

**PUBLIC MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**October 10, 2024**

A public council meeting was held at the Town of Stephenville Town office on Thursday October 10, 2024

Present:            Tom Rose            Mayor, Chairperson  
                      Laura Aylward      Councillor  
                      Maurice Hynes     Councillor  
                      Tom O'Brien       Councillor  
                      Darren Roberts    Councillor  
                      Myra White        Councillor

Absent:             Susan Fowlow      Deputy Mayor

Staff:                Bill Ramsay, CAO  
                          Jennifer Brake, Town Clerk  
                          Marilee Joy-Castillo, Communications Coordinator  
                          Mike Ratter, Community, Economic, and Development Manager

The meeting was called to order at 12:06pm

**Land Acknowledgment**

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**

Be it Resolved to approve the agenda for September 26, 2024 as presented.

**24-307**      Moved by Councillor Roberts, Seconded by Councillor White

In Favor:    6      Aylward, Hynes, O'Brien, Roberts, Rose, White  
Opposed:    0      Carried

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**24-308**      Moved by Mayor Rose, Seconded by Councillor Aylward

Be it Resolved to approve Public Meetings of Council Minutes dated September 26, 2024 as circulated

In Favor:    6      Aylward, Hynes, O'Brien, Roberts, Rose, White  
Opposed:    0      Carried

**24-309** Moved by Mayor Rose, Seconded by Councillor White

Be it Resolved to approve Privileged Meetings of Council Minutes dated October 1, 2024

In Favor: 6 Aylward, Hynes, O'Brien, Roberts, Rose, White  
Opposed: 0 Carried

## **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

NONE

## **PROCLAMATIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

The Town of Stephenville declared October 6 -12, 2024 as Fire Prevention Week. Our Fire Department staff in support of fire safety week will be visiting schools in the area.

The Town of Stephenville Proclaim October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month

The Town of Stephenville Proclaim October as Occupational Therapy Month

The Town of Stephenville Proclaim October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month

## **Public Announcement**

Mayor made a public announcement that the town will experience an immediate unplanned water interruption that will effect the lower base area. The CAO stated work was planned to replace valves but unexpectedly water had to be shut-off and more areas were affected, but it was important to proceed with the work.

## **FINANCE**

### **Accounts Payable**

**24-310** Moved by Councillor White, Seconded by Councillor Roberts

Be it Resolved to pay accounts payable dated October 10, 2024, in the amount of \$185,677.90

In Favor: 6 Aylward, Hynes, O'Brien, Roberts, Rose, White  
Opposed: 0 Carried

**24-311** Moved by Councillor White, Seconded by Councillor Roberts

Be it Resolved that the Town of Stephenville approve expense cheques for the Month of September in the amount of \$ 165,911.46

In Favor: 6 Aylward, Hynes, O'Brien, Roberts, Rose, White  
Opposed: 0 Carried

## **BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

NONE

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

NONE

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Councillor Aylward**

Sir Thomas Roddick Hospital Radiothon – stating she will provide an update to council at the next meeting of the total amount raised by the Sir Thomas Roddick Hospital Foundation Radiothon, and where the funds will be allocated.

Acknowledged the Stephenville Theater Festival has announced new Artistic Director Laura Caswell.

Send condolences to Marie Alexander and family on the passing of Austin Alexander.

### **Mayor Rose**

Bilingual Signage - The town has started to erect bilingual stop signs and street signs. He thanked staff and economic development personnel for their work on the project as we continue to recognize our Acadian and French culture. The town also received a contribution from the government to assist with this project.

He stated he is looking forward to the opening of our accessible medical clinic, which will be a great asset for the community.

Recognized spectator in the council chambers, Laura White who is running for Chief of Qalipu First Nations.

Send condolences to the Hann Family on the passing of Ray Hann.

### **Councillor Hynes**

Thanked Director of Public Works for meeting with residents on Russell Heights to respond to their inquiries.

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

24-312 Moved by Councillor O'Brien, Seconded by Councillor White

Resolved that since there is no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:27pm

In Favor: 6 Aylward, Hynes, O'Brien, Roberts, Rose, White

Opposed: 0 Carried