

OCTOBER 23, 2023
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

A meeting of the Stellarton Committee of the Whole was held on Monday, October 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. Lawand, and Coun. S. Campbell. Also present was CAO Susan Higdon.

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

2. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved as amended to include under Correspondence, United Way Request and letter from five Municipalities to NSFM Re: Rural cellphone coverage; replace item #6 to Market Value Assessment for Lot 61; and remove Salt Haul Tender, on motion by Coun. S. Lawand, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

The Minutes of September 25, 2023 were approved on motion by Coun. S. Campbell, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

5. Correspondence

- a. United Way Request – CAO S. Higdon received request from United Way for their annual donation of \$200, under the Annual Grants. Coun. S. Lawand made motion to approve \$200 donation to the United Way, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell.

On the Question:

Coun. S. Lawand commented that we need to stick to the Annual Grants Policy and adhere to deadline.

Motion Carried.

- b. Letter received from Warden Penny Smith from Shelburne, Warden Eddy Nickerson from Barrington, Rex Stottard from Town of Clarks Harbour, Mayor Cory Nickerson from Town Lockport and Mayor Harold Locke from Town of Shelburne who submitted a letter to the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities regarding the urgent need for advocacy to improve rural cellphone coverage for emergency preparedness; for Council's information; CAO S. Higdon will forward full letter to Council.

6. Market Value Assessment for Lot 61 – Coun. S. Lawand re lot across from Subway; easement from NS Power causing issues for interested buyers; suggests lowering the price of the lot; Coun. S. Lawand recommends getting lot appraised, presumably at a lesser price than the asking price, in hopes of selling the lot. CAO S. Higdon commented that lots are priced based on square footage. Coun. S. Lawand made motion for appraisal of Lot 61, seconded by Mayor D. MacGillivray. **Motion Carried.**

7. Next Meeting Date: Monday, November 27, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

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