



Statement to correct misinformation posted on social media platforms as well as on were shared on VOCM's open line radio.

The Town of Stephenville would like to address and correct some recent inaccuracies and misleading information circulating in the media. These are just a few examples of comments that are untrue and give an unfair representation of Town business.

- The Town Council has approved a water study required by the Water Resources Division of GovNL for future development that may affect town-owned, Crown land, and private property, including the Hillier Avenue area. This study will help the Town make informed decisions about land development and zoning, ensuring proper use of water resources for industrial, commercial, and residential purposes.

- Regarding the paving of Main Street, the Town clarifies that the project is not delayed due to funding issues. The project is approved and is currently awaiting the tendering process from Municipal Affairs and further input from consulting engineers. We expect the project to be awarded this fall, with construction planned to start in early Spring 2025. The Town has committed funds for our share of this cost-shared project.

- The Town also clarifies the borrowing of funds for new equipment purchases. Borrowing allows the Town to spread out costs over time for projects like construction, paving, or repairs, rather than paying upfront. All purchases and projects are subject to approval by Municipal Affairs, ensuring the Town's budget is used efficiently.

The Town of Stephenville remains fully committed to openness and transparency. We encourage any residents with questions or seeking clarification on town projects or purchases to reach out to us directly. You can do so by calling, requesting an in-person meeting with management, emailing, or submitting a comment through the feedback section of our website. We are dedicated to ensuring our residents are heard and will make every effort to respond as promptly and efficiently as possible.