

MAY 23, 2023
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

A meeting of the Stellarton Committee of the Whole was held on Tuesday, May 23, 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, and Coun. G. Pentz. Also present was CAO Susan Higdon.

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

2. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved as amended to include 6.a. Connolly Road, 6.b. Spirit Phone, and 6.c. Ina Thompson, Corner of Poplar and Coll on motion by Coun. S. Lawand, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz. **Motion Carried.**

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

The Minutes of April 24, 2023 were approved on motion by Mayor D. MacGillivray, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

5. Correspondence

- a. **Chad, Krista & Athalie Smith** Re: Thank you for support – for Council’s information; CAO S. Higdon read letter
- b. **Municipal Affairs and Housing** Re: 12 Month Letter – CAO S. Higdon re no substantial impact for the Town of Stellarton; possible changes to the REN Model, no details yet; feeding wildlife issue, possible regulations to be implemented this year.
- c. **Stellarton Lions Club** Re: Ad in calendar – CAO S. Higdon re previously approved via email, needs to be ratified. Coun. G. Pentz made motion to approve ad in the Stellarton Lions Club Calendar, seconded by Mayor D. MacGillivray. **Motion Carried.**

6. Memorial Bench Request

CAO S. Higdon reported that this request is for an “anniversary” bench, in recognition of Carol and Ken Francis’ 50th anniversary; to be located in the Allan Park. Coun. S. Lawand made motion to approve anniversary bench, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz. **Motion Carried.**

Coun. S. Lawand re possibility of having trees included for people to purchase.

6. a. Connolloy Road – CAO S. Higdon re situation; contacted Verhagen for quote and awaiting his response. Coun. G. Pentz re timeline. CAO S. Higdon replied that when quote is received, Council can decide how to proceed.

6. b. Spirit Phone – CAO S. Higdon read request from Kevin Mason regarding installation of a “Spirit Phone”; asking the Town to secure the post in the ground and determine the location. Discussion re care and maintenance of phone; vandalism concerns. Council needs further information; CAO S. Higdon will get picture of how it’s going to look and address the vandalism concerns.

6. c. Ina Thompson – Corner of Poplar and Coll – Coun. B. Knight re damage at this location from tree removal and sewer work; unsafe holes and repairs needed on the property. CAO S. Higdon will bring this to the Town Engineer.

7. Vegetation Management Plan

CAO S. Higdon commented on the Vegetation Management Plan; three scenarios explored to address the objectives; Council to decide on the best scenario that fits Stellarton. Coun. S. Lawand re not what he expected, not enough information, wanted a better, more specific plan. CAO S. Higdon remarked that this is a first step. Council will have to direct staff on next steps. Staff was asked for a restoration plan – this is the first step. Council wants more information. Coun. G. Pentz made motion to invite him to the June Committee of the Whole meeting, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

8. Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

9. Adjournment on motion by Coun. G. Pentz.