



9. Business

a) Administration

Dale Bogle, C.A.O., provided an overview of this report.

b) Physical Activity & Recreation

Erin Richard, Recreation & Physical Activity Coordinator, provided an overview of this report.

Josh Hilton, Community Development, provided an overview of this report

c) Financial Report

Randi Buchi, Director of Finance, provided this report.

d) Public Works

Dale Bogle, answered questions on behalf of Public Works.

e) Planning

Grant Cooke provided a planning report.

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

f) SK Living- Proposed Seniors Complex and Library

A discussion on Leasing/Rental of space within SK Living's building was had. We are unable to purchase the floor space required for the Library at this point in time, we need a revenue stream to support this project.

Our number one priority is Riverside Avenue.

Councillor Commo is concerned about not being able to find information on SK Living. Rental/Leasing is our best option because there is less risk associated with this than buying and we currently cannot afford to buy.

Deputy Mayor Chapman is in support of the idea to explore the leasing option for a 3000 square feet Library, the numbers do not allow us to purchase the space for the Library at this time especially considering the upfront costs.

Councillor Creelman would like more information on the rental option as we cannot afford to pay the percentage to SK Living up front if we were buying. It is a more flexible option for us. I think SK Living coming to provide more information to council and residents would be beneficial.

Councillor Rogers-Laing is still not in favor of this; buying the floor for the Library or the rental option.

Council members agree that staff reach out to SK Living and ask SK Living to come and hold a public meeting to provide more information to Council and Residents on the project.

h) Land Use By-Law (3)

1. Multiple Unit Residential in Downtown Commercial Zone

On Motion of Councillor Creelman and Deputy Mayor Chapman it was moved that Stewiacke Town Council approve the amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law regarding ground floor residential uses in the C-1 Zone and the requirement for a fence along the CN railway line.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Rural Residential (R4) Permitting Commercial Storage

On Motion of Councillor Commo and Councillor Rogers-Laing it was moved that Stewiacke Town Council approve an amendment to the Land Use By-Law to add "Commercial Storage" to the list of permitted uses in the Rural Residential (R-4) Zone.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Rezoning of PID#20253753 from R4 (Rural Residential) to R2 (Residential)

On Motion of Deputy Mayor Chapman and Councillor Commo it was moved that Stewiacke Town Council approve an amendment to the Land Use By-Law to rezone the property with PID #20253753 from the Rural Residential (R-4) Zone to the General Residential (R-2) Zone.

Motion carried unanimously.

i) Municipal Election: Alternative Voting Dates (Internet&Telephone) Oct 7th, 2020-Oct 17th, 2020 7:00PM

On Motion of Councillor Creelman and Deputy Mayor Chapman it was moved to approve the Alternative Voting Dates for the 2020 Municipal Election from October 7th, 2020 at 9:00AM to October 17th, 2020 at 7:00PM, as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

j) Shubenacadie River Commercial Association- Land Use/Lease Proposal

On Motion of Councillor Creelman and Deputy Mayor Chapman it was moved that Stewiacke Town Council approve the proposed partnership relating to PID 20469276 between the Town of Stewiacke and the Shubenacadie River Commercial Fisherman's Association, as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

k) Skate Park Equipment Request for Proposals

On Motion of Deputy Mayor Chapman and Councillor Rogers-Laing it was moved that Stewiacke Town Council award the Steel Skate Park Project to the Canadian Ramp Company in the amount of \$39,915.26 plus HST, and if the 14-day isolation requirement is still in place in Nova Scotia, Canadian Ramp Company cover the costs associated with the isolation period, or the project start will occur following the travel restrictions in Nova Scotia be lifted.

Motion carried unanimously.

10 By-laws and Policies

a) -2003-18 Travel, Meal and Miscellaneous Expenses

Changing the mileage rate to reflect the provincial rate.

On Motion of Councillor Creelman and Councillor Commo it was moved that Stewiacke Town Council approve the amendment to the policy 2003-18 Travel, Meal and Miscellaneous Expense as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

11. Citizen Comments

Andrew Brown- Library & SK Living. I have worked on some of the developments their name is associated with and their work quality is poor.

