

**TOWN OF STELLARTON  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
May 26, 2025**

**MEETING**

A Committee of the Whole meeting of Stellarton Town Council was held on Monday, April 28, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in the large Committee Room, Stellarton Town Hall.

**PRESENT**

Chair Deputy Mayor S. Eis, Councillor S. Campbell, Councillor G. Pentz, Councillor M. Fortune and Mayor D. Stroud. Also present Marketing & Communications P. Draper.

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

2. **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as presented on motion Councillor G. Pentz, seconded by Councillor S. Campbell. **Motion carried.**

3. **Approval of Previous Minutes**

The Minutes of the April 28, 2025, meeting was approved as presented on motion Councillor M. Fortune seconded by Mayor D. Stroud. **Motion Carried.**

4. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

*a. Fireworks Ban Request – Ms. Leggett*

Councillor S. Eis noted that she has not reached out to Ms. Leggett beyond the initial contact. Councillor S. Eis was out of town, but now that she is back home, she will be contacting Ms. Leggett. She aims to gather more information from her and prepare something to present at the next Committee of the Whole meeting or via email. She is optimistic that we can reach a compromise.

*b. Request from NRHS Yearbook for Donation*

P. Draper gave an update regarding this matter. She mentioned that she had submitted the advertisement to the high school only to discover that we missed the deadline for this year's yearbook. She indicated that there was nothing in their correspondence to suggest there was a deadline to submit an ad. As a result, there will be no Town of Stellarton advertisement in this year's yearbook. Councillor G. Pentz inquired whether the high school is now aware that they must submit their future requests prior to our deadline to be considered for a donation. P. Draper confirmed this, mentioning that she also requested they include a deadline in their future submissions. The high school did not receive the \$100 donation.

5. **Correspondence**

*a. Healthy Pictou County Monthly Report*

Presented as information.

*b. Request for a Memorial Bench/Bench Policy – Attached to Review*

P. Draper explained, for newly appointed Council members, that requests for memorial benches are submitted to the Committee of the Whole for consideration and recommendation to Council for approval. P. Draper noted that the expenses related to the benches are on the rise and proposed that Council might want to consider revisiting the policy in the future because of these increasing costs. The price of the bench varies based on its location. P. Draper noted that since her hiring, the memorial benches purchased have been secured to a concrete slab, which adds to the overall cost.

M. Fortune mentioned that the only part he found unclear was that the application submitted did not indicate which park they wanted the bench to be placed in.

Councillor G. Pentz moved a recommendation to Council to approve a request for a memorial bench from Diane Margeson to be in one of our town parks for a cost outlined in our current policy, seconded by Councillor S. Campbell. P. Draper will follow up to clarify which park is intended.

On the discussion, Mayor D. Stroud suggested that we should take note of the current costs of these benches moving forward and amend the current policy with the new price. He said the policy is structured to establish a fixed price for simplicity. He emphasized that it is our responsibility to keep this policy up to date and as a rule revisit the policy yearly. Councillor S. Eis said if we could have this information for the next Committee of the Whole meeting we could then amend the policy to reflect the actual price. **Motion Carried.**

**6. Next Meeting Date: July 28, 2025**

**7. Adjournment** motion by Councillor M. Fortune.