

MINUTES
PUBLIC MEETING OF COUNCIL
August 31st, 2023

A public council meeting held at the Town of Stephenville Town office on Thursday August 10th, 2023. The meeting was also streamed.

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

Staff: Colin Maddock, CAO
Jennifer Brake, Town Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rose called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM

Land Acknowledgement

We respectfully acknowledge the Town of Stephenville as the ancestral homeland of different populations of Indigenous people. We also acknowledge with respect, the rich histories and cultures of the Beothuk, Mi'kmaq, Innu and Inuit of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

23-251 Boland/White
Be it resolved that the agenda for August 31, 2023 be approved as presented.
In Favor: 7 Alyward, Boland, Fowlow, Hulan, Rose, Tiller, White
Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

23-252 White/Aylward
Be it resolved that the public meeting of council minutes for August 10th, 2023, be approved as presented.
In Favor: 7 Alyward, Boland, Fowlow, Hulan, Rose, Tiller, White,
Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

PROCLAMATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

The Finance committee met on August 28th, 2023, and the following item was recommended for council approval.

9/11 22nd Memorial Event

23-253

White/Tiller

Be it Resolved that the Town of Stephenville host a dinner to Commemorate the 22nd anniversary of 9/11 in the amount of \$3000.00.

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

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

PERMITS AND MUNICIPAL PLAN

Councillor White presented the recommendations for approval from the Planning and Traffic committee for meeting that was held on August 8th, 2023

28 Gull Pond Road

23-254

Aylward/White

Be it resolved to approve a permit to replace a wastewater holding tank on the property located at 28 Gull Pond Road.

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

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Minnesota Drive (Off Route 460) – Razoolies Inn

23-255

Aylward/Boland

Be it resolved to approve a permit to erect a 4-foot by 8-foot business sign on the signage corridor located on Minnesota Drive.

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

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Carolina Avenue (Off Route 490) – Razoolies Inn

23-256

Aylward/Boland

Be it resolved to approve a permit to erect a 4-foot by 8-foot business sign on the signage corridor located on Carolina Avenue.

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

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

32 Hillview Avenue

23-257

Aylward/White

Deputy Mayor due to conflict of interest left the council table and returned to the table after the vote.

Be it resolved to approve a permit to replace the existing section of fence at rear of property with 4' high fence located on the property located at 32 Hillview Avenue.

In Favor: 6 Alyward, Boland, Hulan, Rose, Tiller, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

44 Queen Street - Easy Home

23-258

Aylward/Fowlow

Be it resolved to approve a permit to do minor interior renovations to alter retail space and install stud walls as per drawings submitted, on the property located at 44 Queen Street, subject to compliance of Service NL approval.

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

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

5-9 Wyoming Drive – Nfld & Labrador Housing Corporation

23-259

Aylward/Hulan

Be it resolved to approve a permit to renovate roof of an apartment complex located at 5-9 Wyoming Drive.

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

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

25 Brook Street – Daniarex

23-260

Aylward/Boland

Be it resolved to approve a permit for a home-based business office for mobile hair cutting from the property located at 25 Brook Street.

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

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

149-151 & 153-159 Main Street – JAP Holdings Inc.

23-261

Aylward/White

Be it resolved to approve Outline Planning Permission to consolidate 2 parcels of land, 149-151 Main Street & 153-159 Main Street, into one parcel of land to be named 149-159 Main Street, as per survey attached.

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

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

37-39 West Street – Mark Lewis

23-262

Aylward/Boland

Be it resolved to approve Outline Planning Permission to construct an additional fourplex for comprehensive development on the property located at 37-39 West Street.

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

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

21 St. Stephen's Street – Jordan Doucette

23-263

Aylward/Fowlow

Be if resolved to approve a permit to construct 6.5' X 16' extension on rear of the house with a 10% variance that was advertised with no objections.

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

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Late item presented at 7:30pm

109 Main Street- Hartery's Family Restaurant

23-264

Rose/Alyward

Be it resolved to approve a permit to change ownership for Hartery's Restaurant located at 109 Main Street and continue operating existing business, pending approval of Service NL.

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

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

MAYOR ROSE

Mayor Rose stated the Town of Stephenville had two significant events this week. Carl Dymond and the Dymond group of companies officially purchased the airport. He recognized and applauded the previous and current councils that supported the airport and kept it open. He also commended the airport boards for their dedication, noting he was the first chair of the airport corporation dating back to 1999.

The mayor remarked he understands Carl Dymond and his investors are moving forward with their first investment into a new hanger, one for airport craft and one for equipment.

The second important event was World Energy received Crown Land approval, stating this is great news, this project is scaled at the single largest private investment in the history of Atlantic Canada with the expectations this project could "grow to become green energy hub of North America; that's how big it is. "It's approved up to 4 gigawatts. So, in scale, 1000 megawatts is 1 GW. Muskrat Falls is only 865 megawatts. 4 gigawatts is like 5 Muskrat Falls." The Investment is from European green investment firms. From SK, Eagle plant out of South Korea. John Risley, Gene Jabolis, Brendan Paddock. October 31, 2023 government will make the final decision on the environmental impact studies.

"A work camp will be established on 40 acres in town and will accommodate up to 2000 workers. Get ready, it's going to be busy times, but we must manage those busy times and we will work diligently with council and management and our community." And he recommended local businesses use every measure, every financial tool they can to ensure that they take advantage of what's coming because this is very, very significant. Stephenville may see its third economic boom.

Town clerk left meeting at 7:26pm and returned at 7:30pm, CAO was Acting Town Clerk during this time.

Our town is seeing movement; the airport is sold and will get busy with airlines in time; the Port of Stephenville is sold and has been busy since its takeover.

He acknowledged members of council is actively working in our community with Councillor Boland – Guadian Angels, Councillor Aylward – Hospital Foundation Councillor Hulan – Search and Rescue and Deputy Mayor Fowlow does a lot of work and assists with files.

He read a note he received from a visitor, Mr. Quinn, in which he thanked Mayor Rose for his wonderful experience and hospitality while visiting Stephenville. Mr. Quinn currently in his seventies, was only three years old when his father was in the aircraft that went down in Bay. St. George. The airport has a plaque and model of the plane that went down, and they say with the right weather conditions people have seen the plane at the bottom of the ocean.

He recognized and appreciated the work completed by the beautification committee this year.

Deputy Mayor Fowlow

She reminded citizens about back-to-school safety and being extra cautious when driving as more kids will be biking and walking to school.

Councillor Aywlad

She acknowledged council has received a petition from 85 residents of New Mexico Drive regarding the speed limit on that street, she noted a child was killed there in 1974 and the street was turned into one way. She stated the town is reviewing safety measures and speed bumps have been discussed.

Radiothon will take place on September 28, 2023

Councillor Boland

Acknowledged the achievement of Katrina Roxon.

SPCA Fundraiser event takes place at Blanche Brook Park on September 2, 2023 from 2-4pm; with the Friendly Invasion committee providing live band.

NOTICE OF MOTION

None

ADJOURNMENT

23-265 Fowlow/Tiller
Resolved that since there is no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:42pm
In Favor: 7 Alyward, Boland, Fowlow, Hulan, Rose, Tiller, White
Opposed: 0 Motion Carried