Charles Joyce-very concerned about being the pilot project for SK Living considering we have no information from them and they are asking a lot from the town. Concerned about moving the RBC Machine from Riverside Ave as most seniors walk there and its easily accessed versus it being up Main Street West where you have to cross the number 2 highway and go up a hill. Charles thinks the partnership with the Fisherman's Association is a great idea. Voiced his opinion on safety on Kelry as well and how there should be speed bump and signage on the road.

Pat McBurnie-spends a lot of her time sitting outside on Kelry and notices a lot of drivers driving on the wrong side of the road.

Katherine Williams- appreciated the report on the expenses in regards to SK Living. Concerned about the water issues that haven't been addressed. Water quantity versus quality.

Suzi Lutz- Thank you staff and Council for meeting with Highland Residents last night. Just echoing the concerns about costs for such a development at this time.

Nora Habkirk- my concern is with the voting options for the coming election. Telephone voting is what the issue was during the last election and I just hope there are safe guards in place to ensure it is a safe way to submit your vote. Possibly provide a FAQ to residents for what is allowed and what isn't allowed for voting. I am also concerned about SK Living and the lack of information provided, it is a scary situation.

Pam Osborne- Thank you to Council for tabling decisions with SK Living again until we have a full public meeting, and thank you to Councillor Creelman for suggesting this. Reads an email sent to the CAO and part of the email reads: "I am very concerned about this process - this process is the exact same process that was used in the 2016 election. As you are aware, there was a NS Supreme Court Decision concerning the 2016 election whereby the Supreme Court Justice did find illegal voting did occur. The process that was used to make these illegal votes was the telephone process. Other municipal units as well as provincial bodies have made the decision to forgo the telephone portion of the electronic voting process." Council could have made the decision to only use the internet option for voting but decided to use both. The By-Law states that Alternative Voting is Telephone voting OR Internet voting or a mixture of both. Thank you to Councillor Commo for bringing the concern about telephone voting up. I am disappointed and concerned for all running in this election because of the problems in the last election with telephone voting and I am disappointed with Council for not making the decision to eliminate telephone voting. I would like an updated financial statement as the one provided and spoken about this evening is from March 2020 and that was 5 months ago. The Towns debt ration is at 8% which is considered low risk as stated by the CAO this evening, but he stated 30% is considered high but in fact 10%-15% is moderate risk and anything above 15% is considered high. Lastly, thank you Erin for all your hard work with recreation and recording the minutes from this meeting.

12. Mayor Report

On August 5th, 2020, I attended the Geo Park Grand Opening. Congrats to Colchester and Cumberland for getting the UNESCO title. Thank you staff for the beautiful flowers in town and around the gazebo. Glad to see the skate park project moving forward. Congrats to Coldstream Clear and Mastodon Ridge for all their renovations and the new mini putt golf. Congrats to 25 years of business to Smiles & Chuckles. Thank you for all attending the in-person meeting and thank you to staff for the work to make this meeting in person happen.

13. Councillors Report

Councillor Commo- Working with Councillor Creelman on tourism initiatives. There is a new project called Explore Central, it stems from \$75,000.00 grant to the chamber to do promotion on our area.

Deputy Mayor Chapman is excited to see the Skate Park project going through as its been a long time coming. Dunrovin looks great after the recent paving. Thank you to Mary Berrigan for speaking this evening on residents' concerns about safety on Kelry. Nominate your neighbor: Winners: Coleman & Lorraine Munro and Blaise Fraser & Sharon Reece.

Councillor Creelman- working on a tourism project with Councillor Commo. There will be a new social media page with Explore Central, they are doing wonderful work. I attended the Skate Park Tender opening today.

14. In Camera Session

Nil.



Town of Stewiacke
Combined Committee of the Whole & Council Meeting
August 20th, 2020

5)

15. Notice of Motion and Reconsideration
Nil.

16. Adjournment

Time: 8:41PM

Read and approved this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Mayor

CAO