

SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING OF COUNCIL

August 13, 2025

Present: Tom Rose Mayor, Chairperson
Susan Fowlow Deputy Mayor (online)
Laura Aylward Councillor
Maurice Hynes Councillor
Darren Roberts Councillor
Myra White Councillor
Absent: Tom O'Brien Councillor

Staff: Bill Ramsay, Chief Administrative Officer
Candace Simon, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Jennifer Brake, Town Clerk
Ira Barter, Director of Public Works, Engineering and Asset Management
Marilee Joy-Castillo, Communications Manager
Lorie Gale, Finance Manager
Mike Ratter, Community, Economic, and Industrial Development Manager
Matt Simms, Planning and Development Manager

Other: Two attendees in the gallery

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rose called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

Land Acknowledgment

Stephenville, and the whole of the Bay St. George area is home to rich, diverse, and vibrant rural Indigenous communities. Located on the ancestral and unceded territory of the Beothuk, the lands and waters in and around us have traditionally served as a gathering place for the Mi'kmaq. The broader region of Newfoundland and Labrador continues to be home to diverse Indigenous Peoples, including First Nations, Inuit, and Métis. We honour and pay respect to the past, present, and future caretakers of these territories.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

25-290 Moved by Councillor Roberts, Seconded by Councillor Hynes

Be it Resolved to approve the Agenda for August 13, 2025 as presented

In Favor: 6 Aylward, Fowlow, Hynes, Roberts, Rose, White
Opposed: 0 Carried

NEW BUSINESS

Rescinded Resolution No. 25-238

- 25-291** Moved by Councillor Roberts, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Fowlow
Be it Resolved to rescind Town of Stephenville Arrears Sale By-Law as approved by resolution No. 25-238.
- In Favor: 6 Aylward, Fowlow, Hynes, Roberts, Rose, White
Opposed: 0 Carried

Town of Stephenville Arrears of Sale By-Law.

- 25-292** Moved by Councillor White, Seconded by Councillor Hynes
Be it Resolved to adopt revised Town of Stephenville Arrears Sale By-Law as circulated
- In Favor: 6 Aylward, Fowlow, Hynes, Roberts, Rose, White
Opposed: 0 Carried

Approval of Audited Financial Statements 2024

- 25-293** Moved by Councillor Roberts, Seconded by Councillor Aylward
Be it Resolved that council hereby adopts the 2024 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements.
- In Favor: 6 Aylward, Fowlow, Hynes, Roberts, Rose, White
Opposed: 0 Carried
- Councillor Roberts noted he had a productive meeting with the auditor. He identified that a separate bank account should be maintained for Municipal Capital Works projects as a requirement by municipal affairs; Management will examine. Mayor Rose stated he is pleased with the financial position of the town.

Approval of enter into agreement with Strum Consulting

Chief Administrative Officer brought the motion forward.

- 25-293** Moved by Councillor Aylward, Seconded by Councillor White
That the council enter into a contract with Scrum Consulting to perform a combined geotechnical investigation and the Phase 2 ESA, the environmental on parcels of land one immediately adjacent or near the town hall and the other between College and North Atlantic and the SPCA in the contract value of \$39,500 plus HST.

Question was called:

In Favor: 6 Aylward, Fowlow, Hynes, Roberts, Rose, White
Opposed: 0 Carried

Mayor Rose

He stated in response to ongoing weather conditions and events in the Province, we need to be cognizant and know how easy fires can start. Management and Fire Department personnel have conducted a desktop exercise to review emergency measures for forest and grass fires. He stated for everyone to stay safe and look out for your neighbors.

ATV Ban – he stated the ban was announced today; all ATV and off-road vehicles are not permitted in forest areas and fines will be issued.

Councillor Aylward

She expressed appreciation for all personnel actively responding to the wildfires on the Avalon Peninsula, noting Prime Minister Carney has offered assistance to our Premier.

She encouraged everyone to visit the Garden of Hope and acknowledged the support of the Corporate Sponsor - Light and Power and the many volunteers, especially Dave Kane and Rosie Keats who care of the garden every year.

ADJOURNMENT

25-295 Moved by Councillor Aylward, Seconded by Councillor Hynes

Be it Resolved that since there is no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:33 pm

In Favor: 6 Aylward, Fowlow, Hynes, Roberts, Rose, White
Opposed: 0 Carried