

Public Meeting of Council April 21, 2022

**PUBLIC MEETING OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

**April 21, 2022**

A Public Meeting of Council of the Town of Stephenville was held on April 21, 2022 @7:03pm in the council chambers and was livestreamed.

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

Staff: Jennifer Brake, Town Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER/ADOPTION OF AGENDA APRIL 21, 2022**

Motion No. 22-105 Tiller/White

That the Agenda of the Public Meeting of Council April 21, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Public Meeting of Council March April 6, 2022

Motion No. 22-106 Aylward/Boland

That the Minutes of the Public Meeting of Council for April 6, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

Privileged Meeting of Council April 7, 2022 - Review Disclosure Statements

Motion No. 22-107 White/Boland

That the Minutes of the Privileged Meeting April 7, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

**MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

None

**PROCLAMATIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance Committee**

**Accounts Payable Listing for March 2022**

Motion No. 22-108 White/Tiller

It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Accounts Payable Listing for February 2022 in the amount of \$186,000.14 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

**Property Tax**

Motion No. 22-109 White/Fowlow

It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that property tax write-offs totaling \$2,145.05 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

**Water & Sewer Tax**

Motion No. 22-110 White/Boland

It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that Water & Sewer Tax adjustments in the amount of \$118.69 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

**Remission of Tax**

Motion No. 22-111 White/Tiller

It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that Remission of Tax in the amount of \$1,965.38 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

**Business Tax**

Motion No. 22-112 White/Aylward

It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Business Tax adjustments in the amount of \$300.00 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

**Approval to Tender- Asphalt**

Motion No. 22-113 White/Boland

It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Town of Stephenville Issue a tender for Asphalt.

Carried Unanimously

**Approval to Tender - Lease, Backhoe**

Motion No. 22-114 White/Tiller

It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Town of Stephenville issue a tender to Lease a backhoe.

Carried Unanimously

**Council Remuneration**

Motion No. 22-115 White/Boland

It was the recommendation of the committee that the Town of Stephenville Council Annual Remuneration be reverted back to the period 2005 as remuneration was reduced in 2006 due to Abitibi closure.

Carried Unanimously

Council Remuneration	2005	2006 - Current
Mayor:	\$24,062.50	\$20,781.25
Deputy Mayor:	\$ 17,187.50	\$14,843.75
Councillor:	\$13,750.00	\$11,875.00

Council Remuneration will be retroactive from January 1, 2022

Carried Unanimously

**Request for Grant- Stephenville Cultural Destination Committee**

Motion No. 22-116 White/Aylward

It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Town of Stephenville provide a grant in the amount of \$20,000 to the Stephenville Cultural Destination Committee.

Carried Unanimously

**Request for Grant- Joe MacNeil Antique & Unique Car Show 2022**

Motion No. 22-117 White/Aylward

It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Town of Stephenville sponsor the Joe MacNeil Antique & Unique Car Show in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Carried Unanimously

**Amendment, Town of Stephenville Recruitment Package, Western Health**

Motion No. 22-118 White/Tiller

Let it be Resolved that the Town of Stephenville amend Recruitment and Retention Package, Western Health Motion No. 20 -339 to include:

Recruitment of Specialists and General Practitioners

The benefits are limited to the approval of five (5) positions and approval of council will be required for positions beyond this amount.

Eligibility:

A minimum two (2) year full-time commitment of service located in Stephenville will be required.

Added to incentives

Signing Bonus: \$50,000

Cost of Living Allowance: \$36,000

Carried Unanimously

**Amendment, Town of Stephenville Retention Package, Western Health**

Motion No. 22-119 White/Tiller

Let it be Resolved that the Town of Stephenville amend Retention Package, Western Health as per Motion No. 21- 236 to include:

Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Annual Professional Licensing Fees \$ 400 (limited to)

Annual Recreation Grant \$ 500

Carried Unanimously

**PLANNING & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE**

**Curbside Spring Clean-Up**

Motion No. 22-120 White/Tiller

It was the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee that the Town of Stephenville start annual curbside Spring Clean-Up from May 2<sup>nd</sup> to May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Further details will be posted on the Town's website and Facebook page.

Carried Unanimously

**106-108 Carolina Avenue- Callahan's Contracting Limited**

Motion No. 22-121 White/Tiller

Request for a permit to construct five office units in the building located at 106-108 Carolina Avenue.

It was the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee that this request for a permit be approved, subject to compliance with all Town Regulations and approval of Service NL.

Carried Unanimously

**106-108 Carolina Avenue- Rock Physiotherapy & Wellness**

Motion No. 22-122 White/Tiller

Request to occupy space in the building located at 106-108 Carolina Avenue to accommodate a multidisciplinary clinic offering physiotherapy & massage therapy and erect business signage on building.

It was the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee that this request for a permit be approved, subject to compliance with all Town Regulations and approval of Service NL.

Carried Unanimously

**34 White's Avenue – Donald White**

Motion No. 22-123 White/Tiller

Councillor White, as owner of the property declared conflict of interest and left the council chambers.

A request for a permit to do exterior renovations to the residence located at 34 White's Avenue as per attached

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It was the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee that this request for a permit be approved, subject to compliance with all Town Regulations.

Motion Carried.

Councillor White returned to the council table upon conclusion of the item.

### **BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

None

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **Stephenville Court House**

Mayor Rose made comment that he was interviewed by CBC regarding the decision of government to relocate the courthouse to Stephenville Crossing, he also stated correspondence has been sent to government officials expressing our disappointment and concerns. Councillor Aylward remarked it pits one community against another and it's again renovating an old building not suited to the specific needs; making reference to the renovation of the Bay St. George Medical Clinic. She also noted the past government Tom Marshall promised a courthouse to be built in Stephenville. Deputy Mayor Fowlow pointed out that we support Stephenville Crossing, however the decision to relocate is not logical when considering the users of the courthouse. Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillor Aylward made reference that council advocated to have the courthouse accessible for all users, and now it's going to be accessible but taken out of the community. It was queried if they advocate the Bay St. George Medical Centre to be better accessible will government decide to relocate this also? Councillor Tiller stated the courthouse will be accessible for mobility, however he questioned whether the location is making it more inaccessible for more people.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Councillor Aylward**

Councillor Aylward referenced members of council meet with David Palmer, Manager of Recruitment Services for Western Health and recruitment efforts is seeming positive.

Community is lacking media presence for accurate information sharing, In response the Mayor suggested a community radio for marketing and communication. Councillor White stated this would be valuable way to reach the senior population who do not rely on technology. Councillor Tiller acknowledged there is interest in the community to support this idea. Deputy Mayor Fowlow and Councillor Boland agreed that the residents should have to access to community information but also share information related to town processes and actions. Deputy Mayor also stated council is working towards a communication strategy to include website and social media presence.

#### **Mayor Rose**

Acknowledged Nomad Stages is continuing to fundraise for Ukraine with an online auction; currently \$30,000 has been raised. The Association for New Canadians has reached out to us and will we continue to work with them on Ukraine refugees.

### **NOTICE OF MOTION**

None

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion No. 22- 124 Tiller/Boland

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Carried Unanimously

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**MAYOR**

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**TOWN CLERK**