

A virtual Committee of the Whole of the Town of Stewiacke meeting was held on April 9th, 2020 at 7:00pm in the Town Hall, Stewiacke Nova Scotia and over Facebook Live on the Town of Stewiacke FB page.

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
Randi Buchi	Manager of Finance
Beate Acker	Recording Secretary

3. Approval of / Amendments to Agenda

On Motion of Councillor Ramsey and Councillor Commo it was moved to amend the agenda to include a letter submitted by Mayor Robinson and approve the amended agenda of April 9th, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Disclosure of Interest on Agenda Items.

Nil

5. Approval of Minutes March 12th, 2020.

On Motion of Councillor Creelman and Deputy Mayor Chapman it was moved to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Announcements/ Proclamations

Councillor Creelman commented regarding the Easter Dinner Special at Whistlers.

7. Presentations

Nil

8. Written Petitions /Correspondence

- Tax Deferral Program, Government of Canada (Covid 19)
- Letter from Mr. Chuck Potter regarding the 'Capital Assistance Program' application time period.

9. Business – Staff and Committee Reports

- Administrative Report – presented by CAO Dale Bogle
- Physical Activity and Recreation Report – submitted by Parks & Recreation Coordinator Josh Hilton and reviewed by CAO Dale Bogle
- Financial Report – presented by Finance Manager Randi Buchi. Discussion made on water and sewer interest fee to be waved for March 1st to May 31st 2020.

- d) Public Works Report – submitted by Superintendent of Public Works Jeff Sibley reviewed by CAO Dale Bogle
- e) Planning Report – submitted by Grant Cooke and reviewed by CAO Dale Bogle

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Business – Other

- a) Budget
 - a. Capital Budget – presented by Finance Manager Randi Buchi and Council requested to table to next meeting end of April 2020.
 - b. Operational Budget – presented by Finance Manager Randi Buchi and Council requested to table to next meeting end of April 2020.
- b) Virtual Budget Planning – presented by CAO Dale Bogle.
- c) Business Interruption and Pandemic Planning Committee – presented by CAO Dale Bogle.

On Motion of Councillor Creelman and Councillor Commo to recommend to the Council of the Town of Stewiacke to make request to the UARB for water utility interest to be waved for the period on March 1st 2020 to May 31st 2020 and an evaluation be made by that end date for consideration to extend wavier.

Motion carried unanimously

On Motion of Councillor Creelman and Deputy Mayor Chapman to recommend to the Council of the Town of Stewiacke to wave the interest on the sewer service for the period of March 1st 2020 to May 31st 2020 and an evaluation be made by that end date for consideration to extend wavier.

Motion carried unanimously

- d) Covid 19 Strategy and Communications – presented by CAO Dale Bogle.
- e) Tax Deferral / Adjusting (Covid 19) – Province working towards finalizing municipal guide.

10. By-laws and Policies

a) Town Days Terms of Reference – Councillor Creelman introduced discussion on changing the parade start time to accommodate various concerns and challenges. Discussion held regarding the Rhubarb Festivals. It was resolved that it be cancelled for 2020.

On Motion of Councillor Creelman and Councillor Commo it was moved that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Council of the Town of Stewiacke to update the Town Day Policy to hold the parade at a time to be determined by the committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

b) Alternative Voting By-Law Repeal – Councillor Creelman will begin the process at the end of April 2020.

11. Citizen Comments and Communications

Virtual questions and comments read by Deputy Mayor Chapman and answered by Mayor Robinson as posted by Pam Osbourne, Nora Howell Habkirk, Bob Battista.

12. Mayors Report

The Mayor extended appreciation and thanks for the Stewiacke Fire Department and staff and extended best wishes for a Happy Easter. Has been contacted by local businesses with regards to property taxes interest deferrals. Expressed that the October 2020 election may require to be postponed.

13. Councillors Report

Councillor Creelman wished to thank the staff of the Stewiacke Fire Department and the Foodland grocery store. Appreciate the way local businesses are becoming innovative in the ways they adjust to the current circumstances. Wishes extended out to all for a Happy and Safe Easter weekend.

Councillor Ramsey wished to thank the staff of Foodland and the Fire department. And we will work the best we can to assist you all. Happy Easter.

Councillor Commo offered thanks to the Business Planning Commitment for all their dedicated work.

Deputy Mayor Chapman extended thank you to the many Local Business community and our town staff and wished all a safe weekend. Thank you to the Residences for staying home to ensure our community safety and Happy Easter.

14. In Camera Session – Land

On Motion of Councillor Creelman and Councillor Rogers-Lang it was moved Stewiacke Committee of the Whole go into in-camera at 8:33pm.

Motion carried unanimously

On Motion of Councillor Commo and Councillor Creelman it was moved Stewiacke Committee of the Whole go out of in-camera at 9:11pm.

Motion carried unanimously.

15. Notice of Motions and Reconsideration

Nil.

16. Adjournment

Time: 9:12pm.

Read and approved this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Mayor

CAO