

REGULAR GENERAL MEETING, JANUARY 28, 2016

A Regular General Meeting of the Council of the Town of Stephenville was held in the Council Chambers at 12:03 p.m. on January 28, 2016.

Present: Mayor Tom O'Brien, Chairperson
Deputy Mayor: Mike Tobin

Councillors: Laura Aylward
Justin House
Darlene Oake

Absent: Councillor: Don Gibbon

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

MINUTES

REGULAR GENERAL MEETING, JANUARY 14, 2016

Motion – House/Oake

No.16-10 That the Minutes of the Regular General Meeting of January 14, 2016 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

PROCLAMATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH

Mayor O'Brien signed a proclamation declaring February 2016 to be Violence Prevention Month.

HERITAGE DAY 2016

Mayor O'Brien signed a proclamation declaring February 15, 2016 to be Heritage Day.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

POLL TAX

Motion - Tobin/Aylward

No.16-11 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and Poll Tax write-offs of \$1,838.24 and adjustments totaling \$468.30 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

PROPERTY TAX

Motion - Tobin/House

No.16-12 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and Property Tax write-offs totaling \$24,385.57 and adjustments totaling \$8,731.20 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

WATER & SEWER TAX

Motion - Tobin/Oake

No.16-13 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and Water & Sewer Tax adjustments totaling \$4,611.87 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

REMISSION OF TAX

Motion - Tobin/Aylward

No.16-14 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and Remission of Tax in the amount of \$578.40 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

BUSINESS TAX

Motion - Tobin/House

No.16-15 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and Business Tax adjustments totaling \$12,243.41 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS

Motion - Tobin/Oake

No.16-16 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and Miscellaneous Accounts totaling \$45,000.00 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR
DECEMBER, 2015**

Motion - Tobin/Aylward

No. 16-17 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and Accounts Payable for December, 2015 totaling \$227,777.60 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

**SCHOLARSHIP, COLLEGE OF
THE NORTH ATLANTIC**

As a management employee with the College of the North Atlantic Councillor Oake declared herself in conflict of interest and left the Council table.

Motion - Tobin/House

No. 16-18 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and the Town of Stephenville donate a \$500 scholarship to the College of the North Atlantic for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Carried
Councillor Oake abstained from voting.

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

**2016 SUMMER WAY FINDING,
WESTERN DESTINATION
MANAGEMENT DESTINATION**

Motion - Tobin/Oake

No. 16-19 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and the Town of Stephenville contribute \$550 to the Summer 2016 Way Finding project being undertaken by the Western Newfoundland Destination Management Organization.

Carried Unanimously

**PERMISSION TO PURCHASE
PICK-UP FOR THE PUBLIC
WORKS DEPARTMENT,
PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT
STANDING OFFER FOR
VEHICLE**

Motion - Tobin/Aylward

No. 16-20 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and under the Provincial Government's Standing Offer for Vehicles, the Town of Stephenville purchase a 2016 Chevrolet Silverado Crew Cab in the amount of \$23,956.00 Plus HST.

Carried Unanimously

**GRANT, 2016 WINTER
CARNIVAL COMMITTEE**

Motion – Tobin/House

No. 16-21 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and the Town of Stephenville give a grant in the amount of \$1,500 to the 2016 Winter Carnival Committee to assist with the costs of holding the 2016 Winter Carnival.

Carried Unanimously

PERMITS AND MUNICIPAL PLAN

CURVES

2 MAIN STREET

DATA: Request for a permit to utilize space in the building located at 2 Main Street to operate a women's only fitness club, erect a 3 foot by 8 foot sign, do interior renovations, and add two parking spaces, as per sketch submitted.

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. 16-22 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee be accepted and Curves be granted a permit to utilize space in the building located at 2 Main Street to operate a women's only fitness club, erect a 3 foot by 8 foot sign, do interior renovations, and add two parking spaces, as per sketch submitted subject to conditions as outlined in the agenda data.

Carried Unanimously

MELVIN MCCANN

143 MAIN STREET

DATA: Request for a permit to do interior renovations, as per sketch submitted, to accommodate a barber shop/salon in a portion of the building located at 143 Main Street.

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/House

No. 16-23 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee be accepted and Melvin McCann be

granted a permit to do interior renovations, as per sketch submitted, to accommodate a barber shop/salon in a portion of the building located at 143 Main Street subject to conditions as outlined in the agenda data.

Carried Unanimously

**BEN'S PHARMACY
1 CHURCHILL STREET/103-105
MAIN STREET**

As the drawings designer for the proposed development, Councillor House declared himself in conflict of interest and left the council table.

DATA: Request for a permit to construct a two-story extension to the rear of the building, as per plans submitted, and replace siding and windows on property located at 1 Churchill Street and 103-105 Main Street.

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

Motion - Aylward/Oake

No. 16-24 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee be accepted and Ben's Pharmacy be granted a permit to construct a two-story extension to the rear of the building, as per plans submitted, and replace siding and windows on property located at 1 Churchill Street and 103-105 Main Street subject to conditions as outlined in the agenda data.

Carried
Councillor House abstained from voting.

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

NEW BUSINESS

USE OF SNOWMOBILES

Deputy Mayor Tobin had stated that he received a couple of calls about snowmobiles being used in Town. A small portion of the community is using snowmobiles in areas of Town which does not permit this type of activity. He reminded residents that this is a ticketable offense.

UMC MEETING, DEER LAKE

Deputy Mayor Tobin reported that the next UMC Meeting will be held in Deer Lake February 5-6. Two Provincial Cabinet Ministers will be in attendance, those being Minister Al Hawkins and Minister Eddie Joyce. The meetings are open to all council members who wish to attend. If any council members have concerns which they would like him to raise at the meeting, he would ask that they bring those to his attention.

2016 WINTER CARNIVAL

Councillor Aylward noted that she was pleased to see that the Winter Carnival Committee has been reactivated. She encouraged people to come out and support Winter Carnival events as this is a wonderful opportunity for families to participate in winter activities.

UPGRADES TO TCH

Councillor Aylward stated that she would like to see the Liberal Provincial and Federal Governments come together to construct a proper highway across the Province like other provinces have. She felt very passionately about this issue and thought that money should be available in the system for this type of infrastructure.

She suggested that the Town of Stephenville lobby the governments to undertake this project and asked that Deputy Mayor Tobin raise this issue at the upcoming UMC Meeting.

Mayor O'Brien stated that he agreed with Councillor Aylward's comments but noted that with the fiscal situation in the Province and across the

country, there is no shortage of issues that have to be lobbied for, i.e. health.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion – House/Aylward

No. 16-25 That the meeting adjourn at this time,
12:50 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

CHAIRPERSON

DATE CONFIRMED