

A Combined Committee of the Whole and Council Session of the Town of Stewiacke was held on December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Town Hall, Stewiacke Nova Scotia.

### **1. Call to Order**

Mayor Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

### **2. Attendance**

Mayor Robinson

Deputy Mayor Chapman

Councillor(s) Mary Commo, Susan Creelman, Rebecca Rogers-Laing, Russel Stoddart

Absent: Councillor Ramsey

Staff:

CAO

Jacqueline Baker

Josh Hilton

Chief Administrative Officer

Recording Secretary

Parks & Recreation Coordinator

### **3. Approval of / Amendments to Agenda**

*On Motion of Deputy Mayor Chapman and Councillor Commo it was moved to approve the agenda with the following deletion of 10d) which will be deferred to January Committee of the Whole meeting.*

***Motion carried unanimously.***

### **4. Disclosure of Interest on Agenda Items**

Nil.

### **5. Minutes**

Correction on Councillors Comments

Councillor Commo stated that music at the Stewiacke Legion would be once a month from 2 to 4.

*a) On Motion of Councillor Commo and Rogers-Laing it was moved to approve the minutes from the Committee of the Whole on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as amended.*

***Motion carried unanimously.***

*b) On Motion of Councillor Creelman and Stoddart it was moved to approve the minutes from the Council Session on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019, as presented.*

***Motion carried unanimously.***

*Councillor Ramsey arrives 7:05*

### **6. Citizen Comments and Communications**

Beate Acker stopped in to hear about amalgamation information and the Happy Community Committee.

### **7. Announcements**

Mayor Robinson announced the upcoming New Year's Day Levee at the Legion from 12:00PM to 1:00PM at The Royal Canadian Legion, 299 George Street, Stewiacke  
Music at the Stewiacke Legion this Sunday from 2 o'clock until 4 o'clock.

#### **8. Presentations**

#### **9. Written Petitions and Communications**

**a) Nova Scotia Power**

Staff will let them know they will grant their request for access to 30 minutes for road closures.

**b) Physicians Navigator Proposal**

Council has expressed interest to invite the Physicians Navigator Committee to do a presentation.

#### **10. Staff and Committee Reports**

**a) Administrative Report**

Mr. Dale Bogle reviewed with Council

i) New Year's Levee Stewiacke Royal Canadian Legion from 12:00 to 1:00, 299 George Street

**b) Public Works Report (includes Water and Wastewater)**

CAO reviewed with Council

**c) Recreation and Physical Activity Coordinator Report**

**d)**

**e) Planning Advisory Committee**

**f) Town Day Policy – Parade**

Councillor Creelman asked for feedback regarding the discretion of the Town Day Committee to decide the time of the parade in the future.

**g) Business & Tourism**

Councillor Creelman provided a written report.

**h) Audit Committee**

Sent to Committee of the Whole for January

**i.) Accessibility Committee**

Sent to Committee of the Whole for January

**On Motion** of Deputy Mayor Chapman and Councillor Ramsey it was moved to approve all the reports as presented.

*Motion carried unanimously.*

#### **11. Business**

**a) Recreation Strategic Plan**

Josh Hilton presented the 5-year Recreation and Physical Activity Plan.

**On Motion** of Councillors Creelman and Rogers-Laing it was moved to approve The Recreation Strategic Plan as presented.

*Motion carried unanimously.*

**b) Amalgamation Review**

CAO Dale Bogle stated based on feedback from some residents at a recent Town Hall meeting, staff will conduct an analysis of what amalgamation, dissolution of the Town, or could look into consolidation. An overview will be prepared illustrating the opportunities and challenges for Stewiacke for the foreseeable future in terms of remaining as a town or to merge with Colchester County.

c) Happy Community Committee Update

A step by step “How to Kit”

Consists of 7 women and they have had 3 sessions since forming the Committee. They will have a public meeting. Support indicated to come from the Stewiacke Legion and Shubenacadie Lions Club.

d) Water Drilling Update

Mr. Dale Bogle stated that they have received approval from the Crown to drill on crown land across the river: one hole has been drilled, a second hole will be drilled on the 297 acre piece of land across from the water treatment plant and a third site is in town.

## 12. By-laws and Policies

a) Water Billing Policy Procedure Policy 2001-09

**On Motion** of Councillors Creelman and Stoddart it was moved to approve the Water Billing Policy 2001-09 as presented.

*Motion carried unanimously*

## 13. Mayors Report

Congratulate Josh Hilton and staff, sponsors, Stewiacke Legion and Fire Department on Christmas in Stewiacke on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

The Mayor and 2 members of The Happy Community Committee met with the grade 1 class at Winding River Consolidated School and raised \$200.00 into gift boxes for members of the Community.

The Happy Community Committee will be presenting to Council in the near future along with attending a meeting at the County of Colchester.

Winding River Consolidated also made a huge donation to the Food Bank.

Merry Christmas and Happy New year to all and see everyone at the Levee.

## 14. Councillors Reports

Councillor Stoddart

Merry Christmas to all and a Happy New Year

Deputy Mayor Chapman

Congratulations to the grade 1 class and 100 kilograms of food was donated to the food bank.

Merry Christmas and Happy new Year.

Councillor Commo

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and see everyone at the Levee.

Councillor Creelman

Great job on the Christmas Day in Stewiacke.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Councillor Rogers-Laing wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councillor Ramsey

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**15. Open Forum to Discuss Councillor Reports**

Mayor Robinson met with Mayor Christine Blair and CAO's met to discuss amalgamation. The County would need to investigate the concept from their perspective. They wish to be kept informed.

Councillor Creelman asked Council for a couple of dates they could meet with Greg Connell for a strategic planning session. The dates of January 16<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> were agreed upon.

**16. In-Camera Session**

**17. Notice of Motion and Reconsideration**

**18. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:36