

A meeting of Town Council of the Town of Stewiacke was held on Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall, Stewiacke, Nova Scotia.

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Attendance**

Mayor Wendy Robinson

Deputy Mayor Creelman Councillor(s), Roseanne Chapman, Chad Ramsey, Rebecca Rogers-Laing, Russel Stoddart

Regrets: Councillor Mary Commo

Staff: Randi Buchi – Director of Finance

Dalas Tufts-Johnston - Recording Secretary

**3. Approval of / Changes to Agenda**

*On Motion of Councillors Chapman and Stoddart, it was moved that the agenda for September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 be approved as presented.*

***Motion carried unanimously.***

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

Nil

**5. Approval of Minutes**

Nil.

**6. Announcements**

Deputy Mayor Creelman announced the Business Expo on October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4:00PM-7:00PM at the Community Centre.

Councillor Chapman: There will be a breakfast at the Legion on October 5<sup>th</sup>, as well the Town Hall meeting on September 30<sup>th</sup> at the Legion.

**7. Presentations**

a). Grant Thornton – Financial Audit Report

Allison Butcher presented the Council of the Town of Stewiacke the Financial Report for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

**8. Written Petitions and Communications**

Nil.

**9. Business**

a) **MFC – Pre- approval form for refinancing.**

*On Motion of Deputy Mayor Creelman and Councillor Chapman it was moved to*

*approve the Resolution for Pre-Approval of Debenture Issuance Subject to Interest Rate as presented.*

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**10. By-laws and Policies**  
**a.) Audit Policy**

*On Motion of Councillors Stoddart and Rogers Laing it was moved to approve the Audit Policy 2019-44 as presented.*

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**b.) Amendments to the Land Use By-law**

*On Motion of Councillors Rogers-Laing and Chapman it was moved to approve Council approve the amendments Land Use By-law to reduce minimum lot specifications in the R-2 Zone and to add selected R-2 uses to the list of permitted uses in the R-3A Zone.*

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**11. Mayors Report**

Possible new trail opportunities may be available from the Mastodon to the Fish Shack. This could be through the Transport Canada Trail which requires funding. The Funding deadline is October 10, 2019.

Happy Communities Project - Windsor and West Hants, spoke with the Mayor of Windsor and the Warden of West Hants; they feel the project has been beneficial to the community with the support of citizens being engaged the cost of the project is \$15,000. There are 4 stages with the project.

Received an email from Tina Leafe who did the Half- Way between the North Pole and Equator Play in Manitoba, they thought the play was fantastic.

September 21<sup>st</sup>, attended the first official opening of the Fundy Discovery Centre, the playground, and facilities are great for families and all ages.

Deputy Mayor Creelman, Councillor Chapman met with Perry Lake Developments on a new project that may be occurring. They indicated that they liked Stewiacke, the support is great as the staff and council are easy to work with.

Recognized Greta Thunberg's Climate Change speech, on how pro-active on changing the world with her efforts.

## 12. Councillor Reports

**Deputy Mayor Creelman:** Truro Buzz has released their final version of spending the day in Stewiacke, they did a great job, the video is so natural. Everyone was so welcoming with the production of the video. It was a great process.

**Councillor Chapman:** CEO Report from the Colchester East Hants Public Library, Denise Sheppard has been doing a great job running programs at the library. The Research Project Grant, staff have hired Lisa Fiest for the Program Management Contract.

## 13. Citizen Comments and Communications

Nil.

## 14. Open Forum to Discuss Councillor or Committee Reports

**Mayor Robinson:** Happy Communities Project: Barry Braun had presented before, the coordinator would have a meeting and invite people to attend, different types of projects with support on how to start the process. Dale Bogle; CAO and Mayor Robinson will be meeting with the Health Board as they have funding up to \$5000.00, RCMP has a Community Fund and the Community Culture and Heritage Funding also has opportunities available. This is definitely something that could help with the community spirit.

**Trails:** A Feasibility Study would be approximate \$50,000.00, there are several options available to help offset with the cost. There would be funding available through ACOA, Provincial Grant Money, stakeholders, as well as local businesses support. There is an application to apply through Trans Canada Trail, no funds would be spent first. Climate mitigation funding is also available, the flooding down at Main Street West with Low Tide and High Tide, this would be all tied in together.

**Deputy Mayor Creelman:** Business and Tourism Committee felt this was a great idea to extend the trail.

**Councillor Rogers-Laing** – the cost is high

**Councillor Ramsey-** the cost is high to

**Councillor Stoddart** – undecided

**Councillor Chapman** – Feasibility Study, would need to raise the road could be connected into one study.

## 15. In Camera Session

## 16. Notice of Motion and Reconsideration

17. **Adjournment**

Mayor Robinson adjourned the meeting at 8:09 pm.

Read and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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Mayor

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