

## Public Meeting of Council January 28, 2021

A Public Meeting of Council of the Town of Stephenville was held on January 28, 2021 @12:05 pm in the Council Chamber and was livestreamed.

Present:	Tom Rose	Mayor Chairperson
	Susan Fowlow	Deputy Mayor
	Laura Aylward	Councillor
	Mark Felix	Councillor
	Don Gibbon	Councillor
	Maurice Hynes	Councillor
	Mike Tobin	Councillor

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

### CALL TO ORDER/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion No. 21- 26 Gibbon/Hynes

That the Agenda of the Public Meeting of Council of January 28, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

### MINUTES

Public Meeting of Council, January 14, 2021

Motion No. 21- 27 Fowlow/Aylward

That the Minutes of the Public Meeting of Council for January 14, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

### MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

### PROCLAMATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

Violence Prevention Month February 2021

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### **Finance Committee**

#### **Poll Tax**

Motion No. 21- 28 Tobin/Hynes

It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that poll tax write offs totaling \$914.35 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

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### **Property Tax**

Motion No. 21- 29            Tobin/Aylward

It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that property tax write offs totaling \$37,641.36 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

### **Water & Sewer Tax**

Motion No. 21- 30            Tobin/Gibbon

It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee water and sewer tax adjustments in the amount of \$2,679.95 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

### **Remission of Tax**

Motion No. 21-31            Tobin/Hynes

It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that remission of tax in the amount of \$146.48 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

### **Business Tax**

Motion No. 21-32            Tobin/Fowlow

It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that Business tax adjustments in the amount of \$ 20,965.12 approved.

Carried Unanimously

### **Water & Sewer Vacant Lots**

Motion No. 21-33            Tobin/Felix

It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that Water & Sewer Tax on vacant lots in the amount of \$ 87,912.00 be written off.

Carried Unanimously

### **Accounts Payable for December 2020**

Motion No. 21-34            Tobin/Hynes

It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the accounts Payable listing for December 2020 totaling \$ 369,361.80 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

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### Western Health Retention Strategy

Motion No. 21-35          Tobin/Aylward

It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Town of Stephenville approve Western Health Retention Strategy for Doctors, Nurses Practitioners, and Nurses.

#### General Practitioner/Specialist

Annual Resident Grant (maximum)	\$1,200
Annual Professional Fees Grant (maximum)	\$1,800
Annual Recreation Grant	\$ 500

#### Nurse Practitioner

Annual Professional Fees Grant (maximum)	\$1,000
Annual Recreation Grant	\$ 500

#### Nurse

Annual Professional Fees Grant (maximum)	\$1,000
Annual Recreation Grant	\$ 500

Estimated Costs of program: \$ 127,000

Program Notes:

Employed by Western Health

Employee must work in Stephenville and reside in Stephenville.

Western Health to administer the program; Town of Stephenville will provide a grant to Western Health.

Town of Stephenville will confirm applicant's residency before issuing grant.

Resident Grant - Applicants must own principal residence in Stephenville.

### Councillor Felix

Councillor Felix expressed concerns; stating council should provide advocacy and support and not grants to specific professionals in our community. He stated he understands the intent of the grants, however there are underlining issues at the hospital with staffing and the work environment. Furthermore, he stated this may divide moral amongst the nurses.

### Mayor Rose

Mayor Rose requested Deputy Mayor to chair the meeting 12:42pm, the Mayor resumed as chairperson 12:44pm

Mayo Rose stated members of council met with the subject matter experts, Chief of Staff Dr. McComiskey, General Practitioners and Nurse Practitioner, and they acknowledged other municipalities offer incentives and retention benefits and they also identified maintaining staff is vital. We are showing great leadership, caring and respect as a municipality

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In Favor: Mayor Rose, Deputy Mayor Fowlow, Councillor Aylward, Councillor Gibbon, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Tobin

Opposed: Councillor Felix

Motion Carried.

### PLANNING & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

#### **SJ Works Inc – 7A Hansen Memorial Highway**

Motion No. 21-36 Fowlow/Hynes

Request for a permit to operate a home-based business to accommodate website development, marketing and website maintenance from the residence located at 7A Hansen Memorial Highway.

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.

Carried Unanimously

#### **Aguathuna Drafting & Consulting Company Ltd – 3A Neptune Drive**

Motion No. 21-37 Fowlow/Hynes

Request for a permit to operate a civil engineering business from space located in the building at 3A Neptune Drive.

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

#### **Stephenville Powerlifting Club – 106-108 Carolina Avenue**

Motion No. 21-38 Fowlow/Hynes

Request for a permit to operate a non-profit power lifting club from space in the building located at 106-108 Carolina Avenue and install signage on the exterior of 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 Regulation and approval of Service NL.

Carried Unanimously

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### **Callahan's Contracting Ltd – 32 Pieroway Drive**

Motion No. 21-39 Fowlow/Hynes

Request for a permit to operate a home office for construction business from the residence located at 32 Pieroway Drive.

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.

Carried Unanimously

### **ELC Contracting Ltd – 3 Michigan Drive**

Motion No. 21-40 Fowlow/Hynes

Request for a permit to occupy building located at 3 Michigan Drive for heavy equipment storage & repair.

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

### **Brook Construction – 44 Queen Street**

Motion No. 21-41 Fowlow/Hynes

Request for a permit to complete interior renovations in the building located at 44 Queen Street to accommodate Dollarama store.

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

### **Northern Harvest Smolt Ltd – 4 Connecticut Bypass**

Motion No. 21-42 Fowlow/Hynes

Request for a permit to utilize the building located at 4 Connecticut Bypass for Warehouse Storage.

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

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### **Jacob Hill Massage & Athletics – 25 Prince Rupert Drive**

Motion No. 21-43 Fowlow/Hynes

Request for a permit to operate a massage therapy & rehabilitative exercise business from the building located at 25 Prince Rupert Drive.

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

### **New Hope Baptist Church – 136 Main Street**

Motion No. 21-44 Fowlow/Hynes

Request for outlining planning permission to complete interior renovations in the space located at 136 Main Street to accommodate church congregation.

It was the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee that this outlining planning permission be granted, subject to parking agreements and compliance with all Town Regulations and approval of Service NL.

Carried Unanimously

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

None

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Councillor Felix**

Councillor Felix proposed that the town partner with the curling club to develop an outdoor skating rink.

#### **Mayor Rose**

Mayor Rose posed a challenge to the other Mayors: Mayor Lucas, Mayor Conway, Mayor Brake-Patten, Mayor Fenwick and Mayor Cashin to pursue the same retention package for nurses living in their municipalities.

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## NOTICE OF MOTION

None

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion No. 21- 45            Aylward/Hynes

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm.

Carried Unanimously

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**MAYOR**

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**TOWN CLERK**