

A Committee of the Whole of the Town of Stewiacke was held on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:00pm in the Town Hall, Stewiacke Nova Scotia.

### **1. Call to Order**

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

### **2. Attendance**

Mayor Robinson

Deputy Mayor Chapman

Councillor(s) Mary Commo, Susan Creelman, Rebecca Rogers-Laing, Russel Stoddart

Absent – Councillor Ramsey

Staff:

Dale Bogle

Chief Administrative Officer

Randi Buchi

Manager of Finance

Jacqueline Baker

Recording Secretary

### **3. Approval of / Amendments to Agenda**

*On Motion of Councillors Stoddart and Commo it was moved to approve the agenda as presented for January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020.*

*Motion carried unanimously.*

### **4. Approval of Minutes**

*On Motion of Councillors Creelman and Stoddart it was moved to approve the Combined Committee of the Whole/Council Meeting for December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as presented.*

*Motion carried unanimously.*

### **5. Disclosure of Interest on Agenda Items**

**Nil.**

### **6. Announcements**

**Nil.**

Councillor Ramsey arrived at 7:05

### **7. Presentations**

**b) Age Friendly Community Plan – Lisa Feist**

Ms. Feist gave a presentation on the Age Friendly research she is doing for the town to improve the everyday and long-term experience of seniors. It is a \$10,000 grant that the town applied for and received. There will be a survey sent out to identify needs. The surveys will be sent out via email and mail outs.

**a) Library Board – Tiffany Bartlett**

Ms. Bartlett CEO of the Colchester East Hants Public Library gave a presentation on the use of the Stewiacke Library.

2018-2019 there were over 150,000 visits, over 140,000 items were borrowed.

200 programs for all age groups were offered with over 1900 participants. 1680 hours of computer time and over 5400 WI-FI connections.

A big thank you to all responsible.

## **8. Written Petitions and Communications**

### **9. Staff and Committee Reports**

a) Administration Report

b) Appointments for Committees

On Motion of Councillors Creelman and Commo it was moved to recommend to Council to approve the Standing Committee appointments as amended.

c) Financial Report

Council is seeking clarification on personal expenses such as purchasing items on behalf of the town. Tabled until next month for more clarification.

On Motion of Councillors Rogers-Laing and Commo it was moved to recommend to Council to approve the release of the Water Utility Deposits.

d) Public Works Report (includes Water and Wastewater)

e) ~~TCPEP—Liaison Oversight Committee~~

f) ~~Police Advisory Committee~~

g) Civic Building

h) Watershed Committee

i) Planning & Advisory

j) Recreation and Physical Activity Coordinator Report

On Motion of Deputy Mayor Chapman and Councillor Rogers-Laing it was moved to approve all the reports as presented.

*Motion carried unanimously.*

## **10. Business**

a) Interest on Overdue Accounts-Water/Waste Water & Taxes

Council directed Mr. Dale Bogle to inquire what other Towns do regarding overdue accounts.

b) Blueberry Festival

Councillor Commo will ask Devon Terfry to get ahold of local businesses in town to get involved with Blueberry Festival being held throughout Cumberland and Colchester Counties from August 14<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup>.

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

Nil.

## **12. Citizen Comments and Communications**

Shannon MacPhee wanted to come and listen to Council and see how things take place.

George Lloy stated he wanted to become involved, just retired.

**13. Mayors Report**

Mayor Robinson thanked all for attending the Levee at the legion.  
Had some business owners approach her regarding their water bill increase.  
Thanked Public Works for the great job on snow removal.  
Thank you to BJ Electric for their donation towards the splash pad. Will meet in January with Billy Jones, Dale Bogle, Jeff Sibley, Josh Hilton and Erin Richard to establish costs, fund raising etc.

**14. Councillors Report**

**Councillor Commo:** Attended Levee and Business and Tourism meeting.  
**Deputy Mayor Chapman:** Pleased with the Levee.  
Huge thank you to BJ Electric on their donation towards the Splash Pad.  
Had a few plowing concerns but were looked after with an hour,  
**Councillor Stoddart:** Asked if there was any update on amalgamation.  
**Councillor Ramsey:** Wished everyone a Happy new Year  
**Councillor Rogers-Laing:** Wished everyone a Happy new Year  
**Councillor Creelman:** Received complaints regarding snow plowing.  
Thank you to the Public Works on plowing, Happy New Year

**15. Open Forum to Discuss Councillor of Committee Reports**

Discussed having 2 places on agendas for citizens comments and communications moving forward. Will be placed on future agendas.  
Greg Connell will be in next Thursday January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 10:30am until 12:30 for Strategic Planning for the Town of Stewiacke.  
Mr. Connell will lead us through a conversation to help us identify our strengths and weaknesses recreating a marketing plan.  
Staff to advertise this is a public meeting and create an agenda.

**16. In Camera Session**

**17. Notice of Motion and Reconsideration**

**18. Adjournment**

Time: 8:40

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

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Mayor

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