

**PUBLIC MEETING OF COUNCIL
DECEMBER 9, 2021**

A Public Meeting of Council of the Town of Stephenville was held on December 9, 2021 @ 7:03 pm in the Council Chamber and was livestreamed.

Present	Tom Rose	Mayor (via teams)
	Susan Fowlow	Deputy Mayor, Chairperson
	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. 21- 363 Tiller/White

That the Agenda of the Public Meeting of Council of December 9, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

MINUTES

Public Meeting of Council

Motion No. 21- 364 Boland/Aylward

That the Minutes of the Public Meeting of Council for November 18 2021, be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

PROCLAMATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

Project Red Ribbon Day in the Town of Stephenville as December 2, 2021

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Poll Tax

Motion No. 21- 365 White/Tiller

It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Poll Tax write offs in the amount of \$12,329.91 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

Water & Sewer Tax

Motion No. 21- 366 White/Aylward

It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that Water & Sewer Tax adjustments in the amount of \$2,640.00 approved.

Carried Unanimously

Accounts Payable Listing for November 2021

Motion No. 21- 367 White/Hulan

It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Accounts Payable listing for November 2021 totaling \$ 182,364.46 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

Expense Cheque Listing for November 2021

Motion No. 21- 368 White/Aylward

It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Expense Cheque listing for November 2021 totaling \$299,213.98 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

Request for Grant – Stephenville Historical Society

Motion No. 21- 369 White/Boland

It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Town of Stephenville give a grant in the amount of \$12,000 to Stephenville Historical Society.

Carried Unanimously

Request for Donation – Addiction Recovery Drop-In Centre

Motion No. 21- 370 White/Boland

It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that The Town of Stephenville give a donation in the amount of \$5000.00 to the Addictions Recovery Drop-in centre.

Carried Unanimously

Rescind Motion No. 19-419- Water & Sewer Rates Vacant Land

Motion No. 21- 371 White/Hulan

It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Town of Stephenville Rescind Motion No. 19-419 to write-off water and sewer rates for vacant lots and properties not connected to services.

Carried Unanimously

Water & Sewer Rates – Properties not connected to services

Motion No. 21- 372 White/Boland

It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Town of Stephenville invoice water and sewage tax in the amount of \$1.00 for properties not connected to services.

Carried Unanimously

Adoption of Budget 2022

Motion No. 21- 373 White/Tiller

Councillor White, Chairperson of the Finance committee presented the Town of Stephenville 2022 balanced budget in the amount of \$8,658,078.00. The budget will allow council to maintain and improve services and continue to invest in future growth of our town. Creating job,expanding

Highlights of the Budget:

- Total Budget \$8,658,078.
- 2022 budget includes no tax increases and no changes to the mil rate
- There are no changes to commercial / business tax in 2022

Capital Works Projects

- Queen Street Extension (project will be completed)
- Pleasant Avenue Phase II \$1,249,922.
- Minnesota Drive Overpass \$ 1,215,08.
- Playground \$ 548,717.

Public Works Equipment

- New Sand Truck approximately cost \$260,000
- Skid Steer Blower, Sweeper attachments \$137,815

Recreation and Programs

- Council will continue to invest and support the recreation facilities, charitable and not for profit organizations and volunteer groups.

In closing Councillor White stated 2022 will be a busy and challenging year, but council is committed to creating jobs, expanding the town with new and innovative changes.

It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that The Town of Stephenville Budget 2022 will be approved.

Carried Unanimously

Adoption of Tax Rates & Fees 2022

Motion No. 21- 374 White/Tiller

It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Town of Stephenville approve the Tax Rates and Fees for the 2022 Taxation year.
Carried Unanimously

Adoption of Tax Recovery Plan for Year Ended Dec 31, 2020

Motion No. 21- 375 White/Aylward

That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and the adoption of the Tax Recovery Plan for year ended December 31, 2020, be approved.
Carried Unanimously

Recruitment for Town Manager

Motion No. 21- 376 White/Boland

It was the recommendation of the Finance committee that the Town of Stephenville engage LW Consulting for the Recruitment of Town Manager.
Carried Unanimously

Stephenville Aquatic Centre

Motion No. 21- 377 White/Boland

Let it be Resolved that the Town of Stephenville advance \$15,000 from the Stephenville Aquatic Centre 2022 operational grant.
Carried Unanimously

PLANNING & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

153-159 Main Street – DRM Convenience

Motion No. 21- 378 Aylward/Hulan

Request for outline planning permission to support application for brewer's agent license from business located at 153-159 Main Street.

It was the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee that this request be granted subject to compliance with all Town Regulations.
Carried Unanimously

125-139 Main Street – Focenco Limited

Motion No. 21- 379 Aylward/Hulan

Request for outline planning permission to construct extension to rear of business located at 125-139 Main Street as per drawing attached.

It was the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee that this request be granted subject to compliance with all Town Regulations.
Carried Unanimously

35 Carolina Avenue – Juniper Printing
Motion No. 21- 380 Aylward/White

Request for a permit to change the name of existing printing business located at 35 Carolina Avenue from printing for people to juniper printing.

It was the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee that this request be granted subject to compliance with all Town Regulations.
Carried Unanimously

Public Meeting Schedule 2022
Motion No. 21- 381 Aylward/Hulan

It was recommendation of the Committee that the 2022 Public Meeting Schedule be approved as follows

- January 13, 27
 - February 10, 24
 - March 10, 24
 - April 7, 21
 - May 5, 19
 - June 2, 16
 - *July 7, 28
 - *August 18
 - September 8, 22
 - October 6, 20
 - November 3, 17
 - December 8
 - Meeting @ 7:00 pm *July 7, 28, August @ 1:00 pm
- Carried Unanimously

59-67 Prince Rupert Drive – Russell’s Funeral Home
Motion No. 21- 382 Aylward/Boland

Request for a permit to change business use and remove Russell's Ambulance from the business located at 59-67 Prince Rupert Drive.

It was the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee that this request be granted subject to compliance with all Town Regulations.
Carried Unanimously

BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sir Thomas Roddick Hospital

Mayor Rose affirmed that meeting with Western Health officials and the Health Accord leaders there are no plans to close the Stephenville Hospital including surgery or ICU. However, he recognized there is a health care crisis with family physicians. After thirteen months of requesting, there is a meeting scheduled with western health recruiters. He stated this is mismanaged, and clearly people are not doing their job. We have lost nine family physicians, and as a municipality we must take a leadership role.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Rose

He travelled to Winnipeg for meetings with Dymond group and Winnipeg Airport Authority; also visited City Hall and met with the Mayor. They had great discussions about the airports, and how each council is supporting the indigenous culture in their regions.

Councillor Aylward

Councillor Aylward acknowledged the great work of the new council members, and they are working together as a team. She also thanked management and staff for their work and support throughout the year.

Tree of Love

Will take place in the Garden of Hope at the rear of the hospital on December 13 @ 7pm. Weather permitting.

Deputy Mayor Fowlow

Deputy Mayor Fowlow thanked council and management for their support all year. She also informed residents that the town provides communication through its website and Facebook page. At times inaccurate information has been disbursed through social media that is concerning to citizens. She encouraged residents to follow up with the town for further information. Town to receive accurate information or address their

concerns. Also, she communicated council is working hard to improve and grow the community although this is not always visible to everyone, but we are hearing residents' concerns. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Health and Happiness.

She commended Councillor Boland and Councillor White for their involvement in the Guardian Angel Program and the work they are doing.

Councillor Tiller

Councillor Tiller acknowledged and thanked council and management for their support and guidance over the past few months, especially the last week.

Councillor White

Councillor White wished everyone a Merry Christmas and that she is thoroughly enjoying being a part of council.

Councillor Hulan

Councillor Hulan wished everyone to have a safe Happy Holidays and thanked council and staff for their support. Also stating , it's important that regionally we support each other on issues that will affect everyone.

Christmas Adventure on Main Street

December 22, 2021, from 6:30- 9:00pm on Main Street. The street will be closed to traffic from Subway to Killick Café.

NOTICE OF MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

Motion No. 21-383 Tiller/Boland

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.
Carried Unanimously

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK

