



**Before we begin our meeting, we would like to acknowledge that Stewiacke is in Mi’kma’ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi’kmaq people.**

1. Call to Order @ 7:00pm
2. Attendance I would like to acknowledge the attendance of the following:

<b>Town Council</b>	<b>Position</b>
Doug Glasser	Mayor, Town of Stewiacke
Suzanne Lutz	Deputy Mayor, Town of Stewiacke
David LeBlanc	Councillor, Town of Stewiacke
Rebecca Rogers	Councillor, Town of Stewiacke
Pam Osborne	Councillor, Town of Stewiacke
Marc Seguin	CAO, Town of Stewiacke
Helen Young	Director, Corporate Services
Erin Richard	Director, Community Services

3. Approval of / Changes to Agenda

**Added \* 9G RE: Attendance at FCM and NSFM Conferences Policy #2025-24**

**Added \* 14 A -Closed Session Re: Contract Negotiations**

<b>Motion to Approve Agenda:</b>	<b>Approved By:</b>
First	Deputy Mayor Lutz
Second	Councillor Rogers
<b>Result</b>	Carried



4. Disclosure of Interest on Agenda Items

5. Approval of Minutes

A) Combined COTW / Council Thursday, December 18, 2025

6. Announcements / Proclamations

There are none.

7. Presentations

There are none.

8. Written Petitions and Correspondence

There are none.

9. Business

a. **CAO Report – for information only.**

b. **Committee Report**

Council approves Council that the vacant Committee appointments be advertised in accordance with Town Policy; and We recommend to Council that Staff proceed to advertise for the following vacancies:

- 1) Audit Committee - One (1) position for member at large 1
- 2) Community Parks, Recreation & Special Events - One (1) position for member at large
- 3) Community Parks, Recreation & Special Events - One (1) position for member at large 12-18 YR

<b>Motion to Approve:</b>	<b>Approved By:</b>
First	Councillor Osborne
Second	Councillor Leblanc
<b>Result</b>	Carried



**c. Equity and Anti Racism Strategy**

That, the Regional Equity & Anti-Racism Strategy report be received; and

That Council adopt the Regional Equity & Anti-Racism Strategy as presented.

<b>Motion to Approve:</b>	<b>Approved By:</b>
First	Councillor Osborne
Second	Deputy Mayor Lutz
<b>Result</b>	Carried

**d. Property Valuation Service Corp. – Verbal Presentation**

- Mayor Glasser welcomed PVSC Staff:
- A) Paul Beazley, Municipal Account Manager
  - B) Steve Howley, Assistant Director
  - C) Patrick Mitchell, Assessor

Following the presentation the meeting was opened to questions from Council Members.

**e. 2026-2027 Draft Budget Presentation**

The 2026 – 2027 DRAFT budget was presented to Council by Helen Young, Director Corporate Services. At the conclusion of the presentation, the meeting was opened to questions from Councillor members.

Councillor Rogers excused herself from the meeting at 9:00pm

Councillor Rogers rejoined the meeting at 9:08pm- ONLINE

Meeting was recessed from 9:14PM and 9:19

**f. Town Hall Building Report – CAO**

The report was presented to Council by the CAO. The report was for information only.



**g. Attendance at FCM and NSFM Conferences Policy #2025-24**

The mayor relinquished the Chair position to Deputy Mayor Lutz for this item.

MOTION - In relation to policy : Attendance at FCM and NSFM Conferences Policy #2025-24” I propose that the Mayor not attend the 2026 FCM Conference as a cost savings measure in the 2026-2027 Town Budget and that Council return to the regular attendance schedule as set out on the policy in 2027

<b>Motion to Approve:</b>	<b>Approved By:</b>
First	Councillor Mayor Glasser
Second	Councillor Leblanc
<b>Result</b>	Carried

**The Deputy Mayor relinquished the Chair position back to Mayor Glasser at the conclusion of this item.**

**10.By-laws and Policies**

A) Bylaw / Policy Committee Update

UPDATE ON LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

<b>Motion to Approve:</b>	<b>Approved By:</b>
First	Councillor Rogers
Second	Councillor Osborne
<b>Result</b>	Carried

Acknowledgment recommended:

*We acknowledge that we are gathered on the traditional territory of the Mi'kmaq people. We recognize the deep and ongoing relationship the Mi'kmaq have with this land, and we honor their history, culture, and contributions. We welcome all those who live, work, and play in Stewiacke, and we strive to uphold the spirit of respect and unity in our community."*



TOWN OF STEWIACKE BY-LAW NUMBER 2001 – 10 “Sewer Connection Bylaw” – Wording on the Bylaw

**Sewer connection: all** agree to reword it so that the responsibility of the homeowner falls from the town owned line to the property (house), and from that line out to the street should be the responsibility of the town as it is town owned land / infrastructure.

**Rental Fees:** still working on, will check other places for comparable polices for town of our size to see if they have in them what groups (if any) receive discounts / free space on rentals.

B) Second Reading - MUNICIPALITY OF TOWN OF STEWIACKE REPEAL OF COUNCIL BYLAW(S)

Bylaw to repeal CAO and Meetings Policy

Motion: Council moves the second reading of Bylaw 2025-005 and may be cited as the “Repeal of Council Procedures Bylaw”, which will repeal Bylaw 2017-23: Council Meeting and Procedure bylaw 2017-23 Meetings & Bylaw 200-03: CAO Bylaw By-Law Number 2000-03 Respecting the Position and Responsibility of the Chief Administrative Officer.

<b>Motion to Approve:</b>	<b>Approved By:</b>
First	Deputy Mayor Lutz
Second	Councillor Leblanc
<b>Result</b>	Carried

**11. Citizen Comments**

Shannon Macphee – Noted comments on the Budget



12. **Mayor Report**

13. **Councillors Reports**

Councillor Leblanc Verbal Report

Councillor Lutz Verbal Report

14. **In-Camera Session – We will now go in camera regarding**

A) Re: Contract Negotiations

Motion to go in camera called @ 9:45 PM

<b>Motion to Approve</b>	<b>Approved By:</b>
First	Deputy Mayor Lutz
Second	Councillor Osborne
<b>Result</b>	Carried

Motion to go out of camera called @ 10:05PM

<b>Motion to Approve</b>	<b>Approved By:</b>
First	Councillor Osborne
Second	Councillor Leblanc
<b>Result</b>	Carried

15. **Notice of Motion and Reconsideration**

16. **Adjournment @ 10:05 PM**