

MINUTES
PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING
August 10th, 2023

A public council meeting held at the Town of Stephenville Town office on Thursday August 10th, 2023. The meeting was also streamed.

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

Absent:	Lenny Tiller	Councillor
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Staff:	Colin Maddock, CAO
	Jennifer Brake, Town Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rose called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

23-236 White/Boland

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

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

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Land Acknowledgement

We respectfully acknowledge the Town of Stephenville as the ancestral homeland of different populations of Indigenous people. We also acknowledge with respect, the rich histories and cultures of the Beothuk, Mi'kmaq, Innu and Inuit of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

23-237 Boland/Fowlow

Be it resolved that the minutes of July 20th, 2023, public council meeting be approved as presented.

In Favor: 6 Alyward, Boland, Fowlow, Hulan, Rose, 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 August 8th, 2023.

Property Tax

23-238

White/Aylward

Be it resolved approval be given for Property Tax write-offs in the amount of \$1,836.88.

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

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Water & Sewer Tax

23-239

White/Hulan

Be it resolved approval be given for Water & Sewer Tax adjustments in the amount of \$100.

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

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Accounts Payable Listing July 2023

23-240

White/Fowlow

Be it resolved approval to pay accounts payable for July 2023 in the amount of \$ 268,351.94.

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

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Expense Cheque Listing July 2023

23-241

White/Aylward

Be it resolved approval to pay Expense Cheques for July 2023 in the amount of \$368,803.35.

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

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

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Request for Donation – Run the Rock/Make-A-Wish

23-242

White/Fowlow

Be it resolved approval to give a grant in the amount of \$300.00 to Run the Rock, Make-A-Wish.

In Favor: 6 Alyward, 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 August 8th, 2023.

11 Bayside Drive

23-243

Aylward/White

Be it resolved approval to grant Outline Planning Permission to subdivide the property located at 11 Bayside Drive as per plot plan submitted.

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

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

22 Valley Road

23-244

Aylward/Hulan

Be it resolved approval to grant Outline Planning Permission to subdivide the property located at 22 Valley Road as per plot plan submitted.

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

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

141-147 Main Street – Galen Holdings Limited

23-245

Aylward/White

Be it resolved approval to issue a permit to repave parking lot 30' x 50' at rear of building located at 141-147 Main Street.

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

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

19 Woodland Street-Annette's Treats

23-246

Aylward/Hulan

Be it resolved approval to issue a permit to relocate and operate an existing home-based baked goods business out of the residence located at 19 Woodland Street, subject to compliance of Service NL approval and goods will be delivered to customers vehicles.

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

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

43 West Street- B & S Auto Sales/Sean Hickey

23-247

Aylward/Boland

Be it resolved approval to issue a permit to renovate existing building including interior & exterior renovations, replace existing pavement and erect a sign on the building to accommodate a medical clinic, as per drawings submitted, on the property located at 43 West Street, subject to compliance of Service NL approval.

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

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

21 St. Stephen's Street

23-248

Aylward/Boland

Be it resolved approval to grant Outlining Planning Permission to the applicant to construct 6.5' x 16' extension on rear of the house located at 21 St. Stephen's Street. The construction of the extension would result in 10% variance to the maximum permitted.

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

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

37-39 West Street

23-249

Aylward/White

Be it resolved approval to deny Outline Planning Permission to construct four-plex on the property located at 37-39 West Street as per Town of Stephenville Development Regulation, 2014 Article 55 – no residential or commercial building shall be erected unless the lot on which it is situated fronts directly onto a publicly owned and maintained street or forms part of a comprehensive development.

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

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Rose

He clarified a statement he made during a recent interview. The intention of my statement that was made during an interview in reference to the community grant program was to clarify that the council and the town of Stephenville should continuously improve our communication with our community; It was not the intention to suggest that staff did not communicate as directed. He noted the council do have the greatest respect for our employees and the work that they do. He noted the town will be accepting applications again for the community grant program soon and an announcement will be forthcoming.

NEW BUSINESS

Deputy Mayor Fowlow

Stephenville Day

She thanked the recreation and wellness department for the successful Stephenville Day event that was held on Main Street for the first time. She also acknowledged the RCMP participated, and their fundraising event raised \$2006 that was distributed equally to Mothers Against Drunk Driving - MADD and Sick Childrens Foundation.

Run the Rock Event

Councillor Boland, Fire Chief and herself participated in the Run the Rock fundraiser event.

She congratulated Darrell Chipp placement at the national disc golf tournament, noting he was instrumental in setting up disc golf in Stephenville.

Fireworks

She reminded citizens of the towns firework policy that allows fireworks on New Years Eve and July 1. We will continue to communicate as people have indicated they were unaware of the policy. She suggested communication also be sent to the retail stores that sell fireworks.

Councillor Boland

She congratulated Katrina Roxon. Deputy Mayor noted for a community our size and the limited seasonal training facilities, athletics are still winning on the North America and World stages. Mayor Rose commented that World Energy commitment of 3.3 million dollars over three years may be used to provide recreational indoor space.

Mayor Rose

August 5, 2023, the first ship was docked at the Port of Stephenville under the new owners World Energy/Horizon Maritime. The Polar Prince docked with young environmental scientists/university students, mentors, and coaches. The program is called the Blue Economy; which is supporting and protecting ecosystems around the water. He noted he attended the presentation for the group along with Councillor Aylward and Councillor White.

He noted he met visitors from Boston that flew in on a private aircraft. They later communicated and praised the town's air quality and the exceptional hospitality. They will be purchasing a property in the Stephenville area. The mayor stated we have so much to offer, we are the best on the West Coast.

August 23, 2023, will be the one-year anniversary date of the of the signing of the Green Energy accord between Germany and Canada in Stephenville. He stated this was the largest political signing in the history of the province of Newfoundland and Labrador. This

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is G7 level and since the signing World Energy has purchased the Port of Stephenville. He stated this is a signature project estimated at 12 billion dollars and scaled as the single largest private investment in the history of Atlantic Canada. The process is proceeding through crown lands and environmental approvals. He stated this will be a game changer for Newfoundland and Labrador. And we will be reaching out to provincial leaders to talk about potential growth and infrastructure requirements needed for the town.

In 2024 we will be exploring increasing lighting in our community for safety.

Councillor Aylward

She stated she had a call from resident on New Mexico Drive, concerning child safety with the constant vehicles speeding. In response Mayor Rose suggested this be brought forward to be addressed and explore speed bumps.

Update on Sir Thomas Roddick Hospital

She met with senior officials for western zone. Chief Administrative Officer is now Terra Freake, Chief of Medical Affairs is now Dr. Scott McKenzie, Jim Wiseman, Facilities and also liaison for the STRH foundation. Two new doctors will be starting at the Bay St. George Medical Clinic. The registration process for emergency department is under a new pilot project. They will be issuing a Request for Proposals to accommodate staffing until a new clinic is built. Mayor Rose made comment, once world energy project is approved, we will need to meet with provincial health care officials to ensure the hospital has adequate staffing for future requirements of the town.

NOTICE OF MOTION

None

ADJOURNMENT

23-250

White/Boland

Resolved that since there is no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:42pm

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

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried