

**PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING
November 23rd, 2023**

A public council meeting was held at the Town of Stephenville Town office on Thursday November 23rd, 2023. The meeting was also streamed.

Present	Tom Rose	Mayor, Chair
	Susan Fowlow	Deputy Mayor
	Laura Aylward	Councillor
	Lenny Tiller	Councillor
	Myra White	Councillor

Absent:	Tristan Hulan	Councillor
	Tracy Boland	Councillor

Staff: Jennifer Brake, Town Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rose called the meeting to order at 7:14 PM

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

23-351 Aylward/White
Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.
In Favor: 5 Alyward, Fowlow, 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

23-352 White/Aylward
Be it resolved that the minutes of November 9th, 2023, public council meeting be approved as presented.
In Favor: 5 Alyward, Fowlow, Rose, Tiller, White
Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

PROCLAMATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councillor Fowlow presented the recommendations from the finance committee meeting held on November 20th, 2023.

Water & Sewer

23-353

Fowlow/Tiller

Be it resolved to approve adjustments to Water & Sewer Tax in the amount of \$1,703.88.

In Favor: 5

Alyward, Fowlow, Rose, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried

Accounts Payable October 2023

23-354

Fowlow/Alyward

Be it resolved to approve Account Payable for October in the amount of \$233,903.04.

In Favor: 5

Alyward, Fowlow, Rose, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried

Request for Donation- College of the North Atlantic, Town of Stephenville Achievement Award

23-355

Fowlow/White

Be it resolved to approve \$500.00 to the College of the North Atlantic Achievement Award Scholarship.

In Favor: 5

Alyward, Fowlow, Rose, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried

Waste Disposal Program

23-356

Fowlow/White

Be it resolved that the Town of Stephenville implement waste disposal program in order for residents to access Western Regional Waste management transfer station site.

Town of Stephenville residents will be permitted to use the Western Regional Waste Management Card once per year with no fee; proper identification to verify residency will be required.

Card users will be required to follow Western Regional Waste Management sorting requirements and noncompliance users may be invoiced for extra charges incurred at the discretion of the town.

In Favor: 5

Alyward, Fowlow, Rose, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried

Approval to Tender, Garbage Collection

23-357 Fowlow/Tiller
Be it resolved that the Town of Stephenville issue a Tender for Garbage Collection for one year.
In Favor: 5 Alyward, Fowlow, Rose, Tiller, White
Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Approval to Tender Building Cleaning Services

23-358 Fowlow/Alyward
Be it resolved that the Town of Stephenville issue a Tender for Building Cleaning Services for the Town of Stephenville Office Buildings.
In Favor: 5 Alyward, Fowlow, Rose, Tiller, White
Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Approval to Award RFP 2023-004

23-359 Fowlow/White
Be it resolved to award Request for Proposal 2023-004 for the sale of 72 Missouri Drive as per agreement to 10503 Newfoundland Limited in the amount of \$20,000.
In Favor: 5 Alyward, Fowlow, Rose, Tiller, White
Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Approval to Sign funding agreement Project No. 17-GI-24-00091 - Rose Avenue Reconstruction

23-360 Fowlow/Tiller
Be it resolved that the Town of Stephenville accept the cost-shared funding agreement as outlined from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure project approval letter dated November 9 2023, Project Number 17-GI-24-00091 – Rose Avenue Reconstruction with a total project value of \$ 1,985,344. The Town of Stephenville agrees to provide municipal share of 20% totaling \$360,075 for this project and authorizes the Mayor and Town Clerk to enter into a funding agreement with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure on behalf of the Town of Stephenville.
In Favor: 5 Alyward, Fowlow, Rose, Tiller, White
Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Rescind Motion No. 23-219

23-361 Fowlow/Alyward
Be it resolved that the decision of council for Motion No. 23-219, concerning supplementary invoices for Art Fest events that was denied in the amount of \$ 4,550.53 be rescinded as the invoice in the amount of \$2,990.00 was incorrectly assigned to this event.
In Favor: 4 Alyward, Fowlow, Rose, White
Opposed: 1 Tiller
Motion Defeated

Appointment of Chief Administrative Officer

23-362

Fowlow/Tiller

Be it resolved to hire Mr. Jonathan Galgay for the position of Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) for the Town of Stephenville.

In In Favor: 5 Alyward, Fowlow, 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 20th, 2023.

93-10 Little Port Harmon Road

23-363

Aylward/White

Be it resolved to approve Outline Planning Permission to sub-divide parcel of land located at 93-11 Little Port Harmon, as per survey attached, and consolidate with 93-10 Little Port Harmon.

In Favor: 5 Alyward, Fowlow, Rose, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

45 Hillier Avenue- Thomas & Joanne Rose

23-364

Aylward/Tiller

Mayor Rose declared conflict of Interest as the property owner, he left the council table.

Be it resolved to approve a permit to construct an 8' x 20' woodshed on east side of existing barn, on the property located at 45 Hillier Avenue.

