

APRIL 22, 2024
STELLARTON, NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING

A meeting of the Stellarton Committee of the Whole was held on Monday, April 22, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the Large Committee Room, Stellarton Town Hall.

PRESENT

Mayor D. MacGillivray, Coun. G. Pentz, Coun. B. Knight and Coun. S. Lawand. Also present was CAO Susan Higdon
Deputy Mayor S. Campbell via telephone

1. Mayor D. MacGillivray called meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved as amended to include under Correspondence 5.c. Request for Donation from the Pictou Landing First Nation, on motion by Coun. G. Pentz, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

The Minutes of March 25, 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. Chauntelle Brewer Re: Request for Donation – CAO S. Higdon received request from Chauntelle Brewer, for financial help for Rugby athlete attend trip in May to Wales. Council decided not to approve donation to individual athletes.

b. Pictou Antigonish Regional Library Re: Community Pantry – CAO S. Higdon received letter from Tricia Snell from the PARL, regarding having a Community Pantry at the Stellarton Library for those with food insecurities; program is going good in other towns. Coun. S. Lawand made motion to approve a Community Pantry at the Stellarton Library, seconded by Coun. G. Pentz. **Motion Carried.**

c. Request for Donation from the Pictou Landing First Nation – CAO S. Higdon read letter of request from Michelle Peters, Chair of 2024 Pictou Landing First Nation Mawio'mi, which occurs the first weekend in June. Coun. S. Lawand re deadline for annual grants policy; as well Stellarton holds various events/activities but does not ask for donations from neighbouring communities. Council agreed to send letter stating that the deadline for donation requests has passed.

6. Planning Advisory Committee

a. Variance for Tiny Homes – CAO S. Higdon commented on the Planning Advisory Committee; recommending that Council be a part of the Planning Advisory Committee along with the current two citizens, and hold their meetings at 5:00 prior to the Committee of the Whole meetings. Discussion commenced. Coun. G. Pentz made motion to approve new PAC format to include all Council, as per CAO's recommendation, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.** CAO S. Higdon recommends to table this item until the May's meeting prior to the Committee of the Whole meeting. Council agreed.

b. **Update from DAL Student Presentations** – CAO S. Higdon stated that she along with Susan Campbell, Paige Draper, Blaine Murray and Darryl Moss went to Truro for 13 presentations from Dalhousie Landscape Architect students; very well done and informative; presentations will be forwarded to Town for consideration at the Planning Advisory Committee. Discussion regarding crosswalk signage on Lawrence Blvd. Town Engineer B. Murray joined meeting; commented that the crosswalk sign is approximately \$20,000. Coun. G. Pentz made motion to approve moving forward with the purchase of crosswalk sign, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

7. Tender Recommendations:

a. **Curb and Gutter Replacement** – Town Engineer B. Murray provided information: Two bids were submitted:

S. W. Weeks Construction	\$371,467.00
Dexter Construction Company Ltd.	\$585,880.00

Town Engineer recommends awarding the tender to the low bidder, S. W. Weeks Construction.

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to approve recommendation from Town Engineer, seconded by Coun. B. Knight. **Motion Carried.**

b. **Kirk Avenue Infrastructure** – Town Engineer B. Murray provided information: Three bids were submitted:

S. W. Weeks Construction	\$2,117,450.00
C. F. Construction Ltd.	\$2,473,997.00
Dexter Construction Company Ltd.	\$3,653,205.00

Town Engineer recommends awarding the tender to the low bidder S. W. Weeks Construction.

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to approve recommendation from Town Engineer, seconded by Coun. S. Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

c. **Patching Tender** – Town Engineer B. Murray provided information: Three bids were submitted:

S. W. Weeks Construction	\$63,275.00
Webster Bros Paving and Concrete Ltd.	\$59,785.00
Dexter Construction Company Ltd.	\$129,900.00

Town Engineer recommends awarding the tender to the low bidder Webster Bros Paving and Concrete Ltd.

Coun. G. Pentz made motion to approve recommendation from Town Engineer, seconded by Coun. S. Lawand. **Motion Carried.**

8. Next Meeting Date: June 3, 2024 following the 5:30 PAC Meeting

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