

A Combined meeting of Town Council of the Town of Stewiacke was held on Thursday, July 18th, 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, Chad Ramsey, Russel Stoddart

Regrets: Councillor Roseanne Chapman

Staff: Dale Bogle - Chief Administrative Officer
Dalas Tufts-Johnston - Recording Secretary
Randi Buchi – Director of Finance

3. Approval of / Changes to Agenda

On Motion of Councillors Commo and Rogers-Laing, it was moved that the agenda for July 18th 2019 be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Disclosure of Interest on Agenda Items

Nil

5. Approval of Minutes

Committee of the Whole – June 13th

On Motion of Councillor Stoddart and Deputy Mayor Creelman it was moved to approve the Committee of the Whole Minutes from June 13th, 2019 as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Council June 27th, 2019

On Motion of Councillor(s) Stoddart and Ramsey it was moved to approve the Council Session Minutes from June 27th as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Announcements

Mayor Robinson announced there will be a Combined Council Session on August 15th, as well as Stewiacke Town Days August 2nd – 4th.

7. Presentations

Solar Energy for Community Buildings – Sheena Paris – Clean Energy Policy Analyst
Sheena Paris made a verbal presentation to the Council of the Town of Stewiacke of the

programs that are offered and available:

- Solar Homes Rebate Program which is administered by Efficiency Nova Scotia
- Low Carbon Communities administered by DEM
- Solar Electricity of Community Buildings – 3 year competitive program to enable eligible community groups and organizations to generate up to 75kW and sell it to their utility under a 20 -year power purchase agreement at the price they determine.
 - Successful projects have two years to declare COD
 - Open to eligible customers of all utilities
- Eligible Groups & Buildings – Who? Municipalities and owned organizations, Where? Up to 75kW on roof or ground, within 100m of building, New leases or construction eligible if not solely for the program.
- How are projects chosen? Online applications are evaluated by 3rd party administrator, regulations outline role of procurement administrator, Assess for completeness, financial and technical feasibility

8. Written Petitions and Communications

a) Chignecto Central Regional Centre for Education International Program
Received for information purposes.

9. Staff and Committee Reports

9f – Financial Report

On Motion of Deputy Mayor Creelman and Councillor Commo it was moved to award the contract to provide a Municipal Finance Software Program to Diamond Municipal Solutions in the amount of \$121, 494.00

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Ramsey left the meeting at 8:00pm.

a) Administrative Report

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

b) Public Works Report

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

c) Recreation and Physical Activity Coordinator Report

d) Planning and Advisory Report

e) Business and Tourism Report

g) Building Permit Report

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

Motion carried unanimously.

10. Business

a.) Request to Fund video promoting Stewiacke by Truro Buzz.

On Motion of Deputy Mayor Creelman and Councillor Commo, it was moved to approve to hire Truro Buzz to film a video – “A Day in Stewiacke” with a maximum budget of \$2500.00

Motion carried unanimously.

b.) Well Water Drilling

Dale Bogle; CAO presented a document to Council for updated information on the properties for groundwater supply investigation.

11. By-laws and Policies

a) Land Use By-Law Amendment – Rezoning Section 8.3.2 Zone Requirements

On Motion of Councillors Commo and Stoddart it was moved that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee and give first reading to the Land Use By-law amendment to reduce the minimum specifications in the General Residential (R-2) Zone as indicated in the proposed amendment except that the minimum side yard will be 1 meter on one side and 3 meters on the other. Staff are directed to set the date of the public hearing for this amendment.”

Motion carried unanimously.

12. Mayors Report

July 2nd – Met with 6 interns at Jimolly’s Bakery Café in Truro with Deputy Mayor Creelman, they presented them with a travel bag on behalf of Stewiacke.

July 11th – Attended the opening of the Electric Vehicle Charge Station at the Stewiacke Petro Canada, two vehicles had mentioned at the Ridge Shop they were there. Looking at C03 Workspace.

13. Councillors Reports

Deputy Mayor Creelman:

Stewiacke Town Days August 2nd – 4th. The Schedule has been mailed out with flyers and brochures throughout the town. Compliments to the Town Days Committee.

Councillor Commo: Attended a tour of Stewiacke with Alicia Simms & Tasha Stokdijk (Truro Buzz).

14. Open Forum to Discuss Councillor or Committee Reports

Councillor Commo informed Council that the Union Jack Flag should not be flown in Dennis Park, only one country flag should be flown. The summer Weekly Compost Collection has started.

Deputy Mayor Creelman suggested to contact the Flag Office to review protocols on flying flags. Review the Water Fill Station for the income and expenses.

15. Citizen Comments and Communications

16. In Camera Session

On Motion of Councillors Stoddart and Commo it was moved to go in camera at 9:13pm.

Motion carried unanimously.

On Motion of Councillors Rogers-Laing and Deputy Mayor Creelman it was moved to go out of Camera at 9:18pm.

Motion carried unanimously.

On Motion of Deputy Mayor Creelman and Councillor Commo it was moved that the Council of the Town of Stewiacke allow the probationary period to expire and Dale Bogle will move into the permanent position of the contract effective August 11, 2019.

Motion carried unanimously.

17. Notice of Motion and Reconsideration

18. Adjournment

Mayor Robinson adjourned the meeting at 9:20 pm.

Read and approved this _____ day of _____, 2019.

Mayor

CAO