In Favor: 4 Alyward, Fowlow, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Mayor Rose returned to the council table.

BSG Kinsmen 2023 Santa Claus Parade

23-365

Aylward/White

Be it resolved to approve the 2023 Santa Claus Parade on December 2, 2023 from 6:30 – 9:30pm. The parade will commence on Carolina Avenue, through Main Street to West Street (Knights of Columbus Building). Carolina Avenue, Main Street and West Street from its intersection with Main Street to Boland Drive will be closed to vehicular traffic. No vehicles will be permitted on Main Street during the event.

In Favor: 5 Alyward, Fowlow, Rose, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Dakota Drive- World Energy GH2

23-366 Aylward/Tiller

Be it resolved to approve a permit to grub and grade a parcel of land adjacent to Dakota Drive and Rorstad Drive, as per plot plan submitted.

In Favor: 5 Alyward, Fowlow, Rose, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

29 Gillis Drive- Rosey Inn

23-367 Aylward/White

Be it resolved to approve a permit to operate an AIRBNB in the residence located at 29 Gillis Drive, subject to Service NL Approval.

In Favor: 5 Alyward, Fowlow, Rose, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

56-60 Prince Rupert Drive- Loblaw's Properties Inc.

23-368 Aylward/White

Be it resolved to approve a permit to install security gates in existing store, as per drawings submitted, on the property located at 56-60 Prince Rupert Drive, subject to Service NL Approval.

In Favor: 5 Alyward, Fowlow, Rose, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Code of Conduct No. 9

23-369 Aylward/White

Deputy Mayor Fowlow 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. 9 dated July 4, 2023 against a member of council and hereby do not accept the recommendation of the external investigator but rather dismiss the complaint.

In Favor: 4 Alyward, Rose, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Deputy Mayor Fowlow returned to the council table.

BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Councillor Aylward

Councillor Aylward stated the Sir Thomas Roddick Hospital Foundation has a new Chairperson, and she will continue in the role of Vice- Chair. She stated she was elected in 1993 for the Sir Thomas Roddick Hospital Foundation and served as Chair since 2017.

Tree of Love - The Sir Thomas Roddick Hospital Tree of Love Fundraising Event will take place on December 11th at 7:00pm in the courtyard. Bulbs can be purchased by calling the Hospitals Foundation office or Debbie's Video.

Fundraising Event - Yard sale will take place at 111 Main Street this coming Saturday and Sunday from 10:00am -2:00pm. Donations will be accepted and can be dropped off on Friday.

Mayor Rose thanked Councillor Aylward and the hospital foundation committee for their support for health care and contributions to the community, raising millions of dollars to purchase specialized equipment. Councillor Aylward stated over 3 million dollars has been raised by the foundation, and communities from St. George's to Cape St. George help with fundraising, noting the peninsula raises a lot of money for the foundation.

Expressed condolences to the family of late Fred Dutcher, he was retired from the Town of Stephenville.

Reminder for Saturday November 25th rally on the ramp in support of the hydrogen project.

Deputy Mayor Fowlow

Deputy Mayor Fowlow thanked the former CAO for staying beyond his resignation to see us through. She stated during the current recruitment process, the HR committee noticed not only an increase in applicants but applicants from across Canada. During discussions they are aware of the potential growth for Stephenville; people are wanting to come and work here, and this is exciting for community and economic growth.

Mayor Rose

Mayor Rose wished the former CAO and his family all the best, acknowledging his economic background and experience working in the European Union was valuable. Mayor Rose echoed the continued support displayed by all levels of government for green energy revolution, noting the President of the European Union has a significant meeting with the Prime Minister of Canada in St. John's. Stephenville is a part of the resolution; we held the world summit last year, our rich raw resources, including deep-sea International Port, adjacently to Europe, connected to an international airport that can land the largest planes in the world. He referenced that the council chose a logo with the tagline "Embraced by Nature" not knowing how it would be fitting years later.

Mayor Rose stated it's time we show support to World Energy GH2. The region and a lot of people are in support of the project. We need to send a strong message to help the government formulate the approval process as they run through their regiment of environmental EIS standards that we'll get this project moving in 2024. There has been a small group of protestors that have been vocal, and we value everyone's rights, but I believe some are uninformed and people are pointing out inaccuracies about why the project is bad. This project is a clean green zero emissions energy project that has Stephenville on the world's map, and we have become a global asset with so much international investment.

Councillor Tiller

Councillor Tiller stated that the Local Food Bank is in desperate need of donations. The Rally on Saturday will be accepting donations, and the Stephenville Lightning Hockey League on Sunday November 26th will be doing a food drive. Mayor Rose in response stated Salt Life Marine & Industrial Supplies Ltd located at 241 Carolina Avenue will be location to drop off donations on Saturday.

NOTICE OF MOTION

None

ADJOURNMENT

23-370

Tiller/Fowlow

Resolved that since there is no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:07pm

In Favor: 5 Alyward, Fowlow, Rose, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried