

**TOWN OF STELLARTON
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
JUNE 24, 2024**

MEETING

A Committee of the Whole meeting of Stellarton Town Council was held on Monday, June 24, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the large Committee Room, Stellarton Town Hall.

PRESENT

Chair Deputy Mayor Susan Campbell, Mayor D. MacGillivray, Councillor G. Pentz, Councillor S. Lawand, and Councillor Bryan Knight. Also present was CAO Susan Higdon.

1. **Call to Order** Chair S. Campbell called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

CAO S. Higdon would like to move #5 on the agenda "Stellarton Police Service Recruitment" to in-camera. Two additional items added to the agenda: Memorial Bench for Dewight Campbell and FCM Report from Mayor D. MacGillivray. The agenda was then moved as amended on motion Councillor G. Pentz and seconded by Councillor B. Knight. Motion Carried.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the June 3, 2024, meeting were approved as presented on motion Councillor B. Knight seconded by Councillor S. Lawand. Motion Carried.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

S. Higdon reported after further investigations, under the CRA rules, the Town is not allowed to issue income tax receipts for properties we do not own (this was clarified by the Town's financial adviser). S. Higdon will communicate this to the Legion's Executive.

Chair S. Campbell inquired if the property owners purchased the replacement trees yet. S. Higdon reported that the trees have not yet been purchased. Tupper's Trucking is still working in the area. In response to a question by S. Campbell, S. Higdon confirmed that we are only removing the bus stop by Sobeyes.

5. Memorial Bench – Dwight Campbell (Chair S. Campbell declared a conflict of interest)

S. Higdon reported receiving an application from the family of Dwight Campbell for a memorial bench in his memory. Cost \$1,500.00. They would like to have the bench placed in the town square under the crest at the fire hall. S. Higdon reported speaking with the Town Engineer who indicated there could be an issue with snow removal. S. Higdon said in speaking the Dwight's family she informed them about the issue with snow removal and suggested two options: removal of the bench during winter months or have the bench not used in the winter months and the family was okay with that. D MacGillivray asked if the engineer was okay with that perspective if the snow stays there. S. Higdon said yes because the engineer's only concern was the clearing of the snow. Councillor S. Lawand said he would put in a fire department resolution that the fire fighters be responsible to clear the snow.

Moved by Councillor S. Lawand this request be approved, seconded by Councillor B. Knight.
Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor resumed the Chair.

6. FCM Report – Mayor Danny MacGillivray

D. MacGillivray presented a verbal overview on FCM Conference he attended in Calgary, AB. He reported it was an informative conference and he learned a lot. Report attached. Council thanked D. MacGillivray for this overview.

7. Correspondence

a. Cycle NS Re: Sponsorship

S. Higdon reported Cycle Nova Scotia is looking for sponsorship. This request was denied as this is no money available in this year's budget. S. Higdon will write letter to Cycle NS.

D. MacGillivray mentioned an email Councillor B. Knight sent out to Council that included a link on the 911 Ride Atlantic to take place June 2025 - a police escorted motorcycle ride to raise funds in support of various causes.

b. Riverview Volunteer Association Re: Thank you

S. Higdon Council reported the Riverview Volunteer Association thanked Council for their donation (annual grant).

c. Rugby NS Re: Request for Donation

S. Higdon reported Rugby NS team member requesting a donation. This request was also denied as no money available in this year's budget. S. Higdon will send letter a letter to Rugby NS team member.

d. Municipal Affairs & Housing Re: 12-month Notice to NSFM

S. Higdon reported receiving correspondence from Municipal Affairs & Housing on the 12-month notice from the office of the Minister. Going through it, she said there isn't really anything of huge change or any kind of thing that we must be worried about at this time that we don't already know about. Presented as information.

12. Next Meeting Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

13. Adjournment motion by Councillor G. Pentz.