

MINUTES
PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING
February 9th, 2023

A public council meeting held at the Town of Stephenville Town office on Thursday February 9th, 2023. The meeting was also streamed.

Present	Susan Fowlow	Deputy Mayor, Chairperson
	Tom Rose	Mayor (online)
	Laura Aylward	Councillor (online)
	Lenny Tiller	Councillor
	Myra White	Councillor
	Tristan Hulan	Councillor

Absent:	Tracy Boland	Councillor
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Staff:	Jennifer Brake, Town Clerk
	Colin Maddock, CAO (online)

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Susan Fowlow called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

23-47 White/Hulan
Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.
In Favor: 6
Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

23-48 Tiller/White
Be it resolved that the minutes of January 27th, 2023, public council meeting be approved as presented.
In Favor: 6
Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

PROCLAMATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH

Proclamation declaring February 2023, to be Violence Prevention Month AND Stand-Up Day February 22nd in the Town of Stephenville.

NATIONAL HERITAGE WEEK

Proclamation declaring February 20th as Heritage Day and February 20-26, 2023, to be National Heritage Week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councillor White presented the recommendations from the finance committee meeting held on January 23rd, 2023.

Property Tax

23-49

White/Tiller

Be it resolved that approval be given for property tax write offs in the amount of \$14,952.00.

In Favor: 6

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried Unanimously

Water & Sewer Tax

23-50

White/Aylward

Be it resolved that approval be given for water & sewer tax adjustments in the amount of \$2,657.18.

In Favor: 6

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried

Business Tax

23-51

White/Hulan

Be it resolved that approval be given for Business Tax adjustments in the amount of \$601.50.

In Favor: 6

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried

Expense Cheque Listing January 2023

23-52

White/Tiller

Be it resolved that approval be given for Expense Cheque Listing for January 2023 totaling \$331,787.91.

In Favor: 6

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried

Approval to Travel, AGM College of the North Atlantic

23-53

White/Hulan

Mayor Rose declared conflict of interest; he was not visible online.

Be it resolved that the Town of Stephenville give approval for Mayor Rose to travel to St. John's to attend College of the North Atlantic Annual General Meeting on February 13, 2023.

In Favor: 3 Councillor Aylward, White, Hulan

Opposed: 2 Deputy Mayor Fowlow, Councillor Tiller

Motion Carried

Mayor Rose returned to the meeting after motion carried.

Procurement for Engineering Services

23-54

White/Aylward

Be it resolved that the Town of Stephenville give approval for the procurement of Engineering Services for YMCA Project: Contribution Agreement - Climate Change Challenge Fund (CCCF) & Low Carbon Economy Leadership Fund (2018-2024).

In Favor: 6

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

PERMITS AND MUNICIPAL PLAN

Councillor Hulan presented the recommendations from the Planning and Traffic committee meeting held on February 6th, 2023.

1 Carmen Place- BSG Eats/BSG Delivery

23-55

Hulan/White

Be it resolved approval to operate a home-based delivery service out of the residence located at 1 Carmen Place.

In Favor: 6

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

78 Bruce Boulevard- H. J. Skinner Company

23-56

Hulan/Aylward

Be it resolved approval to operate a home-based delivery service out of the residence located at 78 Bruce Boulevard.

In Favor: 6

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

253 Carolina Avenue- Containerized Sanitation

23-57

Hulan/Tiller

Be it resolved approval to build an extension on existing building 79' x 16' x 20' on left side and 79' x 24' x 20' on right side of building on the property located at 253 Carolina Avenue subject to Service NL approval.

In Favor: 6

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Late item

23-58 ` Rescind Motion No 23-27

On Motion by Councillor Tiller and Seconded by Councillor Hulan
Be it Resolved that Motion No. 23-27" Traffic – No left Turn" passed on January 12, 2023 that temporarily prohibited a left turn from Gallant Street onto West Street heading toward Kippens be rescinded immediately.

In Favor: 3 Deputy Mayor Fowlow, Councillor Hulan, Councillor Tiller

Opposed: 3 Mayor Rose, Councillor Aylward, Councillor White

Motion Defeated

BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Rose

Indicated World Energy and Energy NL have done great work on promoting the importance of Wind Energy. He noted currently while in Ottawa, the conference program is about mediating the impacts of greenhouse gas emissions on the planet.

Stephenville Airport

He received an update that the bankruptcy is close to being resolved in the court and it's anticipated the final closure between Dymond, and the Stephenville Airport Corp should take place in the month of March.

Councillor Aylward

She acknowledged that her great grandson was born at the Sir Thomas Roddick Hospital by Doctor McComiskey, and they have been since transported to Corner Brook. She indicated we need to have discussions about the services being offered in Stephenville, and predicted we will be fighting for our surgical services. She noted currently in St. John's the radiologist's position are hard to fill.

Deputy Mayor Fowlow stated individuals are being flown to Toronto and Halifax because of shortages of radiologists.

Mayor Rose stated in meetings with Minister Osborne, and the Western Health team we have communicated that given the future growth of Stephenville, we want the obstetrics department to be operational at the Sir Thomas Roddick Hospital. On behalf of council and the residents of Stephenville we want to thank councillor Alyward for her work on the his file.

The Deputy Mayor Fowlow indicated that there also needs to be coordination of services that if residents are expected to travel to Corner Brook for medical reasons the highways should be cleared at all hours.

Councillor Tiller

He stated that regionally, we will be growing together and all communities in the Bay St. George area need to be working together and supporting each other. We need to have a collaborative discussion about planning, services, and the regional support structures.

NEW BUSINESS

None

NOTICE OF MOTION

None

ADJOURNMENT

23-59

Aylward/White

Resolved that since there is no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:55pm

Motion Carried