

A Combined meeting of Town Council of the Town of Stewiacke was held on Thursday, August 15th, 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), Mary Commo, Rebecca Rogers-Laing,
Russel Stoddart
Regrets: Councillor Chad Ramsey

Staff: Dale Bogle - Chief Administrative Officer
Jacqueline Baker - Recording Secretary
Randi Buchi – Manager of Finance
Jeff Sibley – Superintendent of Public Works

3. Approval of / Changes to Agenda

Add Citizens Comments and Communications to 6 a)

On Motion of Councillors Commo and Rogers-Laing, it was moved that the agenda for August 15th 2019 be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Disclosure of Interest on Agenda Items

Nil

5. Approval of Minutes

Combined Council Session – July 18th, 2019

On Motion of Deputy Mayor Creelman and Councillor Chapman it was moved to approve the Combined Council Session Minutes from July 18th, 2019 as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Announcements

Deputy Mayor Creelman announced that Truro Buzz will be coming to Stewiacke August 22 taping how to spend a day in Stewiacke.

a).Citizens Comments and Communications

Nil

7. Presentations

a) Allison Butcher from Grant Thornton presented the Consolidated Financial Statements for March 31st, 2019

8. Written Petitions and Communications

a) Policing – Additional Officer Program
Received for information

9. Staff and Committee Reports

a) Administrative Report

Dale Bogle; CAO reviewed the Administrative Report with the Council of the Town of Stewiacke.

b) Public Works Report

Superintendent of Public Works; Jeff Sibley reviewed the Public Works Report with the Council of the Town of Stewiacke. Dunrovin Avenue which was projected for resurfacing this year has been put on hold until next year.

c) Recreation and Physical Activity Coordinator Report

Staff to look into fitness for seniors in September

d) Planning and Advisory Report

Received for information

e) Financial Report

Randi Buchi reviewed with Council

On Motion of Councillors Chapman and Commo it was moved to approve the reports as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

10. Business

a.) Province – Water Needs -Wildlife Park & Lands and Forest

CAO – Mr. Dale Bogle reviews with Council that the Province of Nova Scotia, Wildlife Park Lands and Forest approached the Town about potential water supply. The Town will explore option pending the well water study and if the well water provides the Towns current and future needs.

b.) Well Water Drilling

Dale Bogle; CAO spoke to Council that they are identifying 3 potential sites to drill, 2 in Town and 1 on crown land across from St. Andrews River.

c) Civic Building Status

Mr. Dale Bogle – CAO reviewed with Council and said that the Civic Building is being delayed due to other projects.

d) Solar for Community Buildings Upgrade

Mr. Dale Bogle -CAO reviewed with Council that they have submitted a bid through this program and if successful we will be providing 75 kilowatts of power to Nova Scotia Power.

Councillor Stoddart leaves the table at 7:55

e) TBR – Refinance

On Motion of Deputy Mayor Creelman and Councillor Chapman it was moved to approve the request for temporary borrowing resolution.

f) Capital Approval for Years 4 & 5

On Motion of Deputy Mayor Creelman and Councillor Chapman it was moved to approve the Capital Budget adding years 4 & 5 as presented.

**4 in favour
1 opposed
Motion carried**

11. By-laws and Policies

a) First Reading – LUB Amendment to the Land Use By-law – Adding selected R-2 uses to the list of permitted uses in the R-3A Zone.

On Motion of Councillors Chapman and Rogers-Laing it was moved that Council give first reading to the Land Use By-law amendment to add to the permitted uses in the R-3A zone the following: detached dwellings, semi-detached dwellings, duplex dwellings, and home based businesses subject to the requirements of the General Residential (R-2) Zone.

Staff is directed to set the date of the public hearing for this amendment.

Motion carried unanimously.

12. Mayors Report

Mayor Robinson congratulated the Annapolis Valley for receiving the world's first certification of Smart and Sustainable Rural Region award.

Received an invitation to Yarmouth to the 25th Anniversary addition of Communities in Blooms Symposium Awards on September 25 to the 28th hosted in Yarmouth.

Met with the Trans Canada Trail representative regarding possibly re-routing a portion of the trail in the town limits.

Thank-you very much to Home Hardware for the gazebo. They paid for all the materials and we paid for them to build it. Great addition to Dennis Park. Congratulate Councillor Commo for her music in the park on Sunday. There are 2 more events to come.

Very much would like to thank the Town Day Committee, town staff and special thank-you to the chair Monique Paradis Anthony on the great work and organizing it.

Welcome Josh Hilton as Recreation and Physical Activity Coordinator for a year filling in for Mrs. Erin Richard.

Best wishes to Mr. & Mrs. Richard on the upcoming arrival of their baby.

Monday night met with the Physician Recruitment Committee.

Next Thursday August 22nd the CAO and myself are going to meet with Municipal Affairs in Halifax at 10:00am.

13.

Councillors Reports

Deputy Mayor Creelman

Great job by the Town Day Committee and all the volunteers. Great assistance from the staff and the business community for their sponsorship.

Happy about Truro Buzz

Congrats to Councillor Commo for the first music in the park.

Councillor Chapman:

Congratulations to Councillor Commo on a job well done, very much enjoyed the music in the park.

Thank - you to Monique Paradis Anthony on Town Days, great leader and a fabulous job.

Burton and Heather Killen were nominated as having the most beautiful yard in Stewiacke.

Councillor Commo

Will be having 2 more artists playing in the park and will be looking for some in September.

Have had 4 people contact me regarding the Expo.

14. Open Forum to Discuss Councillor or Committee Reports

Councillor Commo mentioned that there needs to be 2 plugs for the gazebo.

15. Citizen Comments and Communications

Pam Osborne of St. Andrews Street expressed concern regarding the possibility of the town supplying water to The Wildlife Park Complex.

Good to see revenue stream coming in.

Little concerned no one mentioned what the debenture was for. Mr. Bogle will look into.

Great to hear some of the other initiative's coming into play.

Theresa Rafuse stated that Dunrovin Avenue needs to be addressed very soon.

16. In Camera Session

17. Notice of Motion and Reconsideration

18. Adjournment

Mayor Robinson adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm.

Read and approved this _____ day of _____, 2019.

Mayor

CAO