

## **REGULAR GENERAL MEETING, APRIL 9, 2015**

A Regular General Meeting of the Council of the Town of Stephenville was held in the Council Chambers at 12:07 p.m. on April 9, 2015.

Present: Mayor Tom O'Brien, Chairperson  
Deputy Mayor Mike Tobin  
Councillor: Laura Aylward  
John Finn  
Don Gibbon  
Darlene Oake

Absent: Councillor Justin House

Also Present: Town Manager, Mike Campbell  
Town Clerk, Carolyn Lidstone

## **MINUTES**

### **REGULAR GENERAL MEETING, March 26, 2015**

Motion – Gibbon/Aylward

No. 15-68 That the Minutes of the Regular General Meeting of March 26, 2015 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

## **PROCLAMATIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

### **MILES FOR SMILES CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH APRIL, 2015**

Mayor O'Brien signed a proclamation declaring April 2015, as Child Abuse Prevention month in the Town of Stephenville

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

#### **EXPENSE CHEQUE LISTING FOR MARCH, 2015**

Motion - Gibbon/Tobin

No. 15-69 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee of the Whole be accepted and the Expense Cheque listing for March, 2015 totaling \$360,420.21 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

#### **PERMISSION TO TENDER, PURCHASE OF TWO PICK-UPS**

Motion - Gibbon/Tobin

No. 15-70 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee of the Whole be accepted and the Town of Stephenville tender for the purchase of two pick-ups.

Carried Unanimously

#### **THE WESTERN STAR, 2015 WAYFINDER**

Motion - Gibbon/Oake

No. 15-71 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee of the Whole that the Town of Stephenville purchase a half page ad, costing \$394.00 plus taxes, in the Western Star's 2015 Wayfinder – 101 Things To See & Do.

Carried Unanimously

### **PERMITS AND MUNICIPAL PLAN**

#### **TRENT WHITE, 83 GEORGIA DRIVE**

DATA: Request for Outline Planning Permission to utilize a portion of the building at 83 Georgia Drive to accommodate a pharmacy.

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

Motion – Aylward/Gibbon

No. 15-72 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee of the Whole be accepted and Trent White be granted Outline Planning Permission to utilize a portion of the building at 83 Georgia Drive to accommodate a pharmacy subject to conditions as outlined in the agenda data.

Carried Unanimously

**RAYMOND COOMBS,  
141-147 MAIN STREET**

DATA: Request for a permit to relocate an existing business to space in the building located at 141-147 Main Street.

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

Motion - Aylward/Tobin

No. 15-73 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee of the Whole be accepted and Raymond Coombs be granted a permit to relocate an existing business to space in the building located at 141-147 Main Street subject to conditions as outlined in the agenda data.

Carried Unanimously

**MARTY MADORE,  
4 TOMPKINS AVENUE**

DATA: Request for a permit to utilize space in the residence located at 4 Tompkins Avenue to accommodate a home office for the administration of construction and self-storage businesses.

It was the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee of the Whole that this permit be granted subject to the condition that there will be no outside storage of equipment or material on the site and compliance with all Town Regulations.

Motion - Aylward/Oake

No. 15-74 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee of the Whole be accepted and Marty Madore be granted a permit to utilize space in the residence located at 4 Tompkins Avenue to accommodate a home office for the administration of construction and self-storage businesses subject to conditions outlines in the agenda data.

Carried Unanimously

**BERNADETTE CHISLETT,  
134-136 WEST STREET**

DATA: Request for a permit to construct a road, to construct and operate ten tourist cabins, and to construct two commercial buildings on property located at 134-136 West Street.

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

Motion - Aylward/Oake

No. 15-75 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee of the Whole be accepted and Bernadette

Chislett be granted a permit to construct a road, to construct and operate ten tourist cabins, and to construct two commercial buildings on property located at 134-136 West Street subject to conditions as outlined in the agenda data.

Carried Unanimously

**P&R RENTALS,  
20 OREGON DRIVE**

DATA: Request for Outline Planning Permission to subdivide the land at 20 Oregon Drive, as per sketch submitted, to accommodate the construction of two 5-plex apartment buildings.

It was the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee of the Whole that Outline Planning Permission be granted subject to the submission of detailed construction drawings, the approval of Service NL, and compliance with all Town Regulations.

