

PUBLIC MEETING OF COUNCIL

MAY 1, 2025

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

Regrets: Susan Fowlow Deputy Mayor
Maurice Hynes Councillor

Staff: Bill Ramsay, Chief Administrative Officer
Ira Barter, Director of Public Works, Engineering and Asset Management
Matt Simms, Planning and Development Manager
Marilee Joy-Castillo, Communications Manager

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rose at 4:05 pm.

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

25-101 Moved by Councillor Roberts, Seconded by Councillor White.
Be it Resolved to approve the Agenda for May 1, 2025 as presented.

In Favor: 5 Roberts, White, Aylward, O'Brien, Rose
Opposed: 0 Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

25-102 Moved by Councillor Aylward, Seconded by Council O'Brien.
Be it Resolved that the minutes for April 17, 2025 Public meeting of Council be approved.

In Favor: 5 Roberts, White, Aylward, O'Brien, Rose
Opposed: 0 Carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

PROCLAMATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

Mayor Rose noted that a Proclamation signing will take place on May 5, 2025 as National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit People.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS**Property Tax Exemption**

25-103 Moved by Councillor White, Seconded by Councillor Roberts

Be it Resolved that land developers with signed a subdivision agreement with the Town of Stephenville be granted exemption from paying property tax on unsold building lots effective January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2027.

In Favor: 5 White, Roberts, Aylward, O'Brien, Rose
Opposed: 0 Carried

Accounts Payable

25-104 Moved by Councillor White, Seconded by Councillor Roberts

Be it Resolved to approve accounts payable for May 1, 2025 in the amount of \$175,064.37 as presented.

In Favor: 5 White, Roberts, Aylward, O'Brien, Rose
Opposed: 0 Carried

Property Tax

25-105 Moved by Councillor White, Seconded by Councillor Roberts

Be it Resolved to approve Property Tax Write-offs in the amount \$21,249.20

In Favor: 5 White, Roberts, Aylward, O'Brien, Rose
Opposed: 0 Carried

Remission of Tax

25-106 Moved by Councillor White, Seconded by Councillor Roberts

Be it Resolved to approve Remission of Tax in the amount of \$2,513.20

In Favor: 5 White, Roberts, Aylward, O'Brien, Rose
Opposed: 0 Carried

Water and Sewer Tax

25-107 Moved by Councillor White, Seconded by Councillor Roberts

Be it Resolved to approve water and sewer tax Write-offs in the amount of \$1,150.00.

In Favor: 5 White, Roberts, Aylward, O'Brien, Rose
Opposed: 0 Carried

Award of Tender

25-108 Moved by Councillor White, Seconded by Councillor Aylward

Be it Resolved that the Town of Stephenville award the tender for Rose Avenue Reconstruction (17-GI-24-00091) to Marine Contractors Inc in the amount of \$1,722,213.34 (HST Incl.)

In Favor: 5 White, Aylward, Roberts, O'Brien, Rose
Opposed: 0 Carried

Approval of Match Funding

25-109 Moved by Councillor White, Seconded by Councillor Roberts

Be is Resolved that the Town of Stephenville accept funding for "Bilingual Street Signage Phase 2 under French Service Grant Program and match the contribution in the amount of \$10,000.

In Favor: 5 White, Roberts, Aylward, O'Brien, Rose
Opposed: 0 Carried

Approval to Submit Canada Community – Building Fund Application

25-110 Moved by Councillor White, Seconded by Councillor Aylward

Be it Resolved to submit revised Canada Community Building Fund Application Project Number 253-2024-8399 to complete installation for the Fire Department Ventilation System in the amount of \$33,517.53.

In Favor: 5 White, Aylward, Roberts, O'Brien, Rose
Opposed: 0 Carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Rose

He extended congratulations to Prime Minister Carney and Minister of Parliament Carol Anstey on their victories in the Federal Election. He also inquired whether the Town had reached out to any groups or organizations regarding a clean-up of the Town and its properties.

CAO Ramsay responded that tools and garbage bags are available for anyone interested in organizing a clean-up. He noted that the Town's Recreation and Wellness Coordinator, who usually coordinates such events with various service clubs and organizations, is currently out of town at a conference. He will follow up with her upon her return and report back to Council at the next meeting.

NOTICE OF MOTION

There are no notices of motion.

ADJOURNMENT

25-111 Moved by Councillor O'Brien, Seconded by Councillor Aylward

Resolved that since there is no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:16 pm

In Favor:	5	O'Brien, Aylward, White, Rose, Roberts
Opposed:	0	Carried