

A Committee of the Whole of the Town of Stewiacke was held on September 10th, 2020 at 7:00pm in the Stewiacke Community Centre as well as on Zoom.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Attendance

Mayor Robinson

Deputy Mayor Chapman

Councillor(s) Susan Creelman, Rebecca Rogers-Laing, Chad Ramsey, Mary Commo

Staff:

Dale Bogle

Chief Administrative Officer

Erin Richard

Recreation & Physical Activity Coordinator/Recording Secretary

3. Approval of / Amendments to Agenda

On Motion of Councillor Rogers-Laing and Deputy Mayor Chapman it was moved to approve the agenda for September 10th, 2020 as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Disclosure of Interest on Agenda Items.

Nil

5. Approval of Minutes Combined Session August 20th, 2020.

On Motion of Deputy Mayor Chapman and Councillor Ramsey it was moved to approve the minutes from August 20th, 2020 Combined session as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Announcements/ Proclamations

-Music in the Park September 13th, 2020 from 2:00PM-4:00PM

-The Chamber of Commerce is celebrating their 130 Years Anniversary tomorrow (September 11th, 2020 from 11AM-1PM) at the Colchester Historeum.

7. Presentations

Vicki Vaughan- Christian Flag

Vicki spoke about the importance of the Flag to the Christian Community, and is wondering if the Town would fly the Christian Flag in Dennis Park. This will be a discussion item on the agenda for Committee of the Whole in October.

8. Written Petitions and Correspondence

Nil.

9. Business

a) Administration

CAO; Dale Bogle provided an overview of his Administration Report with Council.

b) Physical Activity & Recreation

Erin Richard, Recreation & Physical Activity Coordinator, provided an overview of her report.

Josh Hilton, Community Development, submitted a report.

c) Financial Report

Randi Buchi, Director of Finance, submitted a report.

d) Public Works

Public Works Superintendent Jeff Sibley submitted a report.

e) Planning

Grant Cooke submitted a report.

On Motion of Councillor Commo and Councillor Rogers-Laing, it was moved to approve the reports as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

f) SK Living

Dale Bogle: Reached out to SK Living to ask them to have a meeting with the residents of Highland but SK Living was hoping to have a MOU entered in before doing so, and after two days SK Living got back to the town and informed us that they decided to go elsewhere.

g) Municipal Election

Dale Bogle: All individuals running for Council in the upcoming election, have been vetted and passed all the requirements. We have decided to set up a separate polling station at the Senior Complex and Vicki Taylor will be in charge of this.

h) Policing Review

Dale Bogle: The Town of Stewiacke and the Municipality of the County of Colchester share the RCMP and we started a policing review last fall before the incidents in April. The review is to determine if we need additional resources, do we need a different policing service etc. Meeting on the 15th executive meeting outlining things then there is a meeting on the 22nd there will be a presentation to County Council about the policing review, it's just the beginning of our findings.

i) Election Auditor

Dale Bogle: As the Returning Officer, I looked at what we need to do and I have reached out to Alphonse MacNeil to be the Election Auditor. He is a retired commanding officer; he headed the review of the Moncton shootings. On the 28th of September Alphonse and I will be taking training on this.

j) Organizational Chart

Dale provided an organization chart of staff with Town Staff & Council. Suggestions from Council would be to add in how many positions there are and if they are full time, casual/seasonal etc.

k) Well Water Study- Proposed Budget

WSP would like to do additional work on the Densmore property. Council approved \$150,000.00 in the budget for this project and we currently are within budget but WSP has presented a report that with additional work the final price range will be between \$143,664.00-\$157,664.00.

On Motion of Councillor Creelman and Councillor Rogers-Laing it was moved that Stewiacke Committee of the Whole recommend to Stewiacke Town Council to approve and increase the budget for the next phase of the water exploration with the approved budget amount of \$150,000.00 being increased to \$160,000.00 as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

10 By-laws and Policies

Nil.

11. Citizen Comments

- 1) Pam Osborne is requesting an up to date financial statement for the end of August. Is there a possibility for the financial statement and other staff reports be posted on the website along with the minutes?
- 2) Mary Eliza Humphries says the town looks beautiful, the flowers look wonderful and thank you to the town and the people who look after them.
- 3) Lisa Benoit comments that her water has been brown for the last few years and wants to know what is going to happen with it. The paving on Dunrovin is not done, there is gravel in the ditches.

12. Mayor Report

I want to Congratulate the Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce on their 130th year anniversary on behalf of the Town. Thank you to the staff for all the hard work that they put into the SK Living proposal. Congratulations to the students on being able to go back to school in person, hope all goes well. Also like to thank all the individuals who have put their name forth to run in the upcoming election, it is not an easy thing to do, so best of luck to everyone.

13. Councillors Report

Deputy Mayor Chapman- Congratulate those who put their name in to be on the ballot in the upcoming election, it is not an easy thing to do, best of luck.

Councillor Ramsey- Best of luck everyone in the upcoming election.

Councillor Commo- A Sign was placed on Main Street by Adopt A Highway to recognize us because we have been doing clean ups at the Exit. I needed a name for our group so I called us the Stewiacke Pickers. Tourism meetings with Councillor Creelman.

Councillor Rogers-Laing- No report.

Councillor Creelman- Tourism meetings lead by the Chambers it is a provincial grant they have received for \$75,000.00 part of a federal program called Canada Nice and it'll be monitored through the hashtag #CanadaNice. On behalf of the Town of Stewiacke, County of Colchester, Mill Brook First Nation, Town of Truro and the Downtown Truro Partnership we are endeavoring a variety of ways to promote central Nova Scotia, particularly Colchester. explorecentralns.ca is the website and there are 5 main themes (Adventure, Taste, Family, Culture & Heritage and Nature) it is very exciting to see a professional, comprehensive promotion of central Nova Scotia. Business & Tourism met today and we spoke about growth in our area and how properties in NS are selling. The Committee mentioned how nice the town looks.

14. In Camera Session

Nil.

15. Notice of Motion and Reconsideration

Nil.

16. Adjournment

Time: 8:03PM

Read and approved this _____ day of _____, 2020.



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Mayor

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