

**MINUTES
PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING
November 9th, 2023**

A public council meeting held at the Town of Stephenville Town office on Thursday November 9th, 2023. The meeting was also streamed.

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

Staff: Colin Maddock, CAO
Jennifer Brake, Town Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

23-332

Boland/Hulan

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

In Favor: 7

Alyward, Boland, Fowlow, Hulan, Rose, Tiller, 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

23-333

Boland/White

Be it resolved that the minutes of October 26th, 2023, public council meeting be approved as presented.

In Favor: 7

Alyward, Boland, Fowlow, Hulan, Rose, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

PROCLAMATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

Proclaim the Month of November as Crohn's and Colitis Awareness Month

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Deputy Mayor Fowlow presented the recommendations from the finance committee meeting held on November 6th, 2023.

Expense Cheques October 2023

23-334

Fowlow/White

Be it resolved to approve Expense Cheques for October in the amount of \$514,547.56.

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

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Request for Donation- Stephenville High School Scholarship & Bursary Committee

23-335

Fowlow/Alyward

Be it resolved to approve \$1000.00 to the Stephenville High School Scholarship & Bursary Fund, \$500 to be allocated for Mike Tobin Memorial Scholarship.

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

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Christmas Adventure

23-336

Fowlow/Hulan

Be it resolved to approve to allocate \$9,150.00 for the 2023 Christmas Adventure Event on Main Street.

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

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Request for Sponsorship- Baking it Up a Notch

23-337

Fowlow/Tiller

Be it resolved to deny sponsoring the baking show in 2023.

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

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Approval to Hire – Director of Public Works, Engineering and Asset Management

23-338

Fowlow/Hulan

Be it resolved to hire Ira Barter for the position of Director of Public Works, Engineering and Asset Management.

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

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

PERMITS AND MUNICIPAL PLAN

Councillor Aylward presented the recommendations from the Planning and Traffic committee meeting held on November 6th, 2023.

Fracflow Consultants

23-339 Aylward/Fowlow

Be it resolved to approve a permit to use ROV to inspect Muddy Pond to Mine Pond pipeline, as per map and work description provided.

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

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Fracflow Consultants

23-340 Aylward/Fowlow

Be it resolved to approve a permit to remove brush entering Mine Pond and to continue along the shoreline which will be cleared by hand.

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

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Fracflow Consultants

23-341 Aylward/Hulan

Be it resolved to approve a permit to remove soil and concrete panels to expose valve chamber between Muddy Pond and Mine Pond pipeline and temporarily remove butterfly valve to complete ROV inspection of the pipeline. Once inspected the valve would be restored or new gate valve installed.

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

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

World Energy GH2

23-342 Aylward/Boland

Be it resolved to approve a permit to complete drilling, coring and inspections of wharf decking from 2A Harbour Drive to Dock Area.

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

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

41 Main Street- Wikmaq Auto Parts & Equipment Corp.

23-343 Aylward/White

Be it resolved to approve a permit to relocate existing auto parts business from 149-151 Main Street to 41 Main Street and erect a sign on the building.

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

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

MADD- Bay St. George Chapter- Annual Red Ribbon Campaign Parade

It was the consensus of the council that Councilor Tiller as the director of the BSG Chapter for MADD, would not be in conflict for this event.

23-344 Aylward/Boland

Be it resolved to approve the Annual Red Ribbon Campaign Parade starting on Queen Street on November 25, 2023 @ 11:30 am.

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

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

19 Oregon Drive- Acadian Hotel

23-345 Aylward/Hulan

Be it resolved to approve permit to discharge fireworks on Dakota Drive on December 10, 2023 between the hours of 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm for the grand opening of the Acadian Hotel.

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

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

2 Harbour Drive – Burtons Electrical

23-346 Aylward/Hulan

Be it resolved to approve a permit to install electrical service on two temporary mobile trailers.

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

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Code of Conduct Complaint No. 2

23-347 Aylward/Fowlow

Councillor Hulan declared a conflict of interest and left the council table

Be it resolved that council at a privileged meeting reviewed a code of conduct complaint No. 2 dated April 21, 2023 against a member of council and hereby accepts the recommendation of the external investigator to dismiss the complaint.

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

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Councillor Hulan returned to the council table.

Code of Conduct Complaint No. 7

23-348 Hulan/Tiller

Mayor Rose & Deputy Mayor Fowlow declared conflict of Interest and left the council table.

Be it resolved that council at a privileged meeting reviewed a code of conduct complaint No. 7 dated April 26, 2023 against a members of council and hereby accepts the recommendation of the external investigator to dismiss the complaint.

In Favor: 5 Alyward, Boland, Hulan, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Mayor & Deputy Mayor returned to council table.

BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Councillor White

She has accepted the position to be council's representative on the Bay St. George Extended Senior's Transportation (BEST BUS). In response Mayor Rose stated his appreciation and urged others to also volunteer. He stated council was successful in obtaining funding to purchase the bus, and the program was replicated from the Town of Clarendville.

Councillor Hulan

The speed bumps have been removed in preparation of snow clearing and will be erected after the winter season.

Councillor Tiller

Pleased to see the return of senior hockey at the Dome. He put a call out to the Mayor of Deer Lake to attend a hockey game in Stephenville.

Mayor Rose

He attended the Acadian 50th anniversary event that took place on Saturday at the Knights of Columbus. It included dignitary's executives from the French Association of Atlantic Canada including the Director General for the Atlantic Canada Francophone

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Association. He thanked management for preparing the proclamation and declaration that Deputy Mayor Fowlow delivered at the last public meeting of council. He noted it's the commitment of this council to bring back French culture and foster language training. He sent congratulations to new president of the association Tony Cornect

Council has received first draft of municipal growth plan from Upland consulting and Public consultations will start next week. Business, organizations, and the interested public will have an opportunity to review the plan. The plan will recognize the potential growth of Stephenville, identify growth strategies for expansion.

Councillor Aylward

On behalf of council she attended the remembrance day supper event at the legion. She acknowledged the event was well attended, and the guest speaker was very interesting, sharing his personal experiences.

Mayor Rose

In response he acknowledged CAO Colin Maddock as an indigenous naval veteran and himself as indigenous air force veteran. He stated "our sovereignty is important for those who wear a uniform, those that lost their life or served in the past". He provided a brief synopsis of the history events that took place in Quebec City, 1776, and stating it been acknowledged if it was not for f it were not for Newfoundlanders, there'd probably be no Canada"

NOTICE OF MOTION

None

ADJOURNMENT

23-350

White/Boland

Resolved that since there is no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:49pm

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

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Motion Carried