

REGULAR GENERAL MEETING, APRIL 7, 2016

A Regular General Meeting of the Council of the Town of Stephenville was held in the Council Chambers at 12:07 p.m. on April 7, 2016.

Present: Mayor Tom O'Brien
Deputy Mayor Mike Tobin

Councillors: Don Gibbon
Justin House
Darlene Oake
Tom Rose

Absent: Councillor: Laura Aylward

Also Present: Town Manager, Mike Campbell
Town Clerk, Carolyn Lidstone

MINUTES

REGULAR GENERAL MEETING, MARCH 24, 2016

Motion – Gibbon/Oake

No.16-66 That the Minutes of the Regular General Meeting of March 24, 2016 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

PRIVILEGED MEETING, MARCH 24, 2016

Motion – Rose/House

No.16-67 That the Minutes of the Privileged Meeting of March 24, 2016 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

EXPENSE CHEQUE LISTING FOR MARCH, 2016

Motion - Gibbon/Tobin

No.16-68 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and the Expense Cheque Listing for March, 2016 totaling \$ \$1,769,201.26 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Rose stated there were several large disbursements through this Expense Cheque listing for the Port Harmon Industrial Facility. He suggested that when the finalization of partners for the funding Port Harmon Industrial Facility is available, a full summary of the funding for the facility should be tabled.

Mayor O'Brien report that of the \$1.7 million expenditures approved in the Expense Cheque listing, \$1.3 million were for projects at the Port Harmon Industrial Facility and \$12,000 were for election costs.

Carried Unanimously

REQUEST FOR ADVERTISING, 2016 SOUTHWEST COAST WAYFINDER

Motion - Gibbon/Oake

No.16-69 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and the Town of Stephenville purchase a half page ad costing \$394 plus taxes in the Western Star's 2016 Wayfinder.

Carried Unanimously

PERMITS AND MUNICIPAL PLAN

10503 NFLD. (RAZOO LIES), 120 CAROLINA AVENUE

DATA: Request for a permit to re-open Razoolies night club located at 120 Carolina Avenue.

It was the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee that this permit be granted subject to and compliance with all Town Regulations.

Motion - Oake/Gibbon

No. 16-70 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee be accepted and 10503 NFLD. (Razoolies) be granted a permit to re-open Razoolies night club located at 120 Carolina Avenue, subject to conditions as outlined in the agenda data.

Carried Unanimously

RYSON CONSTRUCTION/CHOICE PROPERTIES, 56-60 PRINCE RUPERT DRIVE

DATA: Request for a permit to do interior renovations, as per plans submitted, on the property located at 56-60 Prince Rupert Drive.

It was the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee that this permit be granted subject to the approval of Service NL and compliance with all Town Regulations.

Motion - Oake/House

No. 16-71 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee be accepted and Ryson Construction/Choice Properties, be granted a permit to do interior renovations, as per plans submitted, on the property located at 56-60 Prince Rupert Drive, subject to conditions as outlined in the agenda data.

Carried Unanimously

**CUSTOM IT/MATTHEW CORMIER,
2 JAMES STREET**

DATA: Request for a permit to operate a home based business for General IT Technician Services from the residence located at 2 James Street.

It was the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee that this permit be granted subject to compliance with all Town Regulations.

Motion - Oake/Tobin

No. 16-72 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee be accepted and Custom IT/Matthew Cormier be granted a permit to operate a home based business for General IT Technician Services from the residence located at 2 James Street, subject to conditions as outlined in the agenda data.

Carried Unanimously

**RUSSELL'S FUNERAL HOME LTD.,
57-67 PRINCE RUPERT DRIVE**

As he will be doing design work on the proposed development, Councillor House declared himself in conflict of interest and left the Council table.

DATA: Request for Outline Planning Permission to construct a 32 foot by 48 foot extension, as per plans submitted, to the building located at 57-67 Prince Rupert Drive to accommodate an expansion in the chapel area.

It was the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee that Outline Planning Permission be granted subject to the approval of Service NL and compliance with all Town Regulations.

Motion - Oake/Gibbon

No. 16-73 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee be accepted and Russell's Funeral Home Ltd., be granted a permit to construct a 32 foot by 48 foot extension, as per plans submitted, to the building located at 57-67 Prince Rupert Drive to accommodate an expansion in the chapel area, subject to conditions as outlined in the agenda data.

Carried
Councillor House sustained from voting.

Councillor House returned to the Council table at conclusion of discussion on this item.

NEW BUSINESS

SOUTHWEST JOINT COUNCIL MEETING, LOURDES

Deputy Mayor Tobin reported that he and Mayor O'Brien had attended the Southwest Joint Council Meeting last Saturday in Lourdes. The highlights of the meeting were: question and answer session with Sean Martin, CEO of the Municipal Assessment Agency and a discussion of water consumption in the communities. A subsequent meeting had been held regarding the Mid-Island Route which he and Mayor O'Brien had not attended.

Mayor O'Brien suggested that sometime in the spring, Council invite Sean Martin and his appropriate staff to come to meet with Council so individual Council members can get a better understanding about the Assessment process, including how properties are assessed and the reason for the differing ranges of increases.

In response to a question from Councillor Rose, Mayor O'Brien stated that the meeting scheduled for the morning was a session of the Southwest Joint Council; the meeting in the afternoon had been for interested Municipalities on the Mid-Island Route.

Deputy Mayor Tobin stated if there is money to be spent, he felt it should be spent on the highway that already exists.

Mayor O'Brien referred to an email sent by the Chair of the Southwest Joint Council regarding signage and maintenance on the proposed Mid Island route being undertaken by the towns and tourism association in Southwest Newfoundland.

Mayor O'Brien stated that the Council of the Town of Stephenville has lobbied for work to be done on White's Road, and noted that before considering putting money for signage and maintenance on a Mid-Island route, the higher priority would be for the upgrades to White's Road.

Deputy Mayor Tobin stated that he and Mayor O'Brien had not attended that meeting as the Town of Stephenville is not prepared to be a part of that initiative.

Councillor Rose reported that the two areas MHAs had been guest speakers at the Bay St. George Chamber of Commerce meeting this week. The Chamber has affirmed they want work done on White's Road this year. The road is in a state of disrepair; and the Provincial Government must assume responsibility for public safety along that section of highway.

**MNL WESTERN REGIONAL
MEETING, CORNER BROOK**

Deputy Mayor Tobin reported that the MNL Regional Meeting will begin tomorrow in Corner Brook. He highlighted the agenda items which are: Municipal Assessment Agency, Benefits of Being a Member of the MNL, Community Sustainability Partnership, 911 Services, future of Fire Departments, and Wastewater Treatment.

In response to a question from Councillor Rose, Deputy Mayor Tobin stated that he always does a verbal report on meetings which he attends on behalf of the Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion – Gibbon/Rose

No. 16-74 That the meeting adjourn at this time,
12:25 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

CHAIRPERSON

DATE CONFIRMED