

MARCH 25, 2024
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

A meeting of the Stellarton Committee of the Whole was held on Monday, March 25, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the Large Committee Room, Stellarton Town Hall.

PRESENT

Chair Deputy Mayor S. Campbell, Coun. G. Pentz, Coun. B. Knight and Coun. S. Lawand. Also present was CAO Susan Higdon and Paige Draper
Regrets: Mayor D. MacGillivray.

1. Chair Deputy Mayor S. Campbell called meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved as amended to include under 6. Recreation Items d. Music Nova Scotia and item 9. Group Homes, on motion by Coun. G. Pentz, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

The Minutes of February 26, 2024 were approved on motion by Coun. G. Pentz, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. Correspondence

a. Highland District Soccer Association Re: Complex Heating Upgrade – CAO S. Higdon received request from the Highland District Soccer Association to replace their heating system; it's under the Green Municipal Fund, Communities Buildings Retrofit; the Town has money in the Green Municipal Fund. Coun. S. Lawand asked if the fund was renewable yearly. Discussion on how to determine the use. Coun. B. Knight made motion to defer until more information is gathered, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

6. Recreation Items –

a. Baseball Field Rental Application – Paige Draper re issue of lights being left on at the ball fields; she added this on the Rental Application detailing the consequences / penalties. No Smoking signage will be erected as well.

b. Playground Equipment – P. Draper presented options for playground equipment within budget allocation; Discussion commenced; Paige will gather more options. Council recommended ordering the standup seesaw and the fire engine structure on motion by Coun. S. Lawand, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz. **Motion Carried.**

c. Music Nova Scotia – P. Draper stated that Coastal Nova Scotia DEANS, is looking at putting in a bid submission for the 2025 Nova Scotia Music Week; she outlined what happens during Music Week; they are looking for a letter of support from the Town of Stellarton. Coun. S. Lawand made motion to write letter of support, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz. **Motion Carried.**

d. Volunteer of the Year – P. Draper reported that nominations have been received for Council's review and recommendation. Coun. G. Pentz made motion to recommend the volunteer from G. R. Saunders Elementary School, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.** The volunteer selected is Sandra Eis.

7. **Crosswalk – Lawrence Blvd** – Discussion re the safety issue on Lawrence Boulevard; CAO S. Higdon stated that the cost of “Press Button” lights at the crosswalk is approximately \$20,000.00; she will obtain firm costs for such lights as well as special crosswalk paint and report back to Council.
8. **Pennsylvania Avenue Sidewalk** – CAO S. Higdon referred back to budget deliberations where it was discussed to remove some of the sidewalk on Pennsylvania Avenue which is in very poor condition. Council decided to wait before making decision.
9. **Group Homes** -Coun. B. Knight comments regarding concern raised about a youth group home. CAO S. Higdon stated that this issue was dealt with by the police and officials with the Riverview Home Corporation.
10. **Next Meeting Date: Monday, April 22, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.**
11. **Adjournment** on motion by Coun. G. Pentz.