



Town of Stewiacke
Council Meeting
April 23rd, 2020

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A meeting of Town Council of the Town of Stewiacke was held on April 23rd, 2020 at 7:00pm in the Stewiacke Town Hall as well as virtually.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Mayor Robinson addresses the tragic event that took place on April 18th & April 19th with a moment of silence.

2. Attendance

Mayor Robinson
Deputy Mayor Chapman
Councillor(s) Susan Creelman, Rebecca Rogers-Laing, Chad Ramsey, Mary Commo

Staff:

Dale Bogle	Chief Administrative Officer
Randi Buchi	Manager of Finance
Beate Acker	Recording Secretary
Erin Richard	Recreation & Physical Activity Coordinator
Josh Hilton	Recreation

3. Approval of / Amendments to Agenda

On Motion of Councillor Creelman and Deputy Mayor Chapman and it was moved to approve the agenda for April 23rd, 2020 as amended, with the amendment of removal of #8.2 Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities Communique.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes March 5th (February 27th, 2020 rescheduled date) 2020 Council Meeting and March 19th, 2020 Council Meeting.

On Motion of Councillor Creelman and Deputy Mayor Chapman it was moved to approve the minutes from the March 5th, 2020 Council Meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Defer the approval of the March 19th, 2020 Council Meeting minutes.

5. Disclosure of Interest on Agenda Items

Nil.

6. Announcements

Mayor Robinson encourages everyone to wear red on Friday in support of the lives lost on April 18th & April 19th, 2020.

7. Presentations

Nil.



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8. Written Petitions and Correspondence

-Colchester East Hants Public Library Update received for information

9. Business

a) Water Utility Interest

On Motion of Councillor Commo and Councillor Rogers-Laing it was moved that the Stewiacke Town Council make a request to the UARB for water utility interest to be waived for the period of March 1st, 2020 to March 31st, 2020 and an evaluation to be made by that end date for consideration to extend waiver.

Motion carried unanimously.

b) Wastewater Utility Interest

On Motion of Deputy Mayor Chapman and Councillor Commo it was moved that Stewiacke Town Council approve that the wastewater utility interest be waived for the period of March 1st, 2020 to May 31st, 2020 and an evaluation to be made by that end date for consideration to extend waiver.

Motion carried unanimously.

10. By-Laws and Policies

On Motion of Councillor Creelman and Councillor Ramsey it was moved that Stewiacke Town Council update the Terms of Reference Policy for the Town Days Committee to hold the parade at a time to be determined by the committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

11. Mayors Report

We have received emails from The City of Toronto and The Halifax International Airport Authority sending their condolences regarding the Mass Shooting of April 18th & April 19th, 2020. I delivered a fruit tray to our RCMP Station on Monday, we placed digital signs and a wreath in Dennis Park as well as a wreathes on the Public Works Building on Tuesday to publicly acknowledge the tragedy, Wednesday we created a display in the Town Office to honor Constable Heidi Stevenson and we received a Nova Scotia Strong sign from Mill Brook First Nation that was placed at the entrance of Town, and Thursday I placed flowers in Portapique, NS on Portapique Beach Road. Friday, lets paint the town red in solidarity by wearing red for all those lives lost and affected by the tragedy. The Property Evaluation Service talked about assessment during a conference call this week and how to fairly treat everyone during this pandemic. Municipalities continues to work on a property tax relief policy and should have something very soon. The Town of Stewiacke is postponing the approval of our 2020-2021 budget for at least another month. I had the honor of speaking with the Honorable Arthur J. LeBlanc, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia. The reason for his call was to see how our town is doing regarding COVID-19 and to have a conversation about the recent tragedy in our Province. He was pleased to hear about all the support mechanisms we have put in place for our community. Stewiacke Town Council members decided to offer their support for our residences that are finding it hard to make ends meet at this unprecedented time, by making a personal donation to the local food bank. Thank you to Whistlers for providing an Easter Dinner menu. Fox Hollow Golf Course will be offering a Mother's Day menu with delivery options.



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12. Councillors Reports

Deputy Mayor Chapman has been making masks with Mayor Robinson and Councillor Creelman and they are now placed at Foodland. Keeping our social media updated and making calls.

Councillor Creelman helped deliver dinners over Easter Weekend. The Tourism and Business Committee is starting to meet virtually next week. The Business Breakfast being held in June has been cancelled. Thoughts are with everyone during these hard times.

13. Citizens Comments and Communications

Jim Acker made a comment regarding the vacant seat by the late Councillor Stoddart and to possibly look at how many seats there are at our Town Council table and if lower the number is an option.

14. Open Forum to Discuss Councillor or Committee Reports

Nil.

15. In-Camera- Personnel

On Motion of Councillor Commo and Councillor Rogers-Laing it was moved that Stewiacke Town Council go in-camera at 7:29pm.

On Motion of Councillor Commo and Deputy Mayor Chapman it was moved that Stewiacke Town Council come out of in-camera at 8:16pm.

16. Notice of Motion and Reconsideration

Nil.

17. Adjournment

Time: 8:17pm.

Read and approved this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Mayor

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