

## **REGULAR GENERAL MEETING, APRIL 24, 2014**

A Regular General Meeting of the Council of the Town of Stephenville was held in the Council Chambers at 12:22 p.m. on April 24, 2014.

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

Absent: Councillors: John Finn  
Justin House

Also Present: Town Manager/Acting Town Clerk, Mike Campbell

### **MINUTES**

#### **REGULAR GENERAL MEETING, APRIL 10, 2014**

Motion – Gibbon/Aylward

No. 14-87 That the Minutes of the Regular General Meeting of April 10, 2014 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

#### **POLL TAX**

Motion – Gibbon/Oake

No. 14-88 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and Poll Tax write offs totaling \$1,462.68 and adjustments totaling \$325.04 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

**PROPERTY TAX**

Motion – Gibbon/Tobin

No. 14-89 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and Property Tax write offs totaling \$3,850.62 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

**WATER AND SEWER TAX**

Motion – Gibbon/Aylward

No. 14-90 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and Water and Sewer Tax adjustments totaling \$1,308.00 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

**REMISSION OF TAX**

Motion – Gibbon/Oake

No. 14-91 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and Remission of Tax totaling \$2,965.48 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

**BUSINESS TAX**

Motion – Gibbon/Tobin

No. 14-92 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and Business Tax adjustments totaling \$1,018.78 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR  
MARCH, 2014**

Motion - Gibbon/Aylward

No. 14-93 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and the Accounts Payable for March, 2014 totaling \$437,272.84 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

**AWARD OF TENDER,  
4 YEAR LEASE OF BACKHOE**

Motion - Gibbon/Oake

No. 14-94 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and the tender for a 4 year lease of a Rubber Tired Backhoe be awarded to Nortrax in the amount of \$1,542.14, HST included, per month.

Carried Unanimously

**REQUEST FOR GRANT,  
STEPHENVILLE THEATRE  
FESTIVAL**

Motion - Gibbon/Tobin

No. 14-95 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and the Town of Stephenville give a grant in the amount of \$15,000 to the Stephenville Theatre Festival as its contribution to the 2014 season.

Carried Unanimously

**REQUEST FOR GRANT,  
STEPHENVILLE AIRPORT  
CORPORATION, 220  
MASSACHUSETTS DR.**

Motion - Gibbon/Aylward

No. 14-96 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and the Town of Stephenville give a grant in the amount of \$80,000 to the Stephenville Airport Corporation as the Town's contribution towards the refurbishment of the hanger at 220 Massachusetts Drive.

Carried Unanimously

**REQUEST FOR GRANT,  
W.E. CORMACK  
ENTREPRENEURIAL CENTRE**

Motion - Gibbon/Oake

No. 14-97 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and the Town of Stephenville give a grant in the amount of \$5,000 to the W.E. Cormack Entrepreneurial Centre.  
Carried Unanimously

**PERMITS AND MUNICIPAL PLAN**

**B & S AUTO SALES,  
57-61 WEST STREET**

DATA: Request for a permit to move the existing used car lot/camper sales business from 22 Hansen Highway to 57-61 West Street and to relocate an existing building as per sketch submitted to the lot at 57-61 West Street.

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

Motion – Aylward/Gibbon

No. 14-98 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee be accepted and B & S Auto Sales be granted a Permit to move the existing used car lot/camper sales business from 22 Hansen Highway to 57-61 West Street and to relocate an existing building as per sketch submitted to the lot at 57-61 West Street, subject to conditions as outlined in the agenda data.

Carried Unanimously

**RUSSELL'S FUNERAL HOME,  
57 PRINCE RUPERT DRIVE**

DATA: Request for Outline Planning Permission to construct a 24' x 28' accessory building on the property located at 57 Prince Rupert Drive.

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

Motion – Aylward/Oake

No. 14-99 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee be accepted and Russell's Funeral Home be granted Outline Planning Permission to construct a 24' x 28' accessory building on the property located at 57 Prince Rupert Drive, subject to conditions as outlined in the agenda data.

Carried Unanimously

**KARL & ANDREA BRUFF,  
21 HILLIER AVENUE**

This item was deferred.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**PORTER AIRLINES,  
SERVICE TO HALIFAX**

Mayor O'Brien stated that the service being offered by Porter Airlines is good news for the region. Connectivity to Halifax from the Stephenville airport is a huge benefit, especially with the economic activity projected for the area over the next few years including Emera, mining, oil exploration, and the fabrication facility. He is very excited about the new service and thanked Brenda Martin and the Stephenville Airport Corporation Board for the great work in making this happen.

Deputy Mayor Tobin encouraged residents of the region to avail of the service provided by Porter

and hopes it will result in an extended and expanded service.

Councillor Gibbon hopes that residents use the service and recognize the amount of work that was done by many to make this a reality.

Councillor Aylward stated the Porter service will be very beneficial to many people who travel to Halifax for medical appointments. She also thanked all involved in making it happen.

### **SPRING CLEANUP 2014**

Clean up week will be commencing on May 12.

Councillor Oake commented on the enormous amount of litter showing up through the snow. More assistance is needed to clean up the Town by different groups; this could include youth groups, service clubs and neighborhood groups. The Town will provide bags and gloves to all that wish to participate and will pay groups \$0.50 per bag of debris picked up, which will be collected from central locations.

Councillor Aylward will establish a clean-up day shortly.

The Friday pick up service will continue this year.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion – Gibbon/Aylward

No. 14-100 That the meeting adjourn at this time,  
12:42 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

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**CHAIRPERSON**

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**DATE CONFIRMED**