

PUBLIC MEETING OF COUNCIL

June 20, 2024

A public council meeting was held at the Town of Stephenville Town office on Thursday June 20, 2024. The meeting was also live streamed.

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

Absent: Maurice Hynes Councillor

Staff: Bill Ramsay, CAO
 Candace Simon, Deputy CAO
 Jennifer Brake, Town Clerk (left meeting @12:38pm)

CALL TO ORDER

24-202 Moved by Councillor Roberts, Seconded by Councillor White
 The meeting was called to order at 12:04pm

In Favor: 6 Aylward, Fowlow, 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

24-203 Moved by Councillor Roberts, Seconded by Councillor Aylward

Be it Resolved that the agenda for June 20, 2024 be approved as presented.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

24-204 Moved by Councillor Roberts, Seconded by Councillor Aylward

Be it Resolved to approve the Public Meeting of Council Minutes dated June 6, 2024 as circulated.

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

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

No Matters

PROCLAMATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

The Finance committee met on June 17, 2024 and the following item was recommended for council approval.

Accounts Payable

24-205 Moved by Councillor Roberts Seconded by Councillor White

Be it Resolved to pay Accounts Payable for June 20, 2024 in the amount of \$178,415.28

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

Request for Funding – SCDC, Friendly Invasion Festival

24-206 Moved by Councillor Roberts, Seconded by Councillor O'Brien

Be it Resolved to give a grant in the amount of \$3,872 to SCDC to host two events from July 21 – 28, 2024

In Favor: 4 Aylward, O'Brien, Roberts, Rose, White
Opposed: 2 Fowlow, White Carried

Project Approval - 17-MCW-25-00064 Water Supply Improvements

24-207 Moved by Councillor Roberts, Seconded by Councillor Aylward

Be it Resolved that the Town of Stephenville accept cost-shared funding as outlined in the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure project approval letter dated 29th day of May, 2024, project number 17-MCW-25-00064, Water Supply Improvements with total project value of \$1,970,296, this council agrees to provide municipal share of \$357,347 and authorizes the Mayor and Town Clerk to enter into the funding agreement with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure

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

Request for Donation – Garden of Hope

24-208 Moved by Councillor Roberts, Seconded by Councillor O'Brien

Be it Resolved that the Town of Stephenville provide a donation in the amount of \$500.00 to The Garden of Hope, Sir Thomas Roddick Hospital.

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

Approval to Award Tender – Supply & Delivery Winter Sand

24-209 Moved by Councillor Roberts, Seconded by Councillor White

Be it Resolved to Award Tender for Supply & Delivery of 2000 tonne of Winter Sand to the lowest bidder Boyd & Bungay at \$22.90 per tonne plus HST

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

Approval to Award Tender - Supply & Delivery Class A 2024

24-210 Moved by Councillor Roberts, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Fowlow

Be it Resolved to Award Tender for Supply & Delivery of 1000 tonne of Class A to lowest bidder Boyd & Bungay at \$17.90 per tonne plus HST

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

Approval to Award Tender – Supply & Delivery Topsoil 2024

24-211 Moved by Councillor Roberts, Seconded by Councillor O'Brien

Be it Resolved to Award Tender for Supply & Delivery of 500 tonne Topsoil to lowest bidder Boyd & Bungay at \$16.40 per tonne plus HST

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

Approval to Submit Application, Canada Community Building Fund

24-212 Moved by Councillor Roberts, Seconded by Councillor Aylward

Be it Resolved that the Town of Stephenville submit its Capital Investment Plan to the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs for Canada Community- Building Fund in the amount of \$94,430.00 to purchase ASTERRA's Satellite Leak Detection System.

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

Approval to Purchase – Leak Detection System

24-213 Moved by Councillor Roberts, Seconded by Councillor White

Be it Resolved that the Town of Stephenville purchase ASTERRA's Satellite Leak Detection System in the amount of \$94,430.00

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

Approval to Purchase – Exhaust Handling System

24-214 Moved by Councillor Roberts, Seconded by Councillor O’Brien

Be it Resolved to approve to purchase Niederman Exhaust System for the Fire Department at the estimated cost of \$92,500 plus HST.

