

MINUTES
PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING
June 1st, 2023

A public council meeting held at the Town of Stephenville Town office on Thursday June 1st, 2023. The meeting was also streamed.

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

Staff: Colin Maddock, CAO
Jennifer Brake, Town Clerk

Deputy Mayor Fowlow acknowledged and apologized for the delay due to technical issue.

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Susan Fowlow called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

23-161 Boland/White

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

In Favor: 7 Aylward, Boland, Fowlow, Hulan, Rose, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

23-162 Tiller/Aylward

Be it resolved that the council meeting be approved as presented.

In Favor: 7 Aylward, Boland, Fowlow, Hulan, Rose, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

PROCLAMATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

Deputy Mayor recognized the month of June as Pride Month for LGBTQIA2S+. We pride ourselves on being a diverse, and welcoming, community.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Councillor White presented the recommendations from the finance committee meeting held on May 29th, 2023.

Expense Cheque Listing May 2023

23-163 White/Tiller

Be it resolved that approval be given to pay expense cheque listing for May 2023 totaling \$295,168.34.

In Favor: 7 Aylward, Boland, Fowlow, Hulan, Rose, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Approval to Submit-Application for Canada Community Building Fund

23-164 White/Aylward

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 \$271,355.34 to install and commission a new chain and flight systems in two clarifiers for the Towns Wastewater Treatment.

In Favor: 7 Aylward, Boland, Fowlow, Hulan, Rose, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

PERMITS AND MUNICIPAL PLAN

Councillor White presented the recommendations from the Planning and Traffic committee meeting held on May 29th, 2023.

1 Pieroway Drive- B & S Auto Sales

23-165 Aylward/Boland

Be it resolved approval to issue a permit to relocate existing home-based business for internet auto sales from 80 Gallant Street to 1 Pieroway Drive.

In Favor: 7 Aylward, Boland, Fowlow, Hulan, Rose, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

153 New Mexico Drive- Benoit Holdings Inc.

23-166 Aylward/Tiller

Be it resolved approval to issue a permit to operate a mobile auto detailing business and home-based office space from the property located at 153 New Mexico Drive. Parking must be in compliance with town regulations.

In Favor: 7 Aylward, Boland, Fowlow, Hulan, Rose, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

1 Washington Drive- St. Luke's Medical Clinic Inc.

23-167 Aylward/White

Be it resolved approval to issue a permit to change ownership from Almark Enterprises Ltd. to St. Luke's Medical Clinic Inc and continue operation of an existing medical clinic & pave new parking area 29' x 66' on the side of the building located at 1 Washington Drive, subject to Service NL approval.

In Favor: 7 Aylward, Boland, Fowlow, Hulan, Rose, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

367 Connecticut Drive- Coleman's Management Services Ltd.

23-168 Aylward/Tiller

Be it resolved approval to issue a permit to add new roof covering to existing warehouse on the property located at 367 Connecticut Drive, subject to service NL approval.

In Favor: 7 Aylward, Boland, Fowlow, Hulan, Rose, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

2-4 Crown Avenue

23-169 Aylward/White

Be it resolved approval to issue a permit to subdivide 2-4 Crown Avenue into 2 parcels 2 & 4 Crown Avenue as per surveys submitted.

In Favor: 7 Aylward, Boland, Fowlow, Hulan, Rose, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

107 Main Street – Arlims Ltd

Councillor Boland as owner/operator declared conflict of interest and left the council table.

23-170 Aylward/Tiller

Be it resolved approval to issue a permit to erect scaffolding and paint existing sign on the front of the building located at 107 Main Street.

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

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Councillor Boland returned to the council table.

BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Councillor Boland

Congratulated special Olympians, Michael Budden and Samantha Walsh, traveling to Berlin for World Games.

Councillor White

Congratulated Brenda Dennis for her award of citizen of the year.

Mayor Rose

Congratulated World Energy and Horizon Maritime in acquiring the Port of Stephenville. This will play a critical role in the development of the green hydrogen project for our region. It's anticipated this investment will bring future major investment as the ports will need infrastructure upgrades. This is on the heels of Carl Dymond and NL Partnerships transferring

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funds to purchase the airport. He acknowledged that residents have supported the airport to stay operational over the past 30 years and with World Energy, Dymond and investments coming the airport is in a good position.

He stated the College of the North Atlantic hosted a successful event for the Canadian Association of Motor Power Educators (CAMPE). There were high level educators from across the county present, and the town's economic development officer, Mike Ratter played a critical role in marketing Stephenville and the important developments happening. He acknowledged he spoke at the Centre for Heavy Equipment and Transportation Technology, it's the college's flagship facility in Stephenville.

Councillor Aylward

She acknowledged and thanked Dr. McComiskey for his services as he resigned from the position as chief of staff.

Western Health is renovating the housing units in Stephenville, which will help attract medical professionals.

She acknowledged the restrictions for foreign doctors are being reviewed, which may help with recruitment.

Deputy Mayor Fowlow

Acknowledged that government has set a precedence in allowing both Grand Falls and Gander hospitals to maintain obstetrics services; and in comparison, Stephenville and Corner Brook are no different. Deputy Mayor suggested it's time to engage government and health officials to improve the services offered at the Stephenville hospital.

Extended support to Deputy Mayor, Nicole Kieley and her family as she recovers from a serious accident.

NOTICE OF MOTION

None

ADJOURNMENT

23-171

Aylward/Boland

Resolved that since there is no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:37pm

In Favor: 7 Aylward, Boland, Fowlow, Hulan, Rose, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried