

**MINUTES  
PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING  
December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

A public council meeting held at the Town of Stephenville Town office on Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The meeting was also streamed.

Present	Tom Rose	Mayor
	Laura Aylward	Councillor
	Lenny Tiller	Councillor (online)
	Myra White	Councillor
Absent:	Tracy Boland	Councillor
	Susan Fowlow	Deputy Mayor, Chairperson
	Tristan Hulan	Councillor
Staff:	Colin Maddock, Chief Administrative Officer	
	Jennifer Brake, Town Clerk	
	Mike Ratter, Economic Development Officer	

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Rose called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**22-369** White/Aylward  
Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.  
In Favor: 4  
Opposed: 0 Motion Carried Unanimously

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**22-370** Aylward/Tiller  
Be it resolved that the minutes of November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022, public council meeting be approved as presented.  
In Favor: 4  
Opposed: 0 Motion Carried Unanimously

**MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

None

## **PROCLAMATIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

None

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Councillor White presented the recommendations from the finance committee meeting held on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

#### **Expense Cheque Listing November 2022**

**22-371**

White/Aylward

Be it resolved that Council approve to pay expense cheque listing for November 2022 totaling \$332,543.80.

In Favor: 4

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried Unanimously

#### **Accounts Payable Listing October 2022**

**22-372**

White/Tiller

Be it resolved that Council approve to pay Accounts Payable for October 2022 totaling \$685,938.70.

In Favor: 4

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried Unanimously

#### **Request for Funds, Retention Program Western Health- Royal Canadian Legion**

**22-373**

White/Tiller

Be it resolved that Council approve to provide a grant in the amount of \$15,000 to the Royal Canadian Legion to deliver program benefits for Western Health Retention Program.

In Favor: 4

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried Unanimously

#### **Request for Donation, Christmas Community Café**

**22-374**

White/Aylward

Be it resolved that Council approve to give a donation in the amount of \$500.00 to The Southwestern Newfoundland Housing Stability Initiative toward the Christmas Community Café.

In Favor: 4

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried Unanimously

#### **Request for Sponsorship- ArtsNL TV Show "Home Is Where the Art Is"**

**22-375**

White/Tiller

Be it resolved that Council approve to provide a Sponsorship to "Home is Where the Art is 2022 Co Ltd in the amount of \$7500.00 plus HST.

In Favor:

Opposed:

Motion Carried Unanimously

**Approval to Rescind Motion #22-332**

**22-376**

White/Aylward

Be it resolved that Council approve to rescind motion #22-332, ArtsNL TV Show "Home is Where the Art is" in the amount of \$7,500.00.

In Favor: 4

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried Unanimously

**PERMITS AND MUNICIPAL PLAN**

Councillor Aylward presented the recommendations from the Planning and Traffic committee meeting held on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**Signage on Minnesota Drive-Samantha LaCosta**

**22-377**

Aylward/White

Be it resolved approval to issue a permit to erect 4' x 6.5' foot business sign along entrance of Minnesota Drive, subject to compliance with all Town Regulations.

In Favor: 4

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried Unanimously

**25-27 Prince Rupert Drive- Dave Mooney**

**22-378**

Aylward/Tiller

Be it resolved approval to issue a permit to construct a 50' X 50' building and erect signage on the property located at 25-27 Prince Rupert Drive to accommodate a potential restaurant business, subject to compliance with all Town Regulations and approval of Service NL.

In Favor: 4

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried Unanimously

**76 Main Street- Ian Stokes Properties Ltd.**

**22-379**

Aylward//White

Be it resolved approval to issue Outline Planning Permission to subdivide the building into two separate spaces, located at 76 Main Street, subject to compliance with all Town Regulations and approval of Service NL.

In Favor: 4

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried Unanimously

**BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

## **Councillor Aylward**

She inquired if the complaint of rodents from a property on Gillis Drive was addressed; in response the Chief Administrative Officer stated the Municipal Enforcement Officer has addressed the concern with the resident and the property will be monitored.

She sent condolences to Bryson Webb's family, he was the chair of hospital board, and a retiree from Western Health.

### Western Health

- Tree of Love – Sir Thomas Roddick Hospital Foundation, will be held on Monday December 12 @ 7pm, in the Garden of Hope.
- Communicated that a doctor expressed having no domestic flights in Stephenville is a concern, in response Mayor Rose is confident that Stephenville will have airline service in the spring with the announcement of the World Energy Project.
- She noted World Energy provided \$5000 to the hospital foundation
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## **Mayor Rose**

He referenced council will be speaking with Minister Osborne to address health care concerns and will request an update on the health care accord. Councillor Aylward expressed issues affecting cataract surgeries and patients waiting to be transported to St. John's for treatment need, also long care centre and new medical clinic needs to be communicated.

Stated World Energy is working on site 1 on the Port Aux Port Peninsula and permits have been approved for the environment assessments and met towers. The Barges have arrived with equipment and remediation on the old Abitibi Price Mill site will be completed in the future. World Energy has contributed \$5,000 to the Christmas Adventure on Main Street. Mayor Rose also stated World Energy has committed 10 million dollars over three years to Stephenville, Port Au Port Peninsula, and Three Rivers and Stephenville should receive 1.1 million in April 2023. The goal is to leverage the money with federal and provincial funding; to turn the three million into ten million to build our town's infrastructure. He also noted a council members will attend a meeting in Ottawa in February, as we need to ensure we get help from all levels of government.

Stephenville Airport - 1.7-million-dollar ACAP Funding for LED Lighting has commenced.

Acknowledged, Elizabeth Kidd, President of the College of the North Atlantic announced the college will offer new wind energy program

**Councillor White**

Inquired if the mammography department was open and operating at the hospital, councillor Aylward responded, stating the department is open and a new mammography machine arrived.

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

**22- 380**

Tiller/White

Resolved that since there is no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:42pm

Carried Unanimously