

A meeting of Town Council of the Town of Stewiacke was held on Thursday, April 25th, 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
Regrets: Councillor Russel Stoddart

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

3. Approval of / Changes to Agenda

On Motion of Councillors Commo and Rogers-Laing it was moved that the agenda for April 25th, 2019 be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Disclosure of Interest on Agenda Items

Nil

5. Approval of Minutes

a.) Council March 28th, 2019

On Motion of Deputy Mayor Creelman and Councillor Commo it was moved to approve the Council Minutes from March 28th, 2019 as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Announcements

Deputy Mayor Creelman announced there will be a Lunch and Learn on May 2nd, at the Stewiacke Legion from 11:30am – 1:30pm which is being held by the Chamber of Commerce.

Business and Tourism will be having their Annual Business Breakfast on June 6th at Fox Hollow Golf Course.

7. Presentations

Nil.

8. Written Petitions and Communications

Nil.

9. Business

a) Capital Budget

The Council of the Town of Stewiacke discussed the Capital Budget. The Civic Building Planning Committee will review amounts for the proposed building. The Budget was not passed at this meeting.

b) Alcohol Free Sponsorship

The Council of the Town of Stewiacke discussed the Rental Agreement Policy.

c.) FCM Quebec May 30 – June 2, 2019

Council will follow policy; Mayor Robinson will be attending the conference.

d.) Alton Gas Update – Verbal

CAO; Dale Bogle gave a verbal update on Alton Gas Project.

e.) Water Rate Review

On Motion of Deputy Mayor Creelman and Councillor Chapman it was move that the Council of the Town of Stewiacke approve the Water Rate Increase Rates and Study as presented.

1 Opposed
Motion carried.

10. By-laws and Policies

a.) Amendment to the Land Use By-Law to rezone 23 Riverside Avenue

On Motion of Councillors Commo and Ramsey it was moved that Council approve the amendment to the Land Use By-law to rezone the property at 23 Riverside Avenue (PID# 20121646) from the General Residential (R-2) Zone to the Highway Commercial (C-2) Zone.

Motion carried unanimously.

11. Mayors Report

- Art Acquisition: The “old school” from Kitchener Street proposed drawing was found in the old records, Mayor Robinson had it sent to be framed as the “art purchase” for the year. The Winding River Art Gallery mentioned about having a yearly competition amongst all the artists then other Councillors can chose the art work; a policy would need to be formed to do this.
- Attended a Regional Town Caucus Meeting in New Glasgow with Dale Bogle; CAO, the President and EA were present. Discussion was held on how to present a resolution in the fall.
- Attended a Mayor’s Lunch with Mayor Bill Mills, and Christine Blair. They asked Tarkett to have a meeting with their recent announcement of the plant closure.
 - They attended a meeting with Tarkett; Tarkett has held meetings included Tandus representatives and Management Staff, other elected officials in the region, three reps from the Department of Labour & Advanced Education including the Associate Deputy Minister.

- Attended a Physician Recruitment Event Planning Meeting in Truro; there are 6 residents coming to Truro on July 2nd. They are taking a 2-year term; 2 to go to Truro, New Glasgow and Amherst. Mayor Robinson will be doing 6 baskets for them. Brennan Gillis will be taking them around to the different areas once they arrive weekly.
- Met with Scott Squires; Firm Foundation on April 24th, the first podcast is done and will be announced at the Mayor's breakfast.

13. Councillor Reports

Deputy Mayor Creelman: met with Councillor Commo and Jeanette Robinson who is the owner of the Stewiacke River Music Festival, they are looking at ways to work together to promote events within the town and the festivals.

Councillor Chapman: Attended a Town Days meeting, held a meeting with Town Staff seeking what they want in a new Civic Building. Attended a Volunteer Recruitment Event in Maitland with Councillor Commo, attended a Library Board Meeting as well as held a Civic Building meeting.

Councillor Commo: attended a Library Board meeting on April 23rd. Received a phone call from a resident about the Stewiacke Flag in Dennis Park.

14. Open Forum to Discuss Councillor of Committee Reports

Councillor Commo: received a phone call from a resident inquiring why there was an empty flag pole in the park.

Mayor Robinson: when she met with Scott Squires, there needs to be a title, a theme and music; the music will stay the same during each podcast. If Council has any ideas to send them to Mayor Robinson. On the 29th of April she is meeting with Erin Richard for a Recreation podcast. Looking for Gordon Crowe's lecture of the tour of Stewiacke. Councillor Commo will do a Podcast on Litter. " Past, present and future" for the podcasts.

15. Notice of Motion and Reconsideration

16. Adjournment

Mayor Robinson adjourned the meeting at 8:12 pm.

Read and approved this _____ day of _____, 2019.

Mayor

CAO