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Mayor's Message



I hope you all enjoyed a happy Thanksgiving as we enter another colorful Pictou County Fall. There is no finer place to breathe it in than our Stellarton.

Summer 2026 was less consistent with regard to weather, but fantastic nonetheless. Town staff across all departments, Homecoming Committee, and other community volunteers stepped up with tremendous commitment to ensure our town looked, felt, and functioned like a fine-tuned machine. I thank and congratulate all for a job well done.

Community Events: We continue to grow in activities as well as level of participation. New events were included with Homecoming, and we added a summer outdoor concert series that we hope to further develop in the years ahead.

Streets and Landscape: I wish to credit our Parks Beautification Team for the great work to our garden beds and planters. In response to numerous requests, we procure the arrangements from Lowland Gardens in Great Village, NS.

Public Work Projects: To date, we have completed paving at Hudson St. Ext., Town Hall parking lot, and the Public Works yard. The following are currently in progress: new sidewalk and boulevard on N. Foord St., sewer replacement on S. Foord St., Albion Ballfield drainage improvements, and accessible washrooms upgrade to the Pioneer Coal Athletics Field building.

Financial Performance: Costs of living continue to increase for all, and the town is no exception. I am pleased with the continued financial prudence exercised by staff and council, as evidenced by the 2025-26 financials recently published. Net financial debt has decreased year-over-year and Stellarton has operated within its means without allowing expenses to exceed its income.

Deer Management Bylaw: This has been approved by Council and is now published on the Town website. The bylaw is a 1st step aimed at protecting people and property while discouraging behavior that will attract deer into residential areas. We want to reduce human-deer conflict.

Water Metering: Since the Town's 2022 decision to install water meters, a thorough process has been underway. Rates have now been approved by the NS Regulatory & Appeals Board. Please check your mail for a recent bulletin outlining next steps. Metered water and sewer billing begins in January 2027.

Upcoming Town Hall Meeting: Join Town Council and staff for light refreshments and an update on recent developments at 6pm, November 16th at the Stellarton Fire Hall. I look forward to seeing you and having an opportunity for in-person discussion.

Returning to the opening theme of Thanksgiving, I remain honoured to be your mayor and committed to helping foster better connection and continued growth across our community.

Sincerely,

Darren

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IMPORTANT DATES

Oct. 1 - Police Commission
Oct. 12 - Council
Oct. 26 - Committee of the Whole
Oct. 29 - Trick or Trail
Nov. 5 - Police Commission
Nov. 9 - Council
Nov. 11 - Remembrance Day (ADMIN OFFICE CLOSED)
Nov. 21 - Cram the Cruiser
Nov. 23 - Committee of the Whole
Nov. 27 - Annual Tree Lighting
Dec. 3 - Police Commission
Dec. 14 - Council
Noon on Dec. 24-Jan.4 (ADMIN OFFICE CLOSED)

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars and get ready for some fun!
We have several events coming up this season. Looking for more information? Contact paige.draper@stellarton.ca or check out our Facebook page for additional details.



Trick or Trail - October 29 - 5-6pm
This annual event is a partnership with every municipality in Pictou County. Come out to Trenton Park, walk the 1km loop, and collect candy along the way!



Council Catch Up - November 16 - 6-7pm
Join Council at the Stellarton Fire Hall for an evening of reflection on the work completed in 2026, looking ahead to new projects, and getting reacquainted with the individuals that represent Stellarton.



Cram the Cruiser - November 21 - 11am-3pm
Stellarton Police are hosting their annual Cram the Cruiser food drive at Sobeys Stellarton. All proceeds will be going to the Pictou County Food Bank East.



Tree Lighting - November 27 - 6pm
Join us at the Town Square for this annual tradition. Enjoy the GR Saunders choir, sip some hot chocolate, and meet a special visitor from the North Pole!