

MINUTES
PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING
May 4th, 2023

A public council meeting was held at the Town of Stephenville Town Office on Thursday May 4th, 2023.

Present	Tom Rose	Mayor
	Laura Aylward	Councillor
	Lenny Tiller	Councillor
	Myra White	Councillor
	Tristan Hulan	Councillor(joined @ 7:14pm, online)
Absent:	Susan Fowlow	Deputy Mayor
	Tracy Boland	Councillor
Staff:	Colin Maddock, CAO	
	Jennifer Brake, Town Clerk	

Mayor Rose called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

23-129 Aylward/Tiller

Be it resolved to approve the agenda as circulated.

In Favor: 4 Rose, Aylward, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

23-130 White/Tiller

Be it resolved to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting of Council of April 20th, 2023

In Favor: 4 Rose, Aylward, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

NONE

PROCLAMATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

The Mayor read and signed the proclamation of:
May 5th is recognized as the National Day of Awareness of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls in Bay St. George

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councillor White presented the recommendations from the finance committee meeting held on May 1, 2023.

Expense Cheque Listing April 2023

23-131 White/Aylward

Be it resolved that approval be given to pay Expense Cheque listing for April totaling \$269,816.14.

In Favor: 5 Rose, Aylward, Hulan, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Request for Sponsorship - Harmon Seaside Links

23-132 White/Tiller

Be it resolved that the town of Stephenville decline providing sponsorship to advertise with Harmon Seaside Links.

In Favor: 5 Rose, Aylward, Hulan, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Approval to Sign MOU- Stephenville Fire Department and NSP Maritime Link Inc Bottom Brook Site (Emera)

23-133 White/Tiller

Be it resolved that approval be given for the Town of Stephenville Council to enter Memorandum of Understanding with Nova Scotia Power (NSP) Maritime Link Inc to provide "Rescue Services" to the Bottom Brook Converter Station of NSP Maritime Link for a period of five years.

In Favor: 5 Rose, Aylward, Hulan, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

PERMITS AND MUNICIPAL PLAN

Councillor Aylward presented the recommendations from the Planning and Traffic committee meeting held on May 1st, 2023.

123 West Street-Roy White

23-134 Aylward/White

Be it resolved approval for Outline Planning Permission to subdivide land located at 123 West Street for the purpose of selling the lower portion to an adjacent business.

In Favor: 5 Rose, Aylward, Hulan, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

16-26 Prince Rupert Drive- Eddy Services

23-135 Aylward/Tiller

Be it resolved to approve Outline Planning Permission to purchase and consolidate a vacant lot at the lower portion of 123 West Street with 16-26 Prince Rupert Drive to expand current vehicle storage lot and erect a fence and grade the lot with class A material.

In Favor: 5 Rose, Aylward, Hulan, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

141 Carolina Avenue- Boyd and Bungay

23-136 Aylward/White

Be it resolved to approve a permit to construct a 24' x 80' extension to an existing building located at 141 Carolina Avenue. Subject to Service NL approval.

In Favor: 5 Rose, Aylward, Hulan, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

4 Empire Avenue

23-137 Aylward/Tiller

Be it resolved to approve a permit to construct a 4' x 8' porch over basement door on the rear of property located at 4 Empire Avenue.

In Favor: 5 Rose, Aylward, Hulan, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Designated Areas for Overnight Camping

23-138 Aylward/White

Be it resolved that camping tents, trailers and recreational vehicles for overnight camping not be permitted in the Town of Stephenville boundaries, with the exception of designated areas. Designated areas include: Kincourt – until August 15, 2023, approved campgrounds, or residential property as a temporary activity.

Mayor Rose stated the decision to limit camping to designated areas was due to increased campers on the beach, the aesthetics and the number of complaints. Council has provided a solution that will still allow camping with access to the beach and the town will provide enhance services at Kincourt. Councillor Tiller agreed and praised the council and staff for finding a solution. The Chief Administrative Officer added campers are also parked in downtown area, and this will provide a measure to regulate.

In Favor: 5 Rose, Aylward, Hulan, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Rose

He proclaimed five benefits of Stephenville; first Stephenville has the best weather of an airport town, east of Montreal, closer to Canada, best core infrastructure; with an International Airport and International Seaport, best soil, and the last benefit, Stephenville is close to Port au Basques; allowing access to the Midland. Councillor Aylward in response suggested the west coast should have been the capital of Newfoundland, and there should be a double lane highway from Port au Basque to St. John's; Mayor Rose included to provincially lobby for a highway from Port au Basque to Stephenville.

NOTICE OF MOTION

None

ADJOURNMENT

23-139 Tiller/White

Resolved that since there is no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Carried Unanimously