

REGULAR GENERAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 11, 2016

A Regular General Meeting of the Council of the Town of Stephenville was held in the Council Chambers at 12:12 p.m. on February 11, 2016.

Present: Mayor Tom O'Brien, Chairperson
Deputy Mayor: Mike Tobin

Councillors: Laura Aylward
Don Gibbon
Darlene Oake

Absent: Councillor: Justin House - work commitment

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

MINUTES

REGULAR GENERAL MEETING, JANUARY 28, 2016

Motion – Gibbon/Aylward

No.16-26 That the Minutes of the Regular General Meeting of January 28, 2016 be adopted as circulated.
Carried Unanimously

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

EXPENSE CHEQUE LISTING FOR JANUARY, 2016

Motion - Gibbon/Tobin

No.16-27 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and the Expense Cheque listing for January, 2016 totaling \$619,303.09 be approved.
Carried Unanimously

**GRANT, 2016
STEPHEN AWARDS**

As the member of the Stephen Awards Committee, Councillor Oake declared herself in conflict of interest and left the Council table.

Motion - Gibbon/Aylward

No.16-28 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and the Town of Stephenville give a grant in the amount of \$2,500 to the Stephen Awards Committee towards the cost of holding the 2016 Stephen Awards Banquet.

Carried
Councillor Oake abstained from voting.

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

PERMITS AND MUNICIPAL PLAN

**INTERNATIONAL NEON/LOBLAWS
PROPERTIES, 56-60 PRINCE
RUPERT DRIVE**

DATA: Request for a permit to install two permanent signs, as per drawings submitted, on the building located at 56-60 Prince Rupert 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/Oake

No. 16-29 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee be accepted and International Neon/Loblaws Properties be granted a permit to install two permanent signs, as per drawings submitted, on the building located at 56-60 Prince Rupert Drive subject to conditions as outlined in the agenda data.

Carried Unanimously

**STEPHANIE GIBBON/STYLE
PALACE HAIR AND NAILS,
24 BRUCE BOULEVARD**

As the applicant is his granddaughter, Councillor Gibbon declared himself in conflict of interest and left the Council table.

DATA: Request for a permit to operate a home based hair and nail salon in the residence located at 24 Bruce Boulevard and to erect a window sign.

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

Motion - Aylward/Tobin

No. 16-30 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee be accepted and Stephanie Gibbon/Style Palace Hair and Nails be granted a permit to operate a home based hair and nail salon in the residence located at 24 Bruce Boulevard and to erect a window sign subject to conditions as outlined in the agenda data.

Carried
Councillor Gibbon abstained from voting.

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

**JENNIFER LUCAS/HEALING
HANDS, 13 GLENDALE STREET**

DATA: Request for a permit to operate a home based massage therapy clinic in the residence located at 13 Glendale Street.

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

Motion - Aylward/Gibbon

- No. 16-31 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee be accepted and Jennifer Lucas/Healing Hands be granted a permit to operate a home based massage therapy clinic in the residence located at 13 Glendale Street subject to conditions as outlined in the agenda data.
Carried Unanimously

**GERALD SNOW/YOUR SPACE
CREATIONS INC.,
10 ROSS AVENUE**

DATA: Request for Outline Planning Permission to renovate space in the residence located at 10 Ross Avenue, as per sketches submitted, to accommodate a subsidiary apartment.

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

Motion - Aylward/Oake

- No. 16-32 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee be accepted and Gerald Snow/Your Space Creations Inc. be granted Outline Planning Permission to renovate space in the residence located at 10 Ross Avenue, as per sketches submitted, to accommodate a subsidiary apartment subject to conditions as outlined in the agenda data.

Carried Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

**STEPHENVILLE WINTER
CARNIVAL**

Councillor Gibbon reported that Stephenville Winter Carnival will be held from February 25-28 with the official opening being held at the Stephenville

Dome. He noted that a Carnival button will be available for purchase which commemorates the Carnival's 40th anniversary.

**URBAN MUNICIPALITIES
COMMITTEE MEETING, DEER
LAKE**

Deputy Mayor Tobin reported on his attendance at the UMC Meeting last weekend in Deer Lake. He highlighted the discussion topics which were; Crown Lands, Public Tendering Act, Economic activity both Urban and Rural, Urban Summit, Infrastructure Funding and a Municipal Assessment Agency presentation. He noted that Minister Ed Joyce of the Department of Municipal Affairs as well as Minister Al Hawkins of the Department of Transportation and Works had been in attendance.

**MOLSON DISTRIBUTORSHIP
RESTRUCTURING**

As the Molson Distributor in this area, Mayor O'Brien declared himself in conflict of interest and left the Council table.

Deputy Mayor Tobin chaired the meeting for this item.

Deputy Mayor Tobin commented that approximately two and a half weeks ago, Molson Representatives had advised the local distributor that those services would not be needed after February 27.

He was very disconcerted with the announcement and its effect on the community, noting that seven fulltime jobs will be eliminated in Stephenville and three in Port Aux Basques. He stated that the O'Brien family has been doing tremendous work in the community both personally and as Molson representatives for over 30 years. The service provided by the local Molson Distributor has been top notch. The Bay St. George Chamber of Commerce has been in contact with Molson's Corporate Office; and a representative from the Corporate Office will be meeting with that group. He stated that as a Town, he felt victimized by Molson's decision.

Councillor Gibbon stated that the many organizations and individuals who have been helped out throughout the years by the local Molson distributor will miss the assistance.

Councillor Aylward stated that it is a big loss to the Town and commented that big corporations have no loyalty to the communities in which they operate.

Deputy Mayor Tobin noted that he could understand if the business was struggling but that is not the case in the instance. The Molson's market share has increased dramatically over the years due to the efforts of the present distributor.

Mayor O'Brien returned to the Council table at the conclusion of discussion on this item and resumed the chair.

**LIGHT CONVERSION
PROJECT, STEPHENVILLE
DOME**

Mayor O'Brien advised that the contractor is on site to convert the lights in the Stephenville Dome to LED. This upgrade was not only an environmentally conscious decision but one that will assist the Dome in keeping their operating costs to a reasonable level.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion – Gibbon/Oake

No. 16-33 That the meeting adjourn at this time,
12:29 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

CHAIRPERSON

DATE CONFIRMED