presentation – DEANS – Cindy MacKinnon**

Cindy MacKinnon along with Liz LaPierre and Wes Surette provided Council with update on DEANS, highlighting:

- Destination, Marketing, Events, Partnerships, and Visitor Services
- Strategic Plan
- Recent Conference very successful
- Saltscapes Regional Guides
- Digital Marketing continues
- Visitor Services – 8 Visitor Centres; 2 in Pictou County; one will be at the Wellness Centre this year; signage plans
- E-Newsletters
- Strategic Partnerships; Events Pictou County Group; 55 Plus Games
- Volunteers
- Funding programs
- Signature Events; i.e. Pinty's Curling
- Collaborations
- Resources and government funding opportunities
- Community support; Mainstreet Initiative; Christmas Tree Lighting event; etc.
- New marketing video being made
- Marketing Levy; Town Bylaw required; no cost to residents; will be formally brought to Council in May 2023
- Budget; projects

Council thanked presenters

**6. Correspondence**

- a. **NS Economic Development** Re: REN Review – CAO S. Higdon reported the province undertook a review of the Regional Enterprise Networks where she attended in New Glasgow; letter is an update stating that the

completed review will be coming. Discussion re continuing in REN with all other municipal units.

- b. **Fibromyalgia Association Canada** Re: Fibromyalgia Awareness Day – CAO S. Higdon stated they are requesting the Town to illuminate the Town Hall (purple). Coun. S. Lawand made motion to illuminate Town Hall for Fibromyalgia Awareness, seconded by Mayor D. MacGillivray. **Motion Carried.**

**7. Volunteer of the Year Event – April 26**

CAO S. Higdon reported that the Volunteer of the Year is Trevor Boudreau, with the Pioneer Track; the Volunteer Reception is Wednesday April 26 at 7 p.m., at the Fire Hall. Volunteers from 2023, 2022 and 2021 will be recognized.

**8. Homecoming “Council Reception”**

Mayor D. MacGillivray re having a reception during Homecoming to unveil paintings as well as promote the newly renovated Heritage Room; details to be determined.

**9. Patching Tender**

Town Engineer B. Murray received one bid for the patching tender from Weeks Construction. Coun. G. Pentz made motion to accept bid from Weeks Construction, seconded by Mayor D. MacGillivray. **Motion Carried.**

**10. Claremont Upgrade Tender**

Town Engineer B. Murray comments – one funding project from the province for Claremont and Kirk; estimated for both is \$3.4 million (fall of 2021); 73% funding of \$2.5 million; tenders received at \$4.7 million. CAO S. Higdon re if we only did one, need provincial approval to use all of the funding for one project – no response yet. Coun. S. Campbell re storm surcharge issues on Kirk; what’s the issue on Claremont. Town Engineer replied fire flow is an issue, lead lines and water main breaks on Claremont as well as sewer surcharge. Discussion commenced. Coun. S. Lawand re priority list. Coun. S. Lawand made motion to perform upgrades on Claremont Avenue as per Town Engineer’s recommendation provided we get full funding from province, seconded by Mayor D. MacGillivray. **Motion Carried.** Coun. S. Campbell voted nay.

**11. Kirk Avenue Tender** (addressed above at Item 10.)

**12. Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.**

**13. Adjournment** on motion by Coun. G. Pentz.