

REGULAR GENERAL MEETING, DECEMBER 15, 2016

A Regular General Meeting of the Council of the Town of Stephenville was held in the Council Chambers at 12:21 p.m. on December 15, 2016.

Present:

Mayor Tom O'Brien
Deputy Mayor Mike Tobin
Councillors: Laura Aylward
Don Gibbon
Justin House
Darlene Oake
Tom Rose

Also Present:

Town Manager, Mike Campbell
Town Clerk, Carolyn Lidstone

MINUTES

REGULAR GENERAL MEETING, DECEMBER 1, 2016

Motion – Gibbon/Oake

No.16-322 That the Minutes of the Regular General Meeting of December 1, 2016 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

PROCLAMATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

POLL TAX

Motion - Tobin/House

No.16-323 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and Poll Tax write-offs totaling \$5,755.35, adjustments totaling \$427.70 and refunds totaling \$112.50 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

PROPERTY TAX

Motion - Tobin/Aylward

No.16-324 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and Property Tax write-offs totaling \$127.54 and adjustments totaling \$152.22 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

WATER & SEWER TAX

Motion - Tobin/Rose

No.16-325 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and Water and Sewer Tax adjustments totaling \$648.00 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

REMISSION OF TAX

Motion - Tobin/Gibbon

No.16-326 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and Remission of Tax totaling \$497.18 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

BUSINESS TAX

Motion - Tobin/Oake

No.16-327 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and Business Tax write-offs totaling \$1,017.34, adjustments totaling \$656.25 and refunds totaling \$656.25 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
FOR NOVEMBER, 2016**

Motion - Tobin/House

No.16-328 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and the Accounts Payable for November, 2016 totaling \$282,001.50 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

**REQUEST TO CALL TENDERS,
REPAIRS TO WELL NO. 2**

Motion - Tobin/Aylward

No.16-329 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and the Town of Stephenville call tenders for the Repairs to Well No. 2 project.

Carried Unanimously

**GRANTS, STEPHENVILLE
AIRPORT CORPORATION**

Councillor Rose stated that his sister-in-law is the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Stephenville Airport Corporation. In that capacity she does not receive any pecuniary or monetary rewards. He asked Council to decide whether he was in conflict of interest on the upcoming item.

Mayor O'Brien stated he didn't think Councillor Rose was in conflict of interest as the members of the SAC Board do not receive any personal gain to be on the Board.

Motion - Tobin/House

No.16-330 That Councillor Tom Rose is not in conflict of interest on the discussion of the Stephenville Airport Corporation Grants.

Carried
Councillor Rose abstained from voting.

Motion - Tobin/Gibbon

No.16-331 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted; and the Town of Stephenville partner with the Stephenville Airport Corporation to further economic development opportunities in the aviation-related and non-aviation related fields in the amounts of \$250,000 for 2016 and \$275,000 for 2017.

Carried Unanimously

Mayor O'Brien stated that Council have reviewed the Stephenville Airport Corporation plans and has chosen to support their endeavors. He felt these grants will service the community well on a go-forward basis.

Councillor Rose highlighted his early involvement in the Stephenville Airport Corporation, stating that it's great that the airport is still in existence but has a way to go to enhance its services. As the regional economy grows, it will fuel those opportunities. Councillor Rose recommended to the Board that they pursue more community involvement in the Corporation.

PERMITS AND MUNICIPAL PLAN

CURNEW'S CONSTRUCTION LIMITED, 21 UTAH DRIVE

DATA: Request for a permit to construct a 10 foot by 12 foot shed roof over the front entrance steps, as per sketch submitted, at the building located at 21 Utah Drive.

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

Motion - Aylward/Rose

No.16-332 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee be accepted and Curnew's Construction Limited be granted a permit to construct a 10 foot by 12 foot shed roof over the front entrance steps, as per sketch submitted, at the building located at 21 Utah Drive, subject to conditions as outlined in the agenda data.

Carried Unanimously

**JAP HOLDINGS INC.,
149-151 MAIN STREET**

DATA: Request for Outline Planning Permission to remove interior walls, as per sketch submitted, to restore the building located at 149- 151 Main Street to its original interior design.

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.16-333 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee be accepted and JAP Holdings Inc. be granted Outline Planning Permission to remove interior walls, as per sketch submitted, to restore the building located at 149- 151 Main Street to its original interior design, subject to conditions as outlined in the agenda data.

Carried Unanimously

**DAME DRAGONFLY
METAPHYSICAL,
90 MAIN STREET**

DATA: Request for a permit to do interior renovations and to operate a gift and personal services business in space in the building located at 90 Main Street.

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.16-334 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee be accepted and Dame Dragonfly Metaphysical be granted a permit to do interior renovations and to operate a gift and personal services business in

space in the building located at 90 Main Street, subject to conditions as outlined in the agenda data.

Carried Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

SOUTHWEST JOINT COUNCIL MEETING, DECEMBER 10, 2016

Deputy Mayor Tobin reported he and Mayor O'Brien had attended the December 10, 2016 Southwest Joint Council meeting held in the Stephenville Council Chambers. The group comprises of 12-14 towns from the region with the latest member being the Bay St. George South Local District. He highlighted some of the discussion items, those being, the closure of Libraries; Port au Port Church; Mid-Island Link.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Mayor O'Brien wished staff and residence a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous and safe New Year.

GLEE CLUB CONCERT

Councillor Aylward extended her most sincere congratulations to Jean House on the recent concert which was been a sold out performance.

NOTICE OF MOTION, SUPPORT FOR MNL's RESOLUTION TO PROHIBIT RETAIL STORES FROM PROVIDING CUSTOMERS SINGLE USE PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS

Motion - Rose/Oake
No.16-335

WHEREAS the Town of Stephenville wishes to have a clean pristine environment;

AND WHEREAS plastic shopping bags are responsible for killing millions of marine animals and sea birds every year;

AND WHEREAS an Island bigger than the size of Newfoundland and Labrador, some 600,000 sq. km. is forming in the Central Pacific Ocean ... an island made entirely of discarded plastic debris;

AND WHEREAS Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador representing 276 incorporated municipalities in the Province and their 2000 plus local leaders passed a resolution at its 2015 **AGM “requesting the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador prohibit all retail stores from providing customers with single use plastic shopping bags”** as proposed by the Town of Portugal Cove St., Phillips;

AND WHEREAS the Board of Directors on Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador on September 12, 2016, has written the Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and the Provincial Minister of Environment and Climate Change **requesting that there be a joint committee be struck to explore a Provincial Ban;**

BE IT RESOLVED the Town of Stephenville write a letter to the Province supporting the Resolution adopted by MNL to **“Prohibit all retail stores from providing customers single use plastic shopping bags in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador”** passed by MNL in 2015 as well as the Board of Directors leadership in its letter to the Province dated September 12, 2016.

Carried Unanimously

ADJOURNMENT

Motion – Aylward/Gibbon

No. 16-336 That the meeting adjourn at this time,
12:39 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

CHAIRPERSON

DATE CONFIRMED