Motion - Aylward/Finn

No. 15-76 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee of the Whole be accepted and P & R Rentals be granted outline planning permission to subdivide the land at 20 Oregon Drive, as per sketch submitted, to accommodate the construction of two 5-plex apartment buildings subject to conditions as outlined in the agenda data. Carried Unanimously

**NEW BUSINESS**

**FEMALE HOCKEY TEAMS  
UNDER 12 UNDER 15 AND  
UNDER 20**

Mayor O'Brien noted that the Female Under 12, Under 15 and Under 20 Hockey Teams have brought home gold in all 3 divisions.

He commented on the tremendous commitment made by the parents and coaches of these teams.

## **YMCA**

Mayor O'Brien reported that the YMCA Membership at March 31, 2014 had been at 400; at March 31, 2015, it has 740 members. To date, the scanned admittance to the facility is 41,682.

## **STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL-DEVELOPMENT MATTERS**

Mayor O'Brien presented a prepared statement, a copy of which is attached to and forms a part of these minutes.

## **STEPHEN AWARDS APRIL 19<sup>th</sup>**

Councillor Oake reminded residents that tickets for the Stephen Awards banquet are on sale at Bens Pharmacy and Byrnes Shoes Store.

## **EMCA NOMINATIONS SCOTT HANLON**

Councillor Oake acknowledged the two EMCA nominations for Scott Hammond, who is a resident of Stephenville and a staff member of the College of the North Atlantic in Stephenville.

## **SOUTHWEST COAST JOINT COUNCIL**

Deputy Mayor Tobin reported that the Southwest Coast Joint Council will be meeting next Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, in Port Aux Basques. Mayor Peter Fenwick of the Town of Cape St. George is the Chair of that committee. He stated that he will be representing the Town of Stephenville at the meeting; and all councilors are welcome to attend.

## **2016 SUMMER EVENTS**

Councillor Aylward commented on the tremendous work being done by Jean House on the upcoming shows for the 2016 Something Big is Coming summer events.

She also thanked Deborah Coughlin and her team for their planning and hoped that the events will get a good turnout.

Councillor Gibbons stated that Jean House had made contact with her former boss of 50 years ago; and he may be attending the 2016 events.

Mayor O'Brien commented on recent contacts from former US Military crew members who had been stationed in Stephenville in the 50's & 60's and who had relayed their very fond memories of the area and its people.

**PROVINCIAL BANTAM B  
TOURNAMENT**

Councillor Gibbon noted that the Provincial Bantam B Tournament is being held in Stephenville this weekend.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion – Gibbon/Aylward

No. 15-77 That the meeting adjourn at this time,  
12:26 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

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**CHAIRPERSON**

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**DATE CONFIRMED**

**Prepared Statement  
Presented to Regular General Meeting  
April 9, 2015**

We are all aware that there has been much public discussion as of late pertaining to development in the Stephenville Land Assembly area north of Hillier Avenue as well as discussion around our new Town Plan.

Without referring to any specific applications or development requests, it is necessary for us as Council to make a few points regarding the time that it has taken to review and make decisions regarding any future development in this area.

Stephenville is the 12<sup>th</sup> largest town in Newfoundland and Labrador. As a modern municipality we are fortunate enough to have a state of the art water supply and sewage treatment system and our residents are fortunate enough to enjoy many amenities.

When it comes to municipal planning, particularly mapping out the potential for future growth in undeveloped areas, we have to be cognizant of the impact this growth may have on both our infrastructure, the maintenance of such, as well as the provision of services to our citizens.

Taxpayer's dollars fund our town staff, equipment operators and fire department.

Currently we have a number of areas in our town for which funds have been earmarked for infrastructure and maintenance.



Future growth in undeveloped areas within our boundaries requires careful thought and consideration to ensure that we do not overlook our current needs and also so that proper planning and mapping can be factored into our operating budget so we do not fall short of providing services in the future.

Having said that, our staff has been and continues to work diligently on applications that have been put forth. With proper research, careful analysis and time, we feel our council will be more prepared to make well informed decisions regarding future development in undeveloped areas. We ask our citizens to remain patient and trust that we are looking towards our future and we will make public our intentions on future growth in due time.