

REGULAR GENERAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 23, 2017

A Regular General Meeting of the Council of the Town of Stephenville was held in the Council Chambers at 12:18 p.m. on February 23, 2017.

Present: Mayor Tom O'Brien
Deputy Mayor Mike Tobin

Councillors: Don Gibbon
Tom Rose
Darlene Oake
Laura Aylward

Absent: Councillor Justin House

Also Present: Town Manager, Mike Campbell

Town Clerk, Carolyn Lidstone

MINUTES

REGULAR GENERAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 9, 2017

Motion – Gibbon/Aylward

No.17-38 That the Minutes of the Regular General Meeting of February 9, 2017 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

POLL TAX

Motion - Tobin/Rose

No.17-39 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and Poll Tax adjustments of \$309.24 and refunds of \$150.00 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

PROPERTY TAX

Motion - Tobin/Oake

No.17-40 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and Property Tax write offs of \$7,494.33 and adjustments of \$5,101.00 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

WATER & SEWER TAX

Motion - Tobin/Gibbon

No.17-41 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and Water and Sewer Tax adjustments in the amount of \$672.00 be approved.
Carried Unanimously

BUSINESS TAX

Motion - Tobin/Aylward

No.17-42 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and Business Tax adjustments in the amount of \$3,189.44 be approved.
Carried Unanimously

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR
JANUARY, 2017**

Motion - Tobin/Gibbon

No.17-43 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and the Accounts Payable for January, 2017 totaling \$332,631.55 be approved.
Carried Unanimously

**REQUEST FOR GRANT, SOCIETY
FOR THE CARE AND
PROTECTION OF ANIMALS**

Motion - Tobin/Aylward

No.17-44 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and the Town of Stephenville give a grant in the amount \$1,163 to the Society for the Care and Protection of Animals to offset the 2017 Property Tax and Water and Sewer Tax levies for the property located at 15 Utah Drive.
Carried Unanimously

**REQUEST FOR ADVERTISING,
THE WESTERN STAR/
HORIZONS MAGAZINE**

Motion - Tobin/Rose

No.17-45 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and the Town of Stephenville purchase a Community Profile page, costing \$1,000.00 plus taxes, in the Horizons Magazine being published by the Western Star.
Carried Unanimously

PERMITS AND MUNICIPAL PLAN

ESSENTIAL BEAUTY HAIR STUDIO, 195 HANSEN MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

DATA: Request for a permit to utilize space in the building located at 195 Hansen Highway to accommodate a beauty salon and to erect a 5x10 sign on the building.

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 - Aylward/Oake

No.17-46 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee be accepted and Essential Beauty Hair Studio be granted a permit to utilize space in the building located at 195 Hansen Highway to accommodate a beauty salon and to erect a 5x10 sign on the building located at 195 Hansen Memorial, subject to conditions as outlined in the agenda data.

Carried Unanimously

DELANEY HOLDINGS LIMITED, 197 MAIN STREET

DATA: Request for Outline Planning Permission to subdivide land, to separate the residential from the commercial, on the property located at 197 Main Street.

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

Motion - Aylward/Tobin

No.17-47 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee be accepted and Delaney Holdings Limited be granted Outline Planning

Permission to subdivide land, to separate the residential from the commercial, on the property located at 197 Main Street, subject to conditions as outlined in the agenda data.

Carried Unanimously

**B & S AUTO SALES, 57-61
WEST STREET**

DATA: Request for Outline Planning Permission to install 2000 gallon propane tank, as per sketch submitted, on the property located at 57-61 West Street.

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 - Aylward/Gibbon

No.17-48 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee be accepted and B & S Auto Sales be granted Outline Planning Permission to install 2000 gallon propane tank, as per sketch submitted, on the property located at 57-61 West Street, subject to conditions as outlined in the agenda data.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Rose noted that Service NL approval is very important for propane installations. The Department will ensure that the proposed development is installed safely.

Mayor O'Brien stated that Service NL has a very rigorous inspection process and carries out annual inspections to ensure the safety of these types of tanks.

Councillor Oake expressed her concern with the size of the tank being installed within that area.

Councillor Rose stated that in the Planning and Traffic Committee meeting, the Committee had held a discussion on the safety of the installation of a vertical vs a horizontal tank and was sure that Service NL will ensure the safety of the area in this process.

NEW BUSINESS

MNL REGIONAL MEETING, DEER LAKE, FEB 24-25/17

Deputy Mayor Tobin reported that on behalf of Council, he will be attending the MNL regional meeting in Deer Lake this weekend.

STEPHEN AWARDS

Councillor Oake stated that the Nomination Forms for the 2016 Stephen Awards are available with a deadline of March 31 for submission in all categories. The banquet will be held April 30 at the Royal Canadian Legion. The forms are available on the Town of Stephenville and Town of Kippens websites as well as at Debbie's Video.

2017 WINTER CARNIVAL

Mayor O'Brien noted that the 2017 Winter Carnival will be opening on March 2nd at 6:30 at LA Bown with fireworks to follow that evening.

UPCOMING RECREATIONAL EVENTS

Mayor O'Brien noted that the Provincial Seniors Curling Tournament will be held this weekend at the Caribou Curling Club and as well the area will be hosting Rendezvous 2017. The Stephenville Dome will also be hosting several Minor Hockey Tournaments in the coming month.

JOB POSTINGS, COLLEGE OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT ON JOB CUTS

As employees of the College of the North Atlantic, both Councillors Oake and Rose declared themselves in conflict of interest and left the Council table.

Councillor Aylward stated that she has noticed that Management jobs at the College of the North

Atlantic have been moved out of Stephenville to other locations.

Mayor O'Brien reported that he is vigilant in tracking the job postings for Headquarters' positions, noting that when a position says the location is to be determined, he contacts people in the system, including the Minister, asking about the posting. It is a great concern that these jobs may be moved elsewhere in the Province and Council has to continue to monitor this situation closely.

With regard to the recently-announced Provincial Government job losses, Councillor Aylward stated she knows that some of these cuts are necessary because of the economic position of the Province however; she would like to see the Provincial Government be more reasonable in the way in which these cuts are carried out.

Deputy Mayor Tobin stated that as a former member of the Board of Governors of the College of the North Atlantic, he feels that the mentality of the headquarters in Stephenville was never fully accepted by the Government, the bureaucracy and other people in St. John's. The Headquarters of the College is in Stephenville; and if someone wants to apply for a Management position, they should be fully aware that the position require them to be located in Stephenville.

Councillor Gibbon agreed with the comments made around the table and felt these positions should stay in Stephenville and any positions that have been removed should be brought back.

Councillors Oake and Rose returned to the Council table at the conclusion of discussion on this item.

FUTURE COMMUNITY GROWTH Councillor Rose referred to the recently-released 2016 Census which shows a decline in population for Stephenville. From a Council perspective, he felt that Council should take a look at an overall strategy of what it will take to promote the community, working with our strengths and correcting the weaknesses.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion – Gibbon/Aylward

No. 17-49 That the meeting adjourn at this time,
12:43 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

CHAIRPERSON

DATE CONFIRMED