In Favor: 6 Aylward, Fowlow, 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

24-215 Moved by Councillor Aylward, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Fowlow

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

149-151 Main Street North Sun Energy	Relocate existing business (Orange Store) from 153-159 Main Street to building located at 149-151 Main Street.
143 Main Street, Century 21	Erect Signage on the exterior of the building

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

Request for Quarry Permit – Rock Construction

24-216 Moved by Councillor Aylward, Seconded by Councillor O’Brien

Be it Resolved to approve a Quarry Permit to Rock Construction as per map submitted. The Quarry is located in Stephenville Crossing but includes a portion within Stephenville Planning Boundary.

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

Approval to Rezone – 150 Minnesota Drive

24-217 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, Fowlow, O'Brien, Roberts, Rose, White
Opposed: 0 Carried

BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS

NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Councillor Roberts

Inquired on the status of Main Street reconstruction. The Planning & Development Manager stated the project is scheduled to begin in August 2024 with estimated completion time of 6-8 weeks.

Mayor Rose

Stephenville Synergy Symposium

He acknowledged the impeccable job of management and staff who put together first Stephenville Synergy Symposium event that was held at the Royal Canadian Legion. The event brought together stakeholders and community participants for an engagement session. Keynote speakers included World Energy, Atlas Salt, Triple Point and Aramark along with BIA and Chamber of Commerce and myself. The groups provided an update; World Energy is moving forward with the final investment decision expected in the first quarter of 2025. Atlas Salt provided their business model which included green mining operations to deliver road salt to North American Market. Triple Point is unique with domes that has highly compressed salt that will have the ability to store hydrogen, And Aramark is a fortune 500 company with 270,000 employees who may be bidding on the work camps. There were 120 registered for the event and this may become an annual event. The CAO gave recognition to Deputy CAO, Communication Coordinator, and all other staff involved that executed a successful event on short notice. Deputy Mayor Fowlow suggested also hold a Human Service Symposium as it could provide a valuable discussion

of the impacts of economic growth on social factors. Councillor Aylward and Councillor White both stated the event was successful.

June 21, 2024

The Town will have official ceremony to unveil two structures that will be erected in the towns new cultural space at 5:00pm behind Zion Pentecostal Church (old soccer field). We had support from indigenous groups such as Newfoundland Womens Network, People of the Dawn, Qalipu, Empowering Indigenous Women, and Mi'Kmaq Cultural Centre.

Kin Square

He expressed discontent with BIA over Kin Square on Main not being utilized. The Town has money invested, and he suggested for the BIA to manage and utilize the space or alternatively permit the town to manage the property. He encouraged management to engage with the BIA (Business Improvement Association) to collaborate on a plan to utilize the area on Sundays starting July 1 to host local talent. In response Councillor O'Brien stated he had a discussion with the BIA as council's representative. He stated it's unfair to the BIA to publicly be negative towards the group. He stated the town did support the Kin Square project by providing a grant to purchase the property, however the town was not the biggest contributor. Additionally, the town did not provide the BIA with matching funds over six-year period which limited their ability to take further action.

Councillor Roberts and Deputy CAO left the chambers from 12:59pm and returned 1:00pm

Deputy Mayor Fowlow recognized current town staff constraints are limited to execute event planning at Kin Square.

COUNCILLOR AYLWARD

She requested if management could directly reach out to the COO of Western Health Board to inquire about updates on recruitment, status of the surgeon, anesthesiologist, and mammogram technician.

NOTICE OF MOTION

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

24-218 Moved by Councillor O'Brien, Seconded by Councillor White
Resolved that since there is no further business the meeting adjourned at
1:11pm.

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

Mayor

Town Clerk