

**PUBLIC MEETING OF COUNCIL
JANUARY 27, 2022**

A Virtual Public Meeting of Council of the Town of Stephenville was held on January 27, 2022 @ 7:01pm and was livestreamed.

Present	Tom Rose	Mayor
	Susan Fowlow	Deputy Mayor
	Laura Aylward	Councillor
	Tracy Boland	Councillor
	Tristan Hulan	Councillor
	Lenny Tiller	Councillor
	Myra White	Councillor

Staff: Mike Campbell, Town Manager
Jennifer Brake, Town Clerk

CALL TO ORDER/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion No. 22- 19 Tiller/White

That the Agenda of the Public Meeting of Council of January 27, 2022, be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Public Meeting of Council

Motion No. 22- 20 Aylward/Boland

That the Minutes of the Public Meeting of Council for January 13, 2022, be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

PROCLAMATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Property Tax

Motion No. 22- 21 White/Boland

It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that property tax write offs totaling \$19,526.28 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

Water & Sewer Tax

Motion No. 22 - 22 White/Fowlow

It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that Water & Sewer Tax adjustments in the amount of \$2,961.60 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

Remission of Tax

Motion No. 22 - 23 White/Tiller

It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that remission of tax in the amount of \$430.64 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

Business Tax

Motion No. 22- 24 White/Fowlow

It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that Business tax adjustments in the amount of \$ 1,124.00 approved.

Carried Unanimously

Request Advertising- 22nd Veterans Service Recognition Book, The Royal Canadian Legion Newfoundland & Labrador Command's 22nd Anniversary Edition

Motion No. 22- 25 White/Aylward

It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Town of Stephenville purchase a half page advertisement in the amount of \$705.00 tax included in the Royal Canadian Legion, Veteran Service Recognition Book.

Carried Unanimously

Request for Grant- The Stephenville Historic French Cultural Association

Motion No. 22- 26 White/Tiller

It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Town of Stephenville give a grant in the amount of \$5000.00 to the Stephenville Historic French Cultural Association, Founding Families Exhibit 2022 for video production.

Carried Unanimously

MMSB-Community Waste Diversion Project Funding Contribution Agreement

Motion No. 22- 27 White/Fowlow

It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Town of Stephenville enter into agreement with Multi-Materials Stewardship Board (MMSB) to carry out approved composting project in the Town of Stephenville.

Carried Unanimously

Rescinded Motion No. 21 -144 – Public Meeting May 6, 2021

Motion No. 22- 28 White/Aylward

It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Town of Stephenville rescind Motion No. 21 – 144, to purchase Crew Cab 4x4 Pickup Truck. Due to vehicle inventory the purchase was not completed.

Carried Unanimously

Property Tax- Subdivision Agreement

Motion No. 22- 29 White/Boland

It was the recommendation of the Finance committee that Land Developers with a signed subdivision agreement with the Town of Stephenville be exempt from paying property tax on unsold lots building effective January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2024.

Carried Unanimously

Request for Financial Support – Ground Search and Rescue

Motion No. 22- 30 White/Boland

It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Ground Search and Rescue be authorized to invoice gas, for their daily operations, on the town's petroleum account for the 2022 calendar year.

Carried Unanimously

Approval to Tender-Crew Cab 4 x 4 Pickup Truck

Motion No. 22- 31 White/Tiller

It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Town of Stephenville approve to purchase a New Crew Cab 4x4 Pickup Truck as per the Public Procurement Act.

Carried Unanimously

Request for Financial Support – Ground Search and Rescue

Motion No. 22- 32 White/Boland

It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Town of Stephenville will provide a quarterly grant to the Search and Rescue to reimburse light bill expenses at the property located at 9 St. Clare for the 2022 calendar year

NAWN – Water and Sewer Connection Fees

Motion No. 22- 33 White/Fowlow

It was the recommendation of the Finance committee that the Town of Stephenville will waive water/sewer connection fees in the amount of \$1500.00 on the parcel of land on Minnesota Drive designated for the Newfoundland Aboriginal Women's Network - Housing Initiative as per Motion No. 20 – 366.

Carried Unanimously

PLANNING & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

Town of Stephenville Winter Carnival 2022

Motion No. 22- 34 Aylward/Tiller

It was the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee that the Town of Stephenville Winter Carnival will be held from February 24 to March 1, 2022. Councillor Boland and Councillor Hulan will be representatives on the Winter Carnival Committee.

Carried Unanimously

BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Winter Carnival 2022

Councillor Boland stated the Winter Carnival theme is “Love” and encouraged residents and businesses to show their support and decorate with hearts. More information will be communicated once events are finalized.

Councillor Aylward

Councillor Aylward provided an update on the Health Care Action Committee meeting; stating Doctor French will be resuming cataract surgeries in Stephenville and the Laboratory is open again for blood work by appointment.

In response Mayor Rose indicated acquiring physicians and specialists is moving in the right direction and credited council proactive measures and communication with key stakeholders in Western Health.

Mayor Rose

Mayor Rose indicated council wrote the Ministers and requested a meeting to discuss key issues that was outlined. He noted one issue that was not included in the letter that needs to be discussed with Minister Loveless, is the off-ramp on Trans-Canada Highway eastbound on Route 460. Mayor Rose referenced this as a “ death trap”

Councillor Tiller

Councillor Tiller noted as an employee in the education system it was nice to welcome the students back to school.

NOTICE OF MOTION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion No. 22- 35 Aylward/Boland

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Carried Unanimously