

**MINUTES**  
**PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING**  
**February 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2023**

A public council meeting held at the Town of Stephenville Town office on Thursday February 23<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The meeting was also streamed.

Present

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

Staff:

Colin Maddock, CAO, Acting Town Clerk  
Jennifer Brake, Town Clerk (joined meeting virtual at 7:21pm)  
Steve Morris, Fire Chief (left meeting at 7:15pm)  
Mike Ratter, Economic Development Officer

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Rose called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM

Mayor Rose introduced Fire Chief, Steve Morris, and welcomed him and his family to the Town of Stephenville. Mr. Morris stating the fire department is a great department, and he looks forward to working with his staff and moving the department forward.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**23-60**

Tiller/Fowlow

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

In Favor: 7      Rose, Fowlow, Aylward, Boland, Hulan, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0      Motion Carried

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**23-61**

Aylward/Fowlow

Be it resolved that the minutes of February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, public council meeting be approved as presented.

In Favor: 7      Rose, Fowlow, Aylward, Boland, Hulan, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0      Motion Carried

**MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

None

**PROCLAMATIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Deputy Mayor Fowlow presented the recommendations from the finance committee meeting held on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**Accounts Payable Listing January 2023**

- 23-62** Fowlow/White  
Be it Resolved to approve to pay Accounts Payable listing for January 2023 as presented totaling \$549,407.26 \*(Excluding Invoice No. 110120)  
In Favor: 7 Rose, Fowlow, Aylward, Boland, Hulan, Tiller, White  
Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Councillor Hulan declared conflict of interest and left the council table and returned after the vote of council.

- 23-63** Fowlow/Boland  
Be it Resolved to approve to pay Invoice No. 110120 Klean-All \$2,064.25  
In Favor: 6 Rose, Fowlow, Aylward, Boland, Tiller, White  
Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

**Request for Grant – Stephenville Historical Society Inc.**

- 23-64** Fowlow/White  
Be it resolved that approval be given to pay a grant in the amount of \$12,000 to the Stephenville Historical Society Inc.  
In Favor: 7 Rose, Fowlow, Aylward, Boland, Hulan, Tiller, White  
Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

**Request for Grant- SCAPA**

- 23-65** Fowlow/Aylward  
Be it resolved that approval be given to pay a grant in the amount of \$1,148.00 to SCAPA.  
In Favor: 7 Rose, Fowlow, Aylward, Boland, Hulan, Tiller, White  
Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

**Request for Donation-Addiction Recovery Drop-In Centre**

**23-66**

Fowlow/Boland

Be it resolved that approval be given to pay a grant in the amount of \$2500.00 to the Addictions Recovery Drop-In Centre.

In Favor: 7 Rose, Fowlow, Aylward, Boland, Hulan, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

**Request for Grant – Stephenville Cultural Destination Committee (SCDC)**

**23-67**

**Fowlow/White**

Be it resolved to approve a grant to the Stephenville Cultural Destination Committee to open Visitor Information Centre from June 16 – September 6, 2023, at the Stephenville Dome in the amount of \$3,500.

In Favor: 7 Rose, Fowlow, Aylward, Boland, Hulan, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

**Deficit Reduction Plan**

**23-68**

**Fowlow/Tiller**

Be it resolved to approve submitting a three-year Deficit Reduction Plan as presented, in accordance with Municipalities Act, 1999, Article 79, Section 5.

In Favor: 7 Rose, Fowlow, Aylward, Boland, Hulan, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

**PERMITS AND MUNICIPAL PLAN**

Councillor White presented the recommendations from the Planning and Traffic committee meeting held on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**221 Main Street- United Food Inc./McDonald's Restaurants of Canada**

**23-66**

Hulan/Aylward

Be it resolved approval to change ownership and continue to operate existing fast-food restaurant on the property located at 221 Main Street.

In Favor: 7 Rose, Fowlow, Aylward, Boland, Hulan, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

**60 West Street- Qalipu Cultural Foundations Inc.**

**23-67**

Hulan/Tiller

Be it resolved approval to operate a non-profit/charity business and place signage in pylon on the property located at 60 West Street.

In Favor: 7 Rose, Fowlow, Aylward, Boland, Hulan, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

### **53-55 Main Street- Candy Lane**

**23-68**

Hulan/Boland

Be it resolved approval to operate a candy shop and install business decal in window on the building located at 53-55 Main Street.

In Favor: 7 Rose, Fowlow, Aylward, Boland, Hulan, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

### **BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

None

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Mayor Rose**

He spoke on the critical importance that World Energy wind farms project will have on our region and the economy. He stated we need industry, it creates economics, creates GDP, creates jobs and taxation pays for public infrastructure and services. He emphasized green energy, zero emissions and the minimum impacts to the environment. He conveyed thousands of km's of wood roads were built to harvest wood and Stephenville once shipped newsprint to Hamburg Germany. This project would ship ammonia from green energy to Hamburg Germany. He stated Site 1 Port au Port Peninsula the footprint of one turbine is the size of an average house, the environmental impact would be no comparison to an open pit mine. The indigenous leaders, and the Town of Stephenville has signed a MOU to support World Energy. In closing he hoped world energy receives crown land approvals and jobs can start to be created.

#### **Councillor Tiller**

He recognized February 22, 2023, as Pink Shirt Day and acknowledged the movement that was inspired by one student in Nova Scotia in 2007 that was bullied, as grown into the business and nonprofit communities.

#### **Councillor Aylward**

She acknowledged the press release stating Gander and Grand Falls – Windsor hospitals will have their own obstetrical units. She stated as the chair of the West Coast action committee they have been advocating for obstetrical services for the Sir Thomas Roddick hospital (STRH). She has communicated to Western Health her knowledge of a potential doctor that could fill a position for the obstetrics unit at STRH. She is going to request from Western Health the number of births in this area for the last five years.

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**Notice of Motion was requested by Councillor Tiller**

**23-68** Mayor Rose read the Notice of Motion from Councillor Tiller, Seconded by Councillor Hulan

*Let It be Resolved that the Town council permit a lefthand turn at the intersection of Gallant Street and West Street, heading towards Kippens, which is controlled by traffic lighting to alleviate safety concerns heard from residents, businesses, parents, school staff, and other stakeholders who use the intersection.*

In Favor: 7 Rose, Fowlow, Aylward, Boland, Hulan, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Comments: the implementation of the no left hand turn was with good intentions, however it was expressed it created more challenges. A permanent solution to be researched, and an advanced green will be explored.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**23-69** Tiller/White

Resolved that since there is no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:59pm

In Favor: 7 Rose, Fowlow, Aylward, Boland, Hulan, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

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Mayor

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Town Clerk