

**PUBLIC MEETING OF COUNCIL  
October 7, 2021**

A Public Meeting of Council of the Town of Stephenville was held on October 7, 2021 @ 6:00 pm in the Council Chamber and was livestreamed.

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

Staff: Mike Campbell, Town Manager

**CALL TO ORDER/ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion No. 21- 300 Tiller/Fowlow

That the Agenda of the Public Meeting of Council of October 7, 2021, be adopted as circulated.  
Carried Unanimously

**MINUTES**

Public Meeting of Council, September 23, 2021

Motion No. 21- 301 Fowlow/Aylward

That the Minutes of the Public Meeting of Council for September 23, 2021 be adopted as circulated.  
Carried Unanimously

**MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

None

**PROCLAMATIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Councillor White**

Councillor White inquired if a traffic feasibility report was completed for the playground at Blanch Brook Park. In response the mayor stated this is a high traffic area and there were previous discussions to use additional green space for parking lot. This can be forwarded to the planning committee for follow up.

### **Update Airport**

Mayor has meeting every Thursday with the Dymond Group and on October 29, 2021 there will be physical structure moving

### **Mayor Rose**

Mayor Rose stated the financial auditors report is finalized. The town has a surplus in 2020 of approximately \$900,000. \$350,000 in funding was received from the federal/provincial initiatives for covid-19. He thanked the citizens for giving him a second term as mayor and to be the spokesperson for the community.

### **Introduction of Council**

The mayor requested the councillors to state their focus for this council and what they wish to accomplish. The mayor noted this is the first time in Stephenville's history council has more females and younger elected officials and this will bring diversity to address more of our community needs.

### **Deputy Mayor Fowlow**

Deputy Fowlow stated she will continue to grow our community both economically and socially. And also advocate to provide more support and help to those with opioid addictions and other addictions.

### **Councillor Aylward**

Councillor Aylward stated she will continue to advocate for Western Health and our hospital. Specifically building maintenance at the Bay. St. George Medical clinic, lobbying for new long term care centre and have more communication on the services available to residents, ie doorways, BEST Bus and local newspaper (The Appalachian). She also urged residents to voice their concerns by reaching out to members of council or the town office.

Councillor White

Councillor White stated, she had addressed some of her concerns to town management previously and realized she can be a part of the solution and be a voice for the residents. She indicated as we move forward to grow our town the residents need to be involved. Health care is a very important focus for our town and will be even more important as the town grows.

Councillor Boland

Councillor Boland stated, she moved back to Stephenville 12 years ago and started volunteering with many groups/organizations and realized she could do more. Building our community, addictions, and the hospital are all important for our community. Furthermore, she will focus on the youth and advocating for more youth programs. Also she will focus on building small business profiles within our community.

Councillor Tiller

Councillor Tiller stated his passion is to advocate for senior rights and accessibility. He indicated his personal life experience of having a father in a wheelchair and understanding the lack of support for his aging grandparents was the motivation for him to run for council and make changes. Furthermore, he stated he is accessible to every member of this town and will bring concerns forward.

Councillor Hulan

Councillor Hulan stated, as both a volunteer and an entrepreneur he has heard concerns from all demographics. His priority and focus will be what can be done to bring the younger generation back to our community. The growth will come from this generation, but they need services that are applicable to them. They are the key, and without them there will be no growth in infrastructure, services and our retirement community won't be looked after.

Mayor Rose in response, given the skills sets and passion around this council table, we will work together for all the citizens of the town.

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion No. 21- 302 Hulan/Boland

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm  
Carried Unanimously

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**MAYOR**

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**TOWN CLERK**