

## **PUBLIC MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**June 6, 2024**

A public council meeting was held at the Town of Stephenville Town office on Thursday June 6, 2024. The meeting was also live streamed.

Present	Tom Rose	Mayor, Chairperson
	Laura Aylward	Councillor
	Maurice Hynes	Councillor
	Tom O'Brien	Councillor
	Darren Roberts	Councillor
	Myra White	Councillor
Absent:	Susan Fowlow	Deputy Mayor

Staff:

Bill Ramsay, CAO
Jennifer Brake, Town Clerk
Marilee Joy-Castillo, Communications Coordinator

### **CALL TO ORDER**

**24-189** Moved by Councillor Roberts, Seconded by Councillor White  
The meeting was called to order at 12:12pm

In Favor:	6	Aylward, Hynes, O'Brien, Roberts, Rose, White
Opposed:	0	Carried

### **Land Acknowledgment**

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 AGENDA**

**24-190** Moved by Councillor Roberts, Seconded by Councillor Hynes

Be it Resolved that the agenda for June 6, 2024 be approved as presented.

In Favor:	6	Aylward, Hynes, O'Brien, Roberts, Rose, White
Opposed:	0	Carried

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**24-191** Moved by Councillor Roberts, Seconded by Councillor O'Brien

Be it Resolved to approve the Public Meeting of Council Minutes dated May 23, 2024 as circulated.

In Favor:	6	Aylward, Hynes, O'Brien, Roberts, Rose, White
Opposed:	0	Carried

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

No Matters

## **PROCLAMATIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

Proclamation – June was recognized as Recreation Month

Proclamation – June was recognized as Pride Month, and it was acknowledged that the pride flag was raised at the town office.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### ***Finance Committee***

The Finance committee met on June 3, 2024 and the following item was recommended for council approval.

### **Accounts Payable**

**24-192** Moved by Councillor White, Seconded by Councillor Roberts

Be it Resolved to pay Accounts Payable for May 28, 2024 in the amount of \$60,925.41

In Favor: 6 Aylward, Hynes, O'Brien, Roberts, Rose, White  
Opposed: 0 Carried

### **Expense Cheque Listing**

**24-193** Moved by Councillor White, Seconded by Councillor Roberts

Be it Resolved to pay Expense Cheque Listing for May 2024 in the amount of \$528,058.22

In Favor: 6 Aylward, Hynes, O'Brien, Roberts, Rose, White  
Opposed: 0 Carried

### **Remission of Tax**

**24-194** Moved by Councillor White, Seconded by Councillor Aylward

Be it Resolved to approve remission of tax in the amount of \$292.40

In Favor: 6 Aylward, Hynes, O'Brien, Roberts, Rose, White  
Opposed: 0 Carried

### **Request for Sponsorship - 2024 CFFF Memorial Bike Ride**

**24-195** Moved by Councillor White, Seconded by Councillor Hynes

Be it Resolved that the Town of Stephenville provide a sponsorship in the amount of \$500.00 to The Canadian Fallen Firefighters Foundation Memorial Cycling Ride.

In Favor: 5 Aylward, Hynes, O'Brien, Rose, White  
Opposed: 1 Roberts Carried

**Request for Grant – Business Improvement Association**

**24-196** Moved by Councillor White, Seconded by Councillor Aylward

Councillor Roberts declared a conflict of interest due to business matters and left the council table and returned after the resolution was approved.

Be it Resolved to approve a grant in the amount of \$23,702 to the Business Improvement Association to match 2024 tenant assessments of 1 mil.

In Favor: 5 Aylward, Hynes, O’Brien, Rose, White  
Opposed: 0 Carried

**Approval to Travel**

**24-197** Moved by Councillor White, Seconded by Councillor Aylward

Be it Resolved to approve Mayor Rose and CAO Bill Ramsay to attend Energy NL Conference & Exhibition 2024 from June 4 – 6, 2024 in St. John’s.

In Favor: 6 Aylward, Hynes, O’Brien, Roberts, Rose, White  
Opposed: 0 Carried

**PLANNING & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE**

The Planning & Traffic committee met on June 4, 2024 and the following items were recommended for council approval.

**Permits**

**24-198** Moved by Councillor Aylward, Seconded by Councillor White

Be it Resolved that the following permits be approved as presented. Applicable permits will require inspections, licenses, and permits as required by Service NL.

2 Fairview Rd.	Operate AirBNB
20 Oregon Dr.	Subdivide into two parcels of land, construct 5 plex as per plot plan
13 Tennessee Dr.	Approval to use existing maintenance garage to be certified to complete motor vehicle inspections
World Energy Dock Area	Conduct environmental sampling, remedial work, geotechnical inspections, remove remedial materials to approved storage area, complete road maintenance; as per Zone 3 & Zone 4 on map submitted.

In Favor: 6 Aylward, Hynes, O’Brien, Roberts, Rose, White  
Opposed: 0 Carried

**Approval to Rezone – 150 Minnesota Drive**

**24-199** Moved by Councillor Aylward, Seconded by Councillor O'Brien

Be it Resolved to approve to rezone parcel of land as per map, located at 150 Minnesota Drive from Comprehensive Development Area - Community Services to Public Use, to accommodate Collaborative Care Clinic.

In Favor: 6 Aylward, Hynes, O'Brien, Roberts, Rose, White  
Opposed: 0 Carried

**BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

**National Indigenous Peoples Day**

**24-200** Moved by Mayor Rose, Seconded by Councillor O'Brien

Be it resolved that the Town of Stephenville recognize Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21 as a Statutory Holiday.

In Favor: 6 Aylward, Hynes, O'Brien, Roberts, Rose, White  
Opposed: 0 Carried

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Councillor O'Brien**

Acknowledged announcement that Porter Airlines has added service to Deerlake airport. He expressed its good to have an additional service to the West Coast but it's unfortunate it's not Stephenville given the past agreements with Porter. However, we don't know the dealing between that Porter Airlines had with Dymond International Airport or Deerlake airport.

He recommended the council meet with Carl Dymond/management of Dymond International airport to receive an update on commercial airlines activity. He noted CAO Mr. Ramsay is trying to arrange a meeting with council and previous airport board members to understand how the deal unfolded, with consideration of the original announcement in 2021.

**Mayor Rose**

Stated he was disappointed with Porter from a corporate perspective because the airport, the town and the citizens put at least half a million dollars into Porter Airlines over five years to build a market here. He noted Deer Lake airport may have put more money and more offering than Stephenville could. Councillor Aylward acknowledged Port Aux Basques was the only community that financially supported Porter airlines service into Stephenville airport.

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He hopes Porter and other airlines will consider service into Stephenville in 2025 due to economic activity. He wished the Dymond company and officials all the best in attracting commercial, corporate, cargo and military aircraft back to the airport.

### **Councillor Hynes**

Acknowledged he worked at the airport, and after working hard to attract business and military service the airport was doing good. Due to competition with another airport on the island the service was changed, and it never rebounded. The airport had excellent support from the Canadian Boarder Services, but at the end of the day airlines is looking at their profit margin.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Mayor Rose**

He acknowledged Councillor Laura Aylward Birthday.

He stated the Energy NL conference that he attended along with the CAO was a successful conference. Exxon Mobil and World Energy GH2 presented at the conference. World Energy spoke of Stephenville being a green energy hub, which will expand into other industries including green steel, and sustainable aviation fuels.

Sean Leet CEO of the project announced that the DOB Academy, World Energy and Qalipu in partnership will be building a brand-new academy in Stephenville, the article can be found on allNewfoundlandLabrador. This will be contingent on the final project announcement from World Energy.

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The Town of Stephenville will be hosting stakeholder sessions that will connect local communities' leaders, business community and mayors from across the province with presentations from Atlas Salt, Triple Point, World Energy, Dymond Group, Cemex, and Mowi.

#### **D- Day**

Mayor acknowledged this day in history eighty years ago, were soldiers that fought for our freedoms. D-Day the Allied troops, the largest mass of troops in the history of our globe, landed on the beaches of Normandy and the Allies successfully achieved a mission and moved in to liberate France and move into Germany to end the war.

He congratulated the City of Corner and the healthcare action committee on the opening of the new Western Regional Memorial Hospital.

**Chief Administrator Officer**

He stated while in St. Johns for Energy NL conference there was an opportunity to meet with other mayors connected to hydrogen announcements. We are working to build a strategy to seek the provinces' support as our communities will be faced with new challenges from financial, housing to regulatory concerns. He noted there is interest in Stephenville, as companies are inquiring about opening business, making connections with local suppliers to stock products for future demands, development for housing project to accommodate business travelers, as constructed in Arnolds Cove.

College of the North Atlantic has its first graduates from the Hydrogen- Wind Technician program.

**Councillor Aylward**

She expressed her concern that patients from our hospital are traveling to Deerlake for air ambulance service again, and some are traveling via taxi. Mayor Rose stated our CAO can contact the CEO of Health Services and Minister of Health for follow-up. Councillor Aylward stated she is still advocating for our hospital for services and recruitment.

**Councillor Hynes**

Expressed the significance of D-Day, as it was a pinnacle moment of the Second World War; where so many gave their lives so we could have the world we live in today. The veterans of this time are known to be called the greatest generation, most being in their late 90's now. It was the generation that grew up during the depression had nothing asked for nothing but gave everything. He noted the Canadians on Juno beach faced equal devastation as the Americans on Omaha Beach as they faced same obstacles, well trained, well entrenched German soldiers. The Americans managed to get off Omaha Beach, but at the end of the day, the Canadians advanced further than anyone else on D-Day. He acknowledged the tenacity, the training and courage shown by the soldiers.

Councillor Hynes acknowledged he recently was gifted sand from Juno Beach, sand from Omaha Beach and Shrapnel from Beaumont Hamel and Vimy Ridge.

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

NONE

**ADJOURNMENT**

**24-201** Moved by Councillor O'Brien, Seconded by Councillor Hynes  
Resolved that since there is no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:12pm.

In Favor:	6	Aylward, Hynes, O'Brien, Roberts, Rose, White
Opposed:	0	Carried

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Mayor

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Town Clerk