



Town of Stewiacke  
Special Council Meeting  
June 18th, 2020

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A Special Council Meeting of the Town of Stewiacke was held on June 18th, 2020 at 7:00pm in the Town Hall, Stewiacke Nova Scotia and virtually through Zoom.

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

**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  
Erin Richard                                    Recreation and Physical Activity Coordinator  
Charles Thompson                            Town Solicitor, Burchell MacDougall

**3. Approval of / Amendments to Agenda**

*On Motion of Councillor Creelman and Councillor Commo it was moved that Stewiacke Town Council approve the agenda for the June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Special Council Meeting as presented.*

*Motion carried unanimously.*

**4. Disclosure of Interest on Agenda Items.**

Nil

**5. Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting.**

Nil.

**6. Announcements/ Proclamations**

Nil.

**7. Presentations**

**SK Retirement Living- Proposed Library: Sarkis Gereige, Robert Salah & Carolyn Maxwell**

To view the slideshow presentation, please contact [town@stewiacke.net](mailto:town@stewiacke.net)

**8. Written Petitions and Correspondence**

Nil.

**9. Business**

**a) Sale of Land- PID#20119293**

MGA discussion-Charles Thompson, the Town of Stewiacke’s Lawyer. Municipalities/Towns can sell property that it owns, with a motion of council and a fair market value on the property, directly to a buyer. Based on the



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presentation tonight by SK, they are not prepared to enter into an agreement to buy the land unless they have an answer from the Town of Stewiacke on the Library. It would be premature to approve any sale of land at this point, because it is not clear that SK Living is interested in the land until the town decides whether it is interested in pursuing the Library option. It would fulfil the MGA to sell the land to SK Living for \$120,000.00 based on the appraisal completed by a local real estate agent, with the appraisal totaling \$100,000.00. There are a number of issues set out by the MGA that allow Council to meeting in a private setting- In Camera- to discuss. Discussions of land sales and land acquisitions would be allowed on the list.

Discussion on Sale of Land:

Councillor Creelman is concerned whether or not we can afford the entire project and is wondering if we have any figures that might show how this might work financially. My thought is we wouldn't make that decision tonight where it is contingent on us doing the Library. I am interested in learning and talking more about this. I also wonder what the County's involvement will be with the town of Stewiacke when we continue our talk about the new Library possibly being housed in the SK Living facility.

Councillor Ramsey feels it is best to talk about financials before we talk about land sale because if SK Living is only interested in purchasing the land and building pending if the Town of Stewiacke agrees to put the Library in their building.

C.A.O Bogle: we have looked into the cost of renovating the NSCL and bringing it up to code, we have also looked into building on the church property. Staff feel that the Library is more of an immediate need than a Town Hall, so if the Library was to go into the SK Living facility the Town Administrative Staff would move into the Public Works Building after it has been renovated. We will get a break down of costs to display the figures.

Deputy Mayor Chapman feels we need to have more discussions on this topic before we reach any decisions.

Councillor Commo more information is needed before we move forward with a decision.

Councillor Rogers-Laing also feels we need more information before any agreements and decisions are made.

All Councillors would like to continue the discussion with SK Living but will need more information before decisions are made.

**b) Flag and Crosswalks-Progressive Flag**

Following a presentation from Truro Pride; Stewiacke Town Council was in support of raising the Progressive Flag in our Town and painting sidewalks in the progressive flag colours.

Truro Pride asked in the June Committee of the Whole Meeting, if the Town of Stewiacke is willing to raise the Rainbow/Progressive Flag on July 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. All are in favor of this ceremony.

Councillor Creelman mentions that we will need to update our Town Flag Flying Policy to include the Progressive Flag in the approved flag section. All Councillors are in favor of changing the policy and this will be brought up in the June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting.

Sidewalk/Crosswalk painting is favored by all councillors with Councillor Ramsey asking who will paint them, suggesting Mr. Sibley is brought into the discussion and Councillor Creelman wants to make sure we place the painted sidewalk/crosswalk in a part of town with good lighting.

**10 By-laws and Policies**

Nil.

**11. Citizen Comments**



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Mark McMullin: I live on Windcrest. I would like to know more on the research done on purchasing the NSLC Building and costs associated with moving the Town Office and Library into it. I would also like to know what \$1.6million would look like if the Town built this facility on the old church lot. We have had 2 options presented to us tonight: one being a partner in the condo corporation and the second being leasing and I think its best if we explore more into the leasing option.

Michelle Heighton: I live on Rockwell Drive. I would like to see the Town have more than 1 appraisal done, I hope there would be at least 3 completed for fair comparisons.

Suzi Lutz: Thank you for this presentation. I would to have a chat with the Town of Stewiacke about our options as residents living on Highland Drive.

Mary Eliza Humphries: I would like to see the comparisons of what we currently pay staff to care for the Library and where it aligns with the \$3,000.00 fee that SK Living would be charging.

**12. Mayor Report**

Nil.

**13. Councillors Report**

Nil.

**14. In Camera Session**

*On Motion of Councillor Rogers-Laing and Deputy Mayor Chapman it was moved that Stewiacke Town Council go into in-camera at 8:32pm.*

*Motion carried unanimously.*

*On Motion of Councillor Commo and Deputy Mayor Chapman it was moved that Stewiacke Town Council come out of in-camera at 9:17pm.*

*Motion carried unanimously.*

**15. Notice of Motion and Reconsideration**

Nil.

**16. Adjournment**

Time: 9:18PM

Read and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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Mayor

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