

REGULAR GENERAL MEETING, JUNE 19, 2014

A Regular General Meeting of the Council of the Town of Stephenville was held in the Council Chambers at 12:09 p.m. on June 19, 2014.

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

Absent: Councillor: Don Gibbon (Work Commitments)

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

MINUTES

REGULAR GENERAL MEETING, MAY 29, 2014

Motion – House/Aylward

No. 14-135 That the Minutes of the Regular General Meeting of May 29, 2014 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

PROPERTY TAX

Motion – Tobin/Finn

No. 14-136 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and Property Tax write offs totaling \$289.26 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

WATER AND SEWER TAX

Motion – Tobin/House

No. 14-137 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and Water and Sewer Tax adjustments totaling \$216.00 be approved.
Carried Unanimously

REMISSION OF TAX

Motion – Tobin/Oake

No. 14-138 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and Remission of Tax totaling \$330.00 be approved.
Carried Unanimously

**EXPENSE CHEQUE LISTING
FOR MAY, 2014**

Motion - Tobin/Aylward

No. 14-139 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and the Expense Cheque Listing for May, 2014 totaling \$199,602.05 be approved.
Carried Unanimously

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR
MAY, 2014**

Motion - Tobin/Finn

No. 14-140 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and the Accounts Payable for May, 2014 totaling \$183,455.59 be approved.
Carried Unanimously

**GAS TAX FUNDING, PROJECT
NO. 2532013248, MUNICIPAL
SOFTWARE PROGRAM**

Motion - Tobin/House

No. 14-141 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and the Town of Stephenville submit a revised Capital Investment Plan under the Gas Tax Funding Program for the Municipal Software Program, reducing the already approved funding of \$143,362.83 to \$44,191.53.

Carried Unanimously

**THE WESTERN STAR, TOWN
POCKET MAP**

Motion - Tobin/Aylward

No. 14-142 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and the Town of Stephenville contribute \$900.00 towards the production of an updated pocket map of the Town by the Western Star.

Carried Unanimously

**ADAM PIERCEY MEMORIAL
SKATE PARK COMMITTEE,
INTEREST FREE LOAN**

Motion - Tobin/Oake

No. 14-143 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and the Town of Stephenville approve a \$20,000.00 interest free loan for the Adam Piercey Memorial Skate Park Committee to pay for the Completion of Phase II.

Carried Unanimously

**REQUEST TO CALL TENDER,
PORT HARMON INDUSTRIAL
FACILITY DOOR OPENINGS,
CIVIL WORKS**

Motion - Tobin/House

No. 14-144 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and the Town of Stephenville call a tender for the Port Harmon Industrial Facility Door Openings, Civil Works project.
Carried Unanimously

**REQUEST TO CALL TENDER,
FARM TYPE BACKHOE AND
LOADER**

As the President of the Harmon Seaside Links who will benefit from the use of this equipment, Councillor House declared himself in conflict of interest and left the