

A Committee of the Whole of the Town of Stewiacke was held on October 10th, 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, Russel Stoddart

Staff:

Dale Bogle

Chief Administrative Officer

Dalas Tufts-Johnston

Recording Secretary

3. Approval of / Amendments to Agenda

On Motion of Councillors Commo and Chapman it was moved to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes – September 12th, 2019 Committee of the Whole

On Motion of Councillors Chapman and Rogers-Laing it was moved to approve the minutes from September 12th, 2019 as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Disclosure of Interest on Agenda Items

Nil.

6. Announcements

Business Expo October 23rd from 4:00pm – 7:00pm.

7. Presentations

Nil.

8. Written Petitions and Communications

a). Ombudsman's Annual Report – The report lists all public bodies that were the object of complaints under the Ombudsman Act and the PIDWA for 2018-2019. The respondent to a complaint is captured when the complaint is made, prior to any review or investigation taking place. Appearing on this list does not imply fault or maladministration by the respondent. The Town of Stewiacke was listed as having one complaint against.

9. Staff and Committee Reports

- a.) Administrative Report
- b.) Physical Activity and Recreation
- c.) Financial Report
- d.) Public Works
- e.) Planning and Advisory
- f.) CAO Hiring Committee

On Motion of Councillors Commo and Ramsey it was moved to recommend to the Council of the Town of Stewiacke to include the new CAO Hiring Committee to become the new Human Resources Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

On Motion of Deputy Mayor Creelman and Stoddart it was moved to approve all of the reports as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

10. Business

a) Flag Protocol

Council held a discussion on the Flag Protocol, the Town Flag Policy will need to be updated, some flags are flown in other areas, the committee will review the Federal Standard Flag Guidelines. The Union Jack is to be flown on 4 days under the Federal Standards.

b) Public Town Meeting – September 30th Discussion

Council discussed the main points from the Town Hall Meeting that was held on September 30th.

Highlights:

Buildings Stats would be beneficial for the next meeting, more prepared for upcoming meetings, residents are becoming more aware of the assessment procedures, the future is in the residents hands whether to proceed with amalgamation, a microphone would be beneficial for the next meeting, possibility of hiring a moderator, show where the taxes are being spent with a complete breakdown, begin a study to determine whether amalgamation would be an option or not, does the County even want to take Stewiacke. Mayor Robinson, is going to meet with the Mayor of Colchester County to entertain the topic and discussion. Municipal Affairs indicates that Stewiacke is not even on the radar for the possible risk of being amalgamated.

c) Community Health Board – Good Food Bags

Discussion on the Good Food Bag program, staff will look at other areas to determine whether successful, volunteers would be required this could be funded under the Community Health Board.

d) Strategic Plan

The plan needs to be updated, Brennan Gillis would lead the meeting with Council and have a meeting with residents also. This could be done prior to budget talks, combine budget planning and strategic planning together.

11. By-laws and Policies

a) Tax Collection By-Law

On Motion of Deputy Mayor Creelman and Councillor Stoddart it was moved to recommend to the Council of the Town of Stewiacke the approval of the Tax Collection By-law.

Motion Carried unanimously.

b) Stewiacke Recreation Grounds – Beer Garden

Council discussed about whether to permit a beer garden at the Stewiacke Recreation Grounds for Town Days, or any other ball tournaments. They will be looking into guidelines for beer gardens.

12. Mayors Report

Acknowledged the passing of the late Premier John Buchanan, for his dedication to the Province of Nova Scotia.

13. Councillors Reports

Councillor Chapman

There was a water issue on Hemlock, Sherbrooke Street subdivision; the lines were flushed and seems to have cleared the situation. Attended the Stewiacke Storm Banquet.

Councillor Commo

There are 27 tables booked for the Business Expo. The Visitor Information Centre numbers are down by 2700 she is going to ask Truro what their numbers were. There are new entries for the Expo; Prestige Homes, Abalone Retreat, FutureWorx.

Deputy Mayor Creelman

Business and Tourism Meeting, By-law and Policy, thank you to the Truro Buzz participants, the prize package was awarded to Pamela Chandler.

Councillor Commo

Stewiacke has been awarded into the Hall of Fame for Waste Management for the Adopt a Highway program that is done yearly.

15. Citizen Comments and Communications

16. In Camera Session

Nil.

17. Notice of Motion and Reconsideration

Nil.

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18. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.

Read and approved this 14th day of NOVEMBER, 2019.

Wendy Robinson
Mayor

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CAO