

**PUBLIC MEETING OF COUNCIL
MAY 6, 2021**

A Public Meeting of Council of the Town of Stephenville was held on May 5, 2021 @ 12:07 pm in the Council Chamber and was livestreamed.

Present:	Tom Rose	Mayor, Chairperson
	Susan Fowlow	Deputy Mayor
	Laura Aylward	Councillor
	Don Gibbon	Councillor
	Maurice Hynes	Councillor
	Mark Felix	Councillor

Staff: Jennifer Brake, Town Clerk
Director of Municipal Services, Ted Gracie

CALL TO ORDER/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion No. 21-135 Hynes/Felix

That the Agenda of the Public Meeting of Council of May 6, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

MINUTES

Public Meeting of Council, April 8, 2021

Motion No. 21- 136 Gibbon/Hynes

That the Minutes of the Public Meeting of Council for April 22, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

PROCLAMATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

Mayor Rose Declared:

- May 4 International Firefighters Day
- May 5, National Day of Awareness of Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls
- Canadian Mental Health Association - Mental Health Week May 4-10th

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Expense Cheque Listing for April 2021

Motion No. 21- 137 Hynes/Aylward

It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the expense cheque listing for April 2021 totaling \$495,815.89 be approved

Carried Unanimously

**Request for Advertising – Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Association,
31st Anniversary Crime Prevention Guide**

Motion No. 21- 138 Hynes/Aylward

It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Town of Stephenville purchase ¼ page ad in the amount of \$385.00 (HST Included) in the Crime Prevention Guide, Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Association.

Carried Unanimously

Request for Grant – Royal Canadian Legion, Recruitment of General Practitioners

Motion No. 21- 139 Gibbon/Aylward

Councillor Hynes declared conflict of Interest as President of the Legion and left the council chambers.

It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Town of Stephenville give a grant in the amount of \$75,000.00 to the Royal Canadian Legion to administer and deliver the incentive compensation program for the recruitment of Specialists and General Practitioners for Sir Thomas Roddick Hospital.

Councillor Felix stated the Chair of the finance committee was also the Chair of the Legion and that was a conflict of interest and an RFT should have been issued so any group could apply including the legion and counsel could have selected the best option.

Mayor Rose stated Western Health and the hospital foundation was first invited to administer the program. Western Health is challenged with Covid and unable to assist, and Hospital Foundation is a charitable organization and was advised by the chartered accountant they could not administer the program. There a chartered account and lawyer working with the legion to manage the program. Council Hynes was not in the discussions during the finance meeting.

Councillor Aylward stated the hospital foundation was going to administer the program until advised otherwise, there are three doctors waiting to receive the recruitment incentives and it was inquired if the Legion could assist. This was brought back to the legions executive.

the program administration deliver was given to non-profit organization that the finance committee and was was advised that Western Health Administration is challenged with Covid -19 and would not be able to administer the program

In Favor: Mayor Rose, Deputy Mayor Fowlw, Councillor Aylward, Councillor Gibbon

Opposed: Councillor Felix

Motion Carried.

Councillor Hynes returned the chamber upon conclusion of the vote and commenced chairing the finance committee items.

Request for Funding – Stephenville Airport Corporation

Motion No. 21- 140 Hynes/Gibbon

It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Town of Stephenville give a grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 to the Stephenville Airport Corporation to hire a part time position for marketing.

Councillor Felix stated he did not support the grant, an email do not justice their request without further details.

In Favor: Mayor Rose, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Gibbon, Councillor Aylward, Councillor Hynes

Opposed: Councillor Felix

Motion Carried

Request for Donation – Cystic Fibrosis Canada

Motion No. 21- 141 Hynes/Felix

It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Town of Stephenville give a grant in the amount of \$250.00 to “Walk to Make Cystic Fibrosis History.

Carried Unanimously

Request to Purchase – New Sand Truck with Blade

Motion No. 21- 142 Hynes/Felix

It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Town of Stephenville approve to purchase New Sand Truck with Blade as per the Public Procurement Act.

