

REGULAR GENERAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 27, 2014

A Regular General Meeting of the Council of the Town of Stephenville was held in the Council Chambers at 12:08 p.m. on February 27, 2014.

Present: Mayor Tom O'Brien, Chairperson
Deputy Mayor Mike Tobin
Councillors: Laura Aylward
John Finn
Don Gibbon
Justin House
Darlene Oake

Also Present: Town Clerk, Carolyn Lidstone

MINUTES

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Motion – Gibbon/Aylward

No. 14-38 That the Minutes of the Regular General Meeting of February 13, 2014 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

POLL TAX

Motion – Gibbon/Finn

No. 14-39 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and Poll Tax write offs totaling \$338.46 and adjustments totaling \$180.04 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

PROPERTY TAX

Motion – Gibbon/House

No. 14-40 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and Property Tax write offs totaling \$8,600.43 and adjustments totaling \$150.00 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

BUSINESS TAX

Motion – Gibbon/Aylward

No. 14-41 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and Business Tax adjustments totaling \$75.00 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR
JANUARY, 2014**

Motion – Gibbon/Oake

No. 14-42 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and the Accounts Payable for January, 2014 totaling \$243,257.09 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

**REQUEST FOR ADVERTISING,
THE HORIZONS COMMUNITY
PROFILE**

Motion – Gibbon/Tobin

No. 14-43 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and the Town of Stephenville purchase the top banner ad costing \$465 plus tax in The Horizons Community Profile

Carried Unanimously

**REQUEST FOR GRANT,
FEATHER AND FOLK
NATURE FESTIVAL**

Motion - Gibbon/Aylward

No. 14-44 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and the Town of Stephenville give a grant in the amount of \$1,600 to the Feather and Folk Nature Festival towards the cost of the 2014 Festival.

Carried Unanimously

**REQUEST FOR GRANT,
SCAPA**

Motion - Gibbon/House

No. 14-45 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and the Town of Stephenville give a grant in the amount of \$1,126 to the Society for the Care and Protection of Animals to offset the 2014 Property Tax and Water and Sewer Tax levies.

Carried Unanimously

PERMITS AND MUNICIPAL PLAN

**SHARED VISIONS,
28 ST. STEPHEN'S STREET**

DATA: Request for a permit to operate a home based consulting business from the residence located at 28 St. Stephen's Street.

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

Motion – Aylward/Tobin

No. 14-46 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee be accepted and Shared Visions be granted a permit to operate a home based consulting business from the residence located at 28 St. Stephen's

Street, subject to conditions as outlined
in the agenda data.

Carried Unanimously

**MOOCH ENTERPRISE,
43 WEST STREET**

DATA: Request for Outline Planning Permission to operate a business providing catering and restaurant supplies from space in the building located at 43 West Street.

It was the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee that Outline Planning Permission be granted subject to the parking area being paved by July 31, 2014 and compliance with all Town Regulations.

Motion – Aylward/Finn

No. 14-47 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee be accepted and Moch Enterprise be granted Outline Planning Permission to operate a business providing catering and restaurant supplies from space in the building located at 43 West Street, subject to conditions as outlined in the agenda data.

Carried Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

**SNOW BEING DEPOSITED
ON STREETS**

Mayor O'Brien mentioned that he had received numerous calls about residents depositing snow on the streets or street reserves. This issue rises to the forefront more this year because of the volume of snow fall the Town has experienced. Residents depositing snow on the streets have contributed to the streets being narrow, causing safety issues and necessitating the Town snow plows to return to the street. The Municipal Enforcement Officer is monitoring the situation keeping in mind the snow clearing regulations.

**REGIONAL MEETING,
MUNICIPALITIES NL AND
LABRADOR AND URBAN
MUNICIPALITIES COMMITTEE**

Deputy Mayor Tobin reported that following the Council meeting today, he will be traveling to Deer Lake to attend meetings of the MNL and UMC. He will provide an update of these meetings at the next Council meeting.

Mayor O'Brien stated that Council has asked that the cutbacks at Canada Post be added to the agenda for discussion at those meetings.

Deputy Mayor Tobin reported that an ongoing item for discussion at the meetings is the unincorporated and Local Service District areas in the Province and the taxation issues with those.

**COMMUNITY PANCAKE
BREAKFAST FOR HOMELESSNESS**

Councillor Finn reported that the annual breakfast would be held on Tuesday and all residents are invited to attend.

VISIT BY MEDICAL STUDENT

Councillor Gibbon reported that Jesse Church from St. John's had visited the area recently and the Recruitment and Retention Committee had met with him. Mr. Church will outline the aspects of his visit with the program coordinator upon his return to St. John's.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion – Gibbon/Aylward

No. 14-48 That the meeting adjourn at this time,
12:19 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

CHAIRPERSON

DATE CONFIRMED