

A Committee of the Whole of the Town of Stewiacke was held on June 13th, 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) Rebecca Rogers-Laing, Chad Ramsey, Russel Stoddart

Regrets:

Councillor(s) Roseanne Chapman, Mary Commo

Staff:

Dale Bogle

Chief Administrative Officer

Dalas Tufts-Johnston

Recording Secretary

3. Approval of / Amendments to Agenda

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

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes – May 9th, 2019 Committee of the Whole

On Motion of Councillors Stoddart and Rogers-Laing it was moved to approve the minutes from May 9th, 2019 as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Disclosure of Interest on Agenda Items

Nil.

6. Announcements

7. Presentations

8. Written Petitions and Communications

a). NS Joint Municipal Fire Services information bulletin

Received for information.

b.) RCMP Truro Communication Centre

Received for information.

9. Staff and Committee Reports

a.) Administrative Report

b.) Physical Activity and Recreation

c.) Financial Report

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

On Motion of Councillors Stoddart and Ramsey it was moved to approve all of the reports as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

10. Business

- a) Land Acquisition PID 20122172

On Motion of Deputy Mayor Creelman and Councillor Stoddart it was moved to approve the land acquisition approval to the Council of the Town of Stewiacke.

Motion carried unanimously.

b) Stewiacke Town Days Parade time

On Motion of Councillors Rogers-Laing and Stoddart it was moved to approve the trial of the Stewiacke Town Days Parade to take place at 10:30am on Saturday August 3rd to the Council of the Town of Stewiacke.

Motion carried unanimously.

11. By-laws and Policies

a) Travel, Meal and Miscellaneous Expense Policy 2003-18

On Motion of Deputy Mayor Creelman and Councillor Ramsey it was moved to recommend the approval of the Travel, Meal and Miscellaneous Expense Policy 2003-18 to the Council of the Town of Stewiacke as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

12. Mayors Report

Mayor Robinson presented a written report to the Council of the Town of Stewiacke, some highlights from the conference:

- A representative from FCM announced the Federal government has provided more funding for municipalities through FCM.
- The representative will get in touch with me and we will look at possible funding for the Community center new windows and siding. The solar panels may or may not be considered but he will determine that when we connect. We briefly discussed funding for the new civic building and there are possibilities there as well.
- There was a panel discussion about the upcoming Federal election. There were various opinions and the consensus was that it is difficult to know the outcome. They suggested that municipalities create a checklist to measure the party's platforms.
- Attended the "Procuring low-carbon solutions" presented by the Cement Association of Canada. Many studies regarding embodied carbon in the built environment did not take into

consideration the building once it was constructed. Most studies look at the carbon used in the generation of building products, the delivery of the products and energy used to run the building. The cement association gathered information from independent sources on the carbon footprint in terms of length to time the structure is erect and the final demolition and end of the construction waste.

Attended a Press Release with Mayor Christine Blair and Mayor Bill Mills in Truro to express their concern with the Operations Centre of the RCMP relocating.

Thank you to Mary Berrigan and Jennifer Tibert for a great job on the Rhubarb Festival.

Congratulate Deputy Mayor Creelman on a job well done for organizing the Business Breakfast there was a great turn out.

Attended the TCPEP AGM and spoke with Brennan Gillis, Stewiacke is definitely on their list of places.

Spoke with Larry Gibson, from Perry Lake Developments. There is a possible interest in another complex across from the NSLC, they discussed a 24-unit apartment building as well as small homes.

Spoke with the Physicians from the Stewiacke area, about how to recruit to the area.

Attended the Chamber of Commerce Supper with the CAO; Dale Bogle.

13. Councillors Reports

Deputy Mayor Creelman: Received 42 replies for the Breakfast, 40 were in attendance, which exceeded last years. A lady came from Sheet Harbour to just meet with Brennan Gillis. She attended the TCPEP AGM, she is on the audit committee, the financial statements are complete. Congratulations to Councillor Commo on the Tide Times brochure for the VIC and local businesses.

Councillor Stoddart:

3 houses on Riverside, and Asquith have recently sold, with a total of 6 in Stewiacke within the past few weeks.

14. Open Forum to Discuss Councillor or Committee Reports

a) Mayor Robinson discussion points on land acknowledgment, Union Jack and Gay Pride.

Mayor Robinson gave written documents to the Council, asked for Council to acknowledge that Stewiacke is on unceded territory during opening speeches for Town events. Council agreed to leave as is and if further discussion is required from the Council members who were absent this discussion could be held again.

Mayor Robinson asked Council how can we as a town continue to ignore the fact that we are on Mi'kmaq lands and that the British flag that was so important to Senator Dennis to fly is so hurtful to our neighbours. Much has changed since Senator Dennis was alive and much work has happened in the reconciliation movement. If we enjoy the economic benefits of having the residents of Sikipne'katik District spending their money in our community then we should be respectful to them.

Mayor Robinson: It would also be a symbolic gesture to raise a pride flag this summer, also shows that we are an inclusive, progressive community. Town Staff will order a Pride Flag to hang in Dennis Park under the Stewiacke Flag.

15. Citizen Comments and Communications

16. In Camera Session

Nil.

17. Notice of Motion and Reconsideration

Nil.

18. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Read and approved this _____ day of _____, 2019.

Mayor

CAO