

**JUNE 27, 2023 STELLARTON,
NOVA SCOTIA**

MEETING

A meeting of the Stellarton Committee of the Whole was held on Tuesday, June 27, 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. Lawand, Coun. G. Pentz. Also present was CAO Susan Higdon

Regrets: Coun. S. Campbell

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. S. Lawand, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz with the addition of; Homecoming Update, Correspondence from Stellarton Fire Department, Correspondence from Zilda Richards, and Decision from NSUARB. **Motion Carried.**

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

The Minutes of May 23, 2023 were approved on motion by Coun. G. Pentz, seconded by Mayor D. MacGillivray. **Motion Carried.**

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

5. Correspondence

- a. **NS Provincial Housing Agency** Re: improving access to public housing for priority cases. CAO Higdon reported that the Office of the Auditor General of NS found that current processes are insufficient to grant priority access to public housing. There will be a virtual discussion as a follow-up.
- b. **Pictou County Ground Search and Rescue** Re: thank you for grant contribution.
- c. **Kin Canada of New Glasgow** Re: Sponsorship in Burger Bonanza- the event is past and was not received in time for consideration.
- d. **Creative Pictou County** Re: Thank you for grant and AGM report which is available via email if Council wishes to peruse.
- e. **4 H Club** Re: Request for donation, Moved by Coun G. Pentz, seconded by Mayor D. MacGillivray, to donate \$100.00. **Motion carried.** It was noted to send along the letter indicating the policy for grant requests.
- f. **Stellarton Fire Department** Re: Request for \$1500 for the Firefighters Competition and a \$500 request for the Pancake Breakfast. Moved by Coun. G. Pentz, seconded by Mayor MacGillivray, to donate 1500 to the Stellarton Firefighters Competition and forward the \$500 request on to the Homecoming Committee. **Motion carried.**
- g. **Resident Zilda Richards:** Re: Budget and Expenditures, CAO Higdon read the letter received on June 27, 2023. Asking for payable budget, asking that the number of councillors be reduced, comments regarding the Public Works Department and the position of CAO, comments regarding tax rates and assessments. CAO Higdon will draft response letter on behalf of Mayor MacGillivray for his approval.

6. Healthy Pictou County Funding Report Spring 2023

The spring report included highlights from the past six months.

7. Homecoming

Coun.B. Knight updated Council on the schedule. Reported that Paige and Noah are doing a great job with Paige taking the lead on the events.

8. Pictou County Partnership 2022-2023 Community Report

Updates and information received from the Pictou County Partnership.

9. Decision from the NSUARB

CAO Higdon reported that the decision was received from the NS UARB regarding the increase in rates beginning for July 1, 2023. It was approved. The billings will reflect this increase with the July 1 billing. CAO Higdon will prepare a letter to insert with the bills for the residents information.

10. Next Meeting Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment on motion by Coun.G. Pentz.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
June 27, 2023