Carried Unanimously

Request to Purchase – Skid Steer with Attachments

Motion No. 21- 143 Hynes/Aylward

It was the recommendation of Finance Committee that the Town of Stephenville approve to purchase Skid Steer with two blowers and one bucket broom as per the Public Procurement Act.

Carried Unanimously

Request to Purchase – Crew Cab 4x4 Pickup Truck

Motion No. 21- 144 Hynes/Gibbon

It was the recommendation of Finance Committee that the Town of Stephenville approve to purchase New Crew Cab 4x4 Pickup Truck as per the Public Procurement Act.
Carried Unanimously

Request for Grant – Walk-A-Ways Park & Trails

Motion No. 21- 145 Hynes/Fowlow

It was the recommendation of the Finance committee that the Town of Stephenville give a grant in the amount of \$ 15,000 to the Walk-a-Ways Park and Trails.
Carried Unanimously

Membership Newfoundland & Labrador Aquaculture Industry Association (NAIA)

Motion No. 21- 146 Hynes/Felix

It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Town of Stephenville enroll with NAIA - Associate Membership in the amount of \$ 500.00 plus HST.
Carried Unanimously

Recruitment – Fire Chief

Motion No. 21- 147 Hynes/Aylward

It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Town of Stephenville recruit for the position of Fire Chief.
Carried Unanimously

Deputy Mayor expressed her disappointment that the town approved a two-year term to prepare someone as fire chief and now the position has to be filled.

Award of Tender, Queen Street Extension 17-GI-21-00024

Motion No. 21- 148 Hynes/Aylward

It was the recommendation of the Finance committee that the Town of Stephenville accept the recommendation from SNC Lavalin to award the Tender for Queen Street Extension 17-GI-21-00024 to Marine Contractors Inc. in the amount of \$661,837.94 HST Included.
Carried Unanimously

PLANNING & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

11-15 Queen Street – Georgina Gaudon

Motion No. 21- 149 Felix/Aylward

Deputy Mayor declared conflict of interest and left the council chambers.

Request for a permit to renovate space to decrease size of beauty salon on the property located at 11-15 Queen Street as per attached drawing.

It was the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee that this permit be approved, subject to compliance with all Town Regulations and approval of Service NL.

Carried Unanimously

Deputy Mayor returned upon conclusion of item.

18-20 Main Street – Island Construction & Environmental

Motion No. 21- 150 Felix/Aylward

Request for a permit to upgrade exterior fuel pumps as per drawings submitted on the property located at 18-20 Main Street.

It was the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee that this request for a permit be approved, subject to compliance with all Town Regulations and approval of Service NL.

Carried Unanimously

2 Chometry Drive – Trevor Stagg

Motion No. 21- 151 Fowlow/Felix

Request for a permit to subdivide land located at 2 Chometry Drive as per survey attached.

It was the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee that this permit be approved, subject to compliance with all Town Regulations.

Carried Unanimously

BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Updates from Stephenville Airport

Motion No. 21- 152 Aylward/Felix

On Motion by Councillor Aylward, Seconded by Councillor Felix

Let it be Resolved that the Town of Stephenville council receive quarterly reports from the Stephenville Airport Corporation Board and requests for funding be put on official letterhead with necessary details.

Carried Unanimously

Green Stability Committee Update

Deputy Mayor reported, wildflowers will be planted in various locations in town, and the community composter will be delivered next week.

Councillor Aylward

Councillor Aylward inquired on garbage pickup. Staff confirmed Bulk Friday's picks will commence in May.

Inquired if a speed radar sign can be erect on New Mexico Drive.

Deputy Mayor

Deputy Mayor encouraged individuals visit the towns website and facebook page for updates.

NOTICE OF MOTION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion No. 21- 153 Hynes/Felix

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm.

Carried Unanimously

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK