

A Committee of the Whole of the Town of Stewiacke was held on November 14th, 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 Robinson
Deputy Mayor Creelman
Councillor(s) Roseanne Chapman, Mary Commo, Rebecca Rogers-Laing, Chad Ramsey,
Regrets: Russel Stoddart

Staff:

Dale Bogle	Chief Administrative Officer
Dalas Tufts-Johnston	Recording Secretary
Jeff Sibley	Superintendent of Public Works

3. Approval of / Amendments to Agenda

On Motion of Deputy Mayor Creelman and Councillor Rogers-Laing it was moved to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes – October 10th, 2019 Committee of the Whole

On Motion of Councillors Commo and Chapman it was moved to approve the minutes from October 10th, 2019 as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Disclosure of Interest on Agenda Items

Nil.

6. Announcements

There will be a combined Council Session on December 19th according to policy.

Christmas Holiday Schedule:

The Town office will be closing at 4:30pm on December 23rd 2019 and will reopen for normal business on Tuesday, January 2nd, 2020. A member of the Public Works Team will be on Call during this period and in the case of an emergency, can be contacted at 902 – 897 – 7823.

7. Presentations

Employee Awards

Mayor Robinson acknowledged the following for the dedication to the Town of Stewiacke; Jeff Sibley 20 years of service, Gary Fisher 5 years of service, and Erin Richard 5 years of service. Thank you.

8. Written Petitions and Communications

- a). Nurses Union – Received for information.
- b). Stewiacke Visitor Information Centre – Julie Hay had written a thank you to the Council of the Town of Stewiacke for their support for the 2019 year. The business and Tourism committee will be holding a meeting with Ms. Hay to discuss different reasons for next year, how to improve more visitors.

9. Staff and Committee Reports

- a.) Administrative Report
- b.) Physical Activity and Recreation
- c.) Financial Report

On Motion of Councillor Chapman and Deputy Mayor Creelman it was moved to recommend to the Council of the Town of Stewiacke to approve the audit services of MGM & Associates, Chartered Professional Accountants.

Motion carried unanimously.

- d.) Public Works
- e.) Planning and Advisory

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

Motion carried unanimously.

10. Business

a) By-Law Enforcement – Special Constable Appointment

On Motion of Deputy Mayor Creelman and Councillor Commo it was moved to recommend the approval of Dale Bogle, as By-Law Enforcement – Special Constable to the Council of the Town of Stewiacke.

Motion carried unanimously.

b) Christmas Break

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c) Audit Committee

This will be deferred to the Combined Session in December.

d) Accessibility Committee

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e) Well Water Project – Phase II

Dale Bogle; CAO gave a verbal report on the status of the Well Water Project.

On Motion of Deputy Mayor Creelman and Councillor Ramsey it was moved to approve the authorization for staff to proceed with the test drilling to test 4 drills, and 2 monitoring wells not to exceed the amount of \$150,000.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

f) Selection of Deputy Mayor

Deputy Mayor Creelman, nominated Councillor Chapman for Deputy Mayor. Councillor Chapman accepted the nomination.

11. By-laws and Policies

12. Mayors Report

Best wishes to Administrative Staff Dalas, for best wishes on her recovery.

Attended an Alton Gas Community Liaison meeting on the 28th of October.

Happy Communities Project; first meeting was November 1st, the 2nd meeting will be November 15th, there are 4 people who have showed interest: Penny Colpitts, Shannon MacPhee, Lorna Swallow, Judy Stoddart. There will be another meeting prior to Christmas then the group will reach out to the public. Dale Bogle; CAO will be reaching out for funding opportunities.

November 5th – met with Jan Underhill from Futureworx, they will be starting up in January and free to the public, they will be using the Lodge Hall for the time being to see if the demand is there.

November 7th – Attended the WRC Remembrance Day Service for Councillor Chapman and Dalas. The service was well done, and the Legion members indicated how respectful the kids were with the members. They were all involved with singing and listening.

November 11th – Attended the Remembrance Day Service, there was a large crowd for such a small town. Its great to see the local community come together for such a sad day.

Congratulations again to Deputy Mayor Chapman.

The Blue Picnic table in Dennis Park has been donated by Goodwood Plastics, the picnic table was made from blue fish barrels, its wheelchair accessible, thank you for the wonderful donation.

13. Councillors Reports

Councillor Commo

Attended a Business and Tourism meeting, went to the Community Centre with Councillor Creelman, Sisterhood Fibres. Reminder of Music at the Legion once a month, on Sundays from 2:00pm – 4:00pm. Councillor Commo will update the specific Sunday.

Councillor Chapman

Thank you for the nomination of Deputy Mayor. The Halloween Decorating Contest was judged and the award was given to Michelle Anthony of Edgewood Drive. Attended the WRC Remembrance Day Service, it was wonderful to see the support. Reminder of the Stewiacke Fire Department Fall Dinner and Dance.

Councillor Ramsey

Remembrance Day Service was a great turn out, looking forward to attending the Fall Dinner and Dance.

Deputy Mayor Creelman

When the Truro Buzz video was created, they had created a hashtag #sweetstew#, which is a way to promote Stewiacke on social media. It was mentioned to have a garbage can in the downtown area for residents to use, when out walking their dogs. This would help ensure people picked up after their dogs, and kept the downtown core clean.

14. Citizen Comments and Communications

Nil.

15. Open Forum to Discuss Councillor or Committee Reports

Councillor Commo, commented on how Pugwash held a contest with artists, decorating garbage cans. Mayor Robinson mentioned in Mahone Bay they had parking meters, with the money going towards a cause. Something to look at for next year.

17. Notice of Motion and Reconsideration

Nil.

18. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm.

Read and approved this _____ day of _____, 2019.

Mayor

CAO