

**MINUTES
PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING
June 15th, 2023**

A public council meeting held at the Town of Stephenville Town office on Thursday June 15th, 2023. The meeting was also streamed.

Present	Tom Rose	Mayor, Chairperson
	Laura Aylward	Councillor
	Tracy Boland	Councillor
	Susan Fowlow	Deputy Mayor
	Tristan Hulan	Councillor
	Myra White	Councillor

Absent: Lenny Tiller Councillor

Staff: Jennifer Brake, Town Clerk
Mike Ratter, Economic Development Officer

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rose called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

23-172 Boland/Hulan
Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.
In Favor: 6 Aylward, Boland, Fowlow, Hulan, Rose, White
Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

23-173 White/Fowlow
Be it resolved that the minutes of June 1st, 2023, public council meeting be approved as presented.
In Favor: 6 Aylward, Boland, Fowlow, Hulan, Rose, White
Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

PROCLAMATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councillor White presented the recommendations from the finance committee meeting held on June 12th, 2023.

Account Payable Listing May 2023

23-174 White/Aylward

Be it resolved to approve to pay accounts payable listing in the amount of \$194,946.97.

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

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Community Grant Program- Bay St. George Powerlifting Club

23-175 White/Fowlow

Be it resolved to approve a Community Grant to Bay St. George Powerlifting Club in the amount of \$ 700.00 to purchase equipment.

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

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Western Health Retention Program

23-176 White/Boland

Be it resolved to give a grant to Royal Canadian Legion for Western Health Recruitment and Retention Program. \$104,000 will be allocated for retention benefits, \$9600.00 for recruitment benefits and \$15,600 for administrative fees for the total amount of \$129,200.

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

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Cancel Western Health Recruitment Program

23-177 White/Fowlow

Be it resolved that Western Health Recruitment Program to cancelled effective June 16, 2023; all previous signed recruitment agreements will be honored.

Mayor Rose requested Deputy Mayor Fowlow to chair the meeting. He noted the province has increased recruitment efforts, and the new provincial health care authority has been established, with these two actions in place, it's the right time to cancel this program. Mayor resumed as chair before vote.

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

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Event Grant- Art Fest Stephenville

23-178 White/Aylward

Be it resolved that approval be given to give a grant to Art Fest Stephenville committee in the amount of \$2400 to host a community event from June 22 – June 25. This event will further expand the theme for arts and culture in our community. On June 23, Arts NL is hosting its 38th Annual Art Awards show in Stephenville and PBS Production event is taking place on June 24.

Mayor Rose requested Deputy Mayor Fowlow to chair the meeting, he acknowledged the town economic development office and recreation and

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Wellness department assistance for the event. He stated a committee was formed a few months ago and acknowledged Deputy Mayor Fowlow and himself and arts and culture groups including Feather and Folk, Stephenville Theatre Festival and Bay St. George Artist's Association came together to plan the event. The broadcasting company from St. John's and public broadcasting service from the US will be filming next week, the PBS event will take place on June 24 at the airport; both Stephenville and the airport were selected because of its connection with the US; being a former US air force base, and 9/11 airport. The Art Fest Stephenville will capture culinary, artists, culture and musicians and this will bring economics to our town. Upon question from Councillor Boland, Deputy Mayor responded that the grant of \$2400 will be used to pay performers and sound system during the scheduled events. Mayor Rose resumed as chair before the vote of council.

In Favor: 6 Aylward, Boland, Fowlow, Hulan, Rose, White
Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

PERMITS AND MUNICIPAL PLAN

Councillor White presented the recommendations from the Planning and Traffic committee meeting held on June 12th, 2023.

40 Oregon Drive-Municipal Grants Division (Royal Canadian Mounted Police)

23-179

Aylward/Boland

Be it resolved to approve a permit to excavate and repair drainage line in front of the property located at 40 Oregon Drive.

In Favor: 6 Aylward, Boland, Fowlow, Hulan, Rose, White
Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

19 Oregon Drive- Acadian Hotel Inc.

23-180

Aylward/Hulan

Be it resolved to approve a permit to replace the existing front entrance with two steps and wheelchair ramp with railings and pave an extension on the existing drive-thru to accommodate accessible drop-off on the property located at 19 Oregon Drive.

In Favor: 6 Aylward, Boland, Fowlow, Hulan, Rose, White
Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

241 Carolina Avenue- Coleman's Furniture World Ltd.

23-181

Aylward/White

Be it resolved to approve a permit to utilize a portion of space to accommodate warehouse storage in the building located at 241 Carolina Avenue.

In Favor: 6 Aylward, Boland, Fowlow, Hulan, Rose, White
Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

42 St. Clare Avenue

23-182 Aylward/Fowlow

Be it resolved to approve a permit to consolidate an adjacent parcel of land with 42 St. Clare Avenue as per deed submitted.

In Favor:

Opposed: Motion Carried Unanimously

103-105 Main Street- DTW Holdings Ltd.

23-183 Aylward/White

Be it resolved to approve a permit to consolidate 2 parcels of land, 103-105 Main Street & 1 Churchill Street, into one parcel of land to be named 103-105 Main Street.

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

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

9 St. Clare Avenue- Search and Rescue Event

23-184 Aylward/Boland

Be it resolved to approve the road closure on St. Clare from Gallant Street and detour traffic to Hillview Avenue to accommodate equipment in front of the building to host an open house event on June 25th from 12 pm to 4 p.m.

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

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

The following items were late items brought forward.

23-185 On motion by Deputy Mayor Fowlow, Seconded by Councillor White
Be it resolved to approve an additional forty business days to complete the investigation for municipal code of conduct complaints for officials as outlined in article 4.5.1

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

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

23-186 On motion by Deputy Mayor Fowlow, Seconded by Councillor Boland
Be it resolved to approve an additional forty business days to complete the investigation for municipal code of conduct complaints for councillors as outlined in article 17.

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

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Mayor Rose requested Deputy Mayor chair the meeting to bring a motion forward.

23-187 On motion by Mayor Rose, Seconded by Councillor Aylward, that the Town of Stephenville support the Stephenville airport corporation sale of the airport to the Dymond group/greater NL Partnership.

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In Favor: 6 Aylward, Boland, Fowlow, Hulan, Rose, White
Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Councillor Aylward

She spoke about a parcel of land located on Ross Avenue not being safe and not meeting the aesthetics of the area. It was agreed by Mayor Rose and the town will be moving forward to address the safety issue. Deputy Mayor stated its important to be cognizant of following process.

Councillor Boland

She acknowledged working professionals are having issues finding childcare. In response Mayor Rose indicated we are working with the Francophone association and there are talks about offering a French Day care in Stephenville. He noted the federal and provincial government offered funding programs for affordable childcare and he suspects it to get better in the next year. Deputy Mayor acknowledged that the further issue is finding qualified individuals with the Early Childhood Education program that is required for the government funding programs and we need to encourage more people to have home day cares.

She recognized that the increase in crime and break-in is creating a negative feeling within our community and seniors are nervous. She asked for everyone to be aware and pay extra attention. Mayor Rose stated the best way we can mediate is with lighting, we can explore the cost of extra lighting in 2024. Councillor Aylward encouraged neighbors to light up their properties. Deputy Mayor identified addictions and crime are related, and if we can address and support the addictions, we might see reduction in crime. It's important we grow our social programs along with economic programs.

NOTICE OF MOTION

None

ADJOURNMENT

23-188 Fowlow/Aylward

Resolved that since there is no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:53pm

In Favor: 6 Aylward, Boland, Fowlow, Hulan, Rose, White
Opposed: 0 Motion Carried