

**TOWN OF STELLARTON  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
June 23, 2025**

**MEETING**

A Committee of the Whole meeting of Stellarton Town Council was held on Monday, June 23, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in the large Committee Room, Stellarton Town Hall.

**PRESENT**

Chair Deputy Mayor S. Eis, Mayor D. Stroud, Councillor S. Campbell, Councillor G. Pentz, and Councillor M. Fortune. Also in attendance, 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 with one addition: Item #7 Railway Tracks on Bridge Avenue, on motion Councillor G. Pentz, seconded by Mayor D. Stroud. **Motion carried.**

3. **Approval of Previous Minutes**

The Minutes of the May 26, 2025, meeting was approved as presented on motion Mayor D. Stroud seconded by Councillor M. Fortune. **Motion Carried.**

4. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

*a. Fireworks Ban Request – Ms. Leggett*

Deputy Mayor S. Eis provided an update regarding her discussion with Ms. Leggett. She mentioned that Ms. Leggett is not a resident of Stellarton. She advocates for fireworks in general, particularly concerning their implications for pollution, health, the environment, and so on. Deputy Mayor S. Eis said that Ms. Leggett was very knowledgeable about the subject and was pleased to get a response from us. She spoke with Ms. Leggett about the idea of collecting some of that information and presenting it at a Committee of the Whole meeting, where she can voice her concerns.

Mayor D. Stroud requested clarification regarding Ms. Leggett's goal, specifically whether it was aimed at prohibiting all fireworks. Councillor S. Campbell thinks that this was the essence of Ms. Leggett's request. After some discussion, Councillor G. Pentz conveyed his understanding of Deputy Mayor S. Eis's viewpoint on permitting Ms. Leggett to express her opinion to Council. Mayor D. Stroud felt that it would be beneficial for Council to listen and learn.

It was agreed by all members to contact Ms. Leggett to invite her to give a 10-minute presentation at a Committee of the Whole meeting in September. Mayor D. Stroud said we are not making any commitments; however, if she has something to share, we are offering her the opportunity to express it. P. Draper will handle the formal invitation to Ms. Leggett and will provide an update at the July meeting.

Deputy Mayor S. Eis will reach out to Ms. Leggett to give her an update.

*b. Memorial Bench Prices*

Mayor D. Stroud inquired whether there were any new updates regarding the prices on memorial benches. P. Draper stated that she had no additional information to share at tonight's meeting concerning the prices; however, she did mention that the bench we acquired to match the Allan Park benches costs under \$1,500.00, including shipping and freight. She confirmed that this amount is covered.

5. **Correspondence**

*a. 4H Nova Scotia – 4h Program Pictou County*

Donation request – P. Draper mentioned that the \$100 (silver) donation has already been budgeted for under Community Grants to support the 4-H program.

*b. Canadian Postmasters and Assistants Association Re: Rural Post Offices*

P. Draper reported that this correspondence states that if you are contacted by Canada Post regarding service changes, reach out to them to address any questions you may have. This is presented for informational purposes only.

**6. Mural – 247 South Foord Street – outside wall**

P. Draper reported that MacGillivray Property Lawyers had a mural designed for the side of the Reid building situated at 247 Foord Street. Two copies of the mural were presented. There were general discussions and comments regarding the mural. Presented for information purposes only.

**7. Railway Tracks – Bridge Avenue**

Councillor G. Pentz mentioned that he received a couple of complaints regarding the railway tracks on Bridge Avenue. The condition of the tracks has deteriorated. Councillor G. Pentz requested that P. Draper bring this issue to the attention of the town engineer, so they can reach out to the Cape Breton Central Railway to arrange for repairs to the tracks.

**8. Other Business**

Councillor S. Eis reported receiving an email complaint from a resident about a property with overgrown grass on Weir Avenue. It appears the owner has passed away, and no one is maintaining the property. The complaint indicated that the excessive grass is obstructing visibility. Councillor G. Pentz noted that there is a formal complaint form available that can be completed at the administration office at the town hall. P. Draper reported that an online version of the form is also available. She will send a copy of the form to the members via email.

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

**10. Adjournment** motion by Councillor G. Pentz.