

REGULAR GENERAL MEETING, APRIL 6, 2017

A Regular General Meeting of the Council of the Town of Stephenville was held in the Council Chambers at 12:10 p.m. on April 6, 2017.

Present:

Mayor Tom O'Brien
Deputy Mayor Mike Tobin

Councillors: Don Gibbon
Tom Rose
Darlene Oake
Laura Aylward
Justin House

Also Present:

Town Manager/Acting Town Clerk, Mike Campbell

MINUTES

REGULAR GENERAL MEETING, MARCH 23, 2017

Motion – Gibbon/Aylward

No.17-68 That the Minutes of the Regular General Meeting of March 23, 2017 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

EXPENSE CHEQUE LISTING FOR MARCH, 2017

Motion - Tobin/Oake

No.17-69 It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Expense Cheque listing for March, 2017 totaling \$213,845.65 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

INVOICE, FCM LEGAL DEFENSE FUND

Motion - Tobin/Oake

No.17-70 It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Town of Stephenville pay FCM Invoice No.

ORD-0475-R5H4X0 in the amount of \$177.72 towards the Legal Defense Fund.

Carried Unanimously

POLL TAX

Motion - Tobin/Gibbon

No.17-71 It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that Poll Tax adjustments totaling \$162.44 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

PROPERTY TAX

Motion - Tobin/Rose

No.17-72 It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that Property Tax write-offs totaling \$8,241.52 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

REMISSION OF TAX

Motion - Tobin/House

No.17-73 It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that Remission of Tax totaling \$2,948.30 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

BUSINESS TAX

Motion - Tobin/Aylward

No.17-74 It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that Business Tax adjustments totaling \$150.00 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

**REQUEST FOR GRANT, ROYAL
CANADIAN LEGION
BRANCH 35**

Motion - Tobin/Gibbon

No.17-75 It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Town of Stephenville purchase a full page ad, costing \$100.00, in the souvenir booklet for the 65th Biennial Provincial Command Convention being hosted

the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 35
on August 26 to 30, 2017.
Carried Unanimously

PERMITS AND MUNICIPAL PLAN

ONE STOP AUTO, 229 CAROLINA AVENUE

DATA: Request for a permit to occupy space in the building located at 229 Carolina Avenue to accommodate an autobody repair shop, to do minor renovations and to erect a sign on the building.

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

Motion - Aylward/Oake

No.17-76 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee be accepted and One Step Auto be granted a permit to accommodate an autobody repair shop, to do minor renovations and to erect a sign on the building located at 229 Carolina Avenue, subject to conditions as outlined in the agenda data.

Carried Unanimously

SERENITY SALON, 24 BRUCE BOULEVARD

DATA: Request for a permit to change the name of an existing home based personal service business in the residence located at 24 Bruce Boulevard.

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

As the applicant is a family member, Councillor Gibbon declared himself in conflict of interest and left the Council table.

Motion - Aylward/Rose

No.17-77 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee be accepted and Serenity Salon be granted a permit to change the name of an existing home based personal service business in the residence located at 24 Bruce Boulevard, subject to conditions as outlined in the agenda data.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Gibbon abstained from voting.

Councillor Gibbon returned to the Council table at the conclusion of discussion on this item.

**DONALD WHITE,
NOEL'S POND**

DATA: Request for a permit to construct a 10 foot by 20 foot extension on the north-east side of the log building on property located in Noel's Pond.

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

Motion - Aylward/Tobin

No.17-78 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee be accepted and Brian and Elizabeth Gaudon be granted permit to construct a 10 foot by 20 foot extension on the north-east side of the log building on property located in Noel's Pond, subject to conditions as outlined in the agenda data.

Carried Unanimously

**REELS MISC,
43 MAIN STREET**

DATA: Request for a permit to operate a photography business from space in the building

located at 43 Main Street and to erect a privacy wall as per sketch submitted.

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

Motion - Aylward/House

No.17-79 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee be accepted and Reels Misc. be granted permit to operate a photography business from space in the building located at 43 Main Street and to erect a privacy wall as per sketch submitted, subject to conditions as outlined in the agenda data.

Carried Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

TOWN OF GANDER

Mayor O'Brien stated he is thankful for the weather being experienced on the West Coast. He commented on the major problems Gander and surrounding areas are having due to the high amount of snow fall this past week. The Town of Stephenville will extend offer for one blower, one loader and one operator.

ABBOTT & HALIBOURTON FIRE

Mayor O'Brien commented on the major fire located in Port au Port West on Monday, April 3. He noted that the Stephenville Fire Department helped in assisting other Fire Departments in the area to fight the blazing fire of the 132 year old business.

COLD BROOK STUDY WASTE PROTECTION AREA

Councillor Rose revisited the matter regarding Cold Brook Study and that the Province is not funding the study. Councillor Rose feels that Council should lift the restrictions to build for families that own land in the Cold Brook.

Mayor O'Brien stated that to lift the restrictions will be irresponsible. Mayor O'Brien is still pressuring the Province to conduct the study.

The Town Manager send information to Dorothy Hanchar.

Councillor Rose commented that The Town and Council have paralyzed residents of Cold Brook.

Mayor O'Brien stated that Council wants to move the line and are working hard with the Department to get the study done by putting pressure on the government.

Councillor Rose would like to see this issue resolved.

SOUTHWEST JOINT COUNCIL MEETING

Deputy Mayor Tobin reported that the next Southwest Joint Council Meeting would be held in Burgeo.

Councillor Aylward stated that major work needs to be done on the Trans-Canada Highway.

Councillor Tobin gave a summary of census 2016.

Deputy Mayor Tobin reported the next UMC meeting will be in June 2017.

LOCAL MEDIA REGARDING ANIMAL CONTROL

Deputy Mayor Tobin stated that the local media implied Animal Control contract was awarded in violation of the Public Tender Act; he disagreed. There was disagreement with GPA that was not pursued by either the Town of Stephenville or GPA.

Councillor Rose commented that in GPA opinion, the Town of Stephenville should have tendered.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion – Gibbon/Oake

No. 17-67 That the meeting adjourn at this time,
12:47 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

CHAIRPERSON

DATE CONFIRMED