

A meeting of Town Council of the Town of Stewiacke was held on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</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, Mary Commo, Rebecca Rogers-Laing, Chad Ramsey, Russel Stoddart

Staff: Dale Bogle - Chief Administrative Officer  
Dalas Tufts-Johnston - Recording Secretary

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

*On Motion of Councillors Chapman and Commo it was moved that the agenda for May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 be approved with the following addition:*

*9b) General Operating Surplus*

*Motion carried unanimously.*

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

Nil

**5. Approval of Minutes**

a.) Council April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019

*On Motion of Deputy Mayor Creelman and Councillor Chapman it was moved to approve the Council Minutes from April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as presented.*

*Motion carried unanimously.*

**6. Announcements**

Deputy Mayor Creelman announced Business and Tourism will be having their Annual Business Breakfast on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at Fox Hollow Golf Course.

**7. Presentations**

Nil.

**8. Written Petitions and Communications**

Nil.

**9. Business**

**a) Approval of Capital and Operating Budget**

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

*approve the General Operating Budget for 2019 – 2020 with a Residential Tax rate of \$1.665, Commercial Tax Rate of \$3.46.*

**Motion carried unanimously.**

### **Capital Budget**

***On Motion*** of Deputy Mayor Creelman and Councillor Commo it was moved to approve the Capital Budget for 2019- 2020 with the expenditures in the amount of \$ 5,229,320.00.

1 opposed  
Motion carried.

### **b) General Operating Surplus**

***On Motion*** of Deputy Mayor Creelman and Councillor Stoddart it was moved to approve the transferring of \$100,000.00 from the General Operating Surplus to the Operating Reserve Fund.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

## **10. By-laws and Policies**

### **a.) Rental Policy Approval**

***On Motion*** of Deputy Mayor Creelman and Councillor Stoddart it was moved to approve the Rental Policy as presented.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

### **b.) Terms of Reference Bylaw and Policy Committee**

***On Motion*** of Councillors Rogers-Laing and Ramsey it was moved to approve the By-Law and Policy Committee Terms of Reference as presented.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

## **11. Mayors Report**

May 8<sup>th</sup> – Attended the NSFAM Spring Conference, she will give a report at the Committee of the Whole Session in June. The conference was very meaningful and learnt a lot.

May 10<sup>th</sup> – Attended the Colchester Historeum Museum, there is an exhibit that began on May 11<sup>th</sup> on Portia White which featured a collection of photographs, portraits, vintage recordings, and treasured personal items.

May 15<sup>th</sup> – Attended the Mayor and Chief Breakfast at the Best Western Glengarry, with Mayor Christine Blair, Mayor Bill Mills and Chief Bob Gloade they shared highlights on activities happening in the communities.

The Stewiacke Vibe is live, with 2 podcasts available. She also attended the PAC Small homes workshop.

May 16<sup>th</sup> – Attended the Futureworx Graduation, with their Hospitality Course that they had offered in Stewiacke.

May 18<sup>th</sup> – Attended Daniel & Amy MacKenzie's benefit.

May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Met with Sheena Paris; Clean Energy Development Coordinator at Government of Nova Scotia. She will be making a presentation to Council in July on

solar panels, and different types of energy programs available.

May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Met with Dale Bogle; CAO and Rob Turner of Alton Gas. They are looking for a support letter about regulations in place, she is going to contact the Town's Solicitor to review the regulations.

### 13. Councillor Reports

**Councillor Commo:** Held a meeting on the Business Expo which is set for October 23<sup>rd</sup>. She also attended the Mayor's and Chief Breakfast at the Glengarry.

**Councillor Chapman:** Congratulations to Kamie Branch and Mayor Robinson with their podcasts. Attended the Mayor's and Chief Breakfast at the Glengarry. Attended the graduation for Futureworx, the success rate from the course with students receiving employment was 85%. She attended the PAC Small Homes workshop which had a great turn out, very informative. She also attended the NSFM.

**Deputy Mayor Creelman:** went to meet with the Manager at the Shubenacadie Wildlife Park, they discussed the visitor experience how to promote both locations, they would be interested in Town Days for promoting the Wildlife Park.

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

Councillor Commo: questioned the regulations for support of Alton Gas, Council had voted not to support Alton Gas in the past. Why the need to contact the solicitor to review the regulations. The Town should wait to see what the County of Colchester is going to do before they commit to any support.

Deputy Mayor Creelman: The Town Days Committee had discussed about changing the Parade time to 10:30AM, because the past few years it has been so hot, the weather is hard on the horses and elderly during mid-day. The By-Law and Policy Committee will work on the Terms of Reference. She asked to have this added to the Committee of the Whole Agenda for June.

### 15. Notice of Motion and Reconsideration

### 16. Adjournment

Mayor Robinson adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

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

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Mayor

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