

**MINUTES
PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING
April 20th, 2023**

A public council meeting held at the Town of Stephenville Town office on Thursday April 20th, 2023. The meeting was also streamed.

Present	Susan Fowlow	Deputy Mayor, Chairperson
	Tom Rose	Mayor (online)
	Laura Aylward	Councillor
	Lenny Tiller	Councillor(online)
	Myra White	Councillor
	Tracy Boland	Councillor

Absent:	Tristan Hulan	Councillor *(issues connecting to online meeting on internal/external)
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Staff:	Colin Maddock, CAO
	Jennifer Brake, Town Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Susan Fowlow called the meeting to order at 12:03pm

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

23-117 Boland/White
Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.
In Favor: 6 Rose, Fowlow, Aylward, Boland, Tiller White
Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

23-118 Aylward/Boland
Be it resolved that the minutes of April 6th, 2023, public council meeting be approved as presented.
In Favor: 6 Rose, Fowlow, Aylward, Boland, Tiller White
Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

PROCLAMATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councillor White presented the recommendations from the finance committee meeting held on April 17, 2023.

Revised Budget 2023

23-119 White/Aylward

Be it resolved that approval be given to adopt a revised 2023 Budget with revenue and expenditures totaling \$9,542,782.

In Favor: 6 Rose, Fowlow, Aylward, Boland, Tiller White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Accounts Payable Listing

23-120 White/Boland

Be it resolved that approval be given to pay accounts payable listing for March totaling \$222,778.03.

In Favor: 6 Rose, Fowlow, Aylward, Boland, Tiller White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Approval to Submit-Application for Canada Community Building Fund

23-121 White/Boland

Be it resolved that approval be given to submit a Capital Investment Plan Application to the Canada Community Building Fund Secretariat, Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs in the amount of \$185,480.04 to rebuilt/redevelopment of the Towns Water Supply Wells.

In Favor: 6 Rose, Fowlow, Aylward, Boland, Tiller White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Request for Funds-Caribou Curling Club

23-122 White/Aylward

Be it resolved that approval be given to provide a grant to the Caribou Curling Club in the amount of \$5000.00.

In Favor: 6 Rose, Fowlow, Aylward, Boland, Tiller White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Change of Job Title

23-123 White/Aylward

Be it resolved that approval be given to change job title from Town Manager to Chief Administrative Officer.

In Favor: 6 Rose, Fowlow, Aylward, Boland, Tiller White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

PERMITS AND MUNICIPAL PLAN

Councillor White presented the recommendations from the Planning and Traffic committee meeting held on April 17, 2023.

54 St. George's Avenue- 92165 Newfoundland & Labrador Corp.

23-124 Aylward/White

Be it resolved to approve a permit to operate an AIRBNB and erect a sign on the residence located at 54 St. George's Avenue. Subject to Service NL approval.

In Favor: 6 Rose, Fowlow, Aylward, Boland, Tiller White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

145 New Mexico Drive- Marissa Abbott

23-125 Aylward/Boland

Be it resolved to approve a permit to replace porch overhang on the dwelling located at 145 New Mexico Drive.

In Favor: 6 Rose, Fowlow, Aylward, Boland, Tiller White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Annual Spring Clean-Up 2023

23-126 Aylward/Boland

Be it resolved to commence Spring Clean-up with Bulk Drop- Off at the Public Works Depot from April 25 to May 5, 2023 and Curbside Collection from May 8 to May 12th, 2023.

In Favor: 6 Rose, Fowlow, Aylward, Boland, Tiller White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Requesting Approval - Request for Quote Street Painting

23-127 Aylward/White

Be it resolved approval that the Town of Stephenville accept bid submitted from True Lines Pavement Marking in the amount of \$68,120 plus HST to complete Street Painting 2023.

In Favor: 6 Rose, Fowlow, Aylward, Boland, Tiller White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Questions were called, CAO responded the streets are being swept in preparation, and the painting will commence as soon as the temperatures permits. We will be working with contractor to complete bikes lanes

BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Administrator Officer

He indicated council will need to have a future discussion on the traditional camping locations beach side in Port Harmon. The airport has inquired if the town can review limiting campers in Port Harmon beach side area due to the increased presence of birds and the danger it brings to aircrafts. Deputy Mayor encouraged campers to delay setting up as the town will explore other area(s) to designate to campers.

Councillor Aylward

Councillors Aylward as Chair of the Hospital Foundation provided an update. Stating twenty members are on the board and over the past 37 years of fundraising they have raised over three million through online auctions, guardian angel pins, memorial board, tree of love. The office is open every Thursday 1- 3 pm. She stated the Sir Thomas Roddick Hospital has a surgeon until August, and they are still recruiting doctors; our hospital has modern equipment, and she is thankful because some communities are not so fortunate.

Mayor Rose

- Reminded residents of Mowi public engagement session tonight for the expansion of the Hatchery.
- World Energy announced the acquisition to purchase the Port of Stephenville. They will be holding community information session in Stephenville on Monday April 24.
- Airport should be sold to Carl Dymond within next 3 weeks.

Coucillor Tiller

Acknowledged and congratulated Ernest & Young, the airport and the town as the airport has been cleared of bankruptcy, he questioned if the town should provide its 30 days' notice to stop payment to the airport given the transaction to transfer the airport can be done in 20 days and the town could potentially provide money to private enterprises. In response Mayor Rose stated, this could be clarified, however in the terms of the sale Dymond has up to 20 days to transfer the funds into trust, and it was the opinion of the mayor that once it's validated the funds will be transferred, the town would provide the notice.

Councillor Boland

She asked for an update on the towns water system, In response CAO stated once the Gas Tax application is approved the redevelopment of three wells # 7, 9,10, will commence and the maintenance of Well No. 8 and No.1. New wells will have to be drilled in the near future and we are continuing to find and fix water leaks.

Deputy Mayor Fowlow

She noted it's important to recognize the town has aging infrastructure, and water main leaks will happen, It's important that we be prepared for growth and asset management of the water system is important.

Line painting is on track to commence soon.

NOTICE OF MOTION

None

ADJOURNMENT

23-128 Boland/White
Resolved that since there is no further business the meeting adjourned at
12:46pm
Carried Unanimously

Mayor

Town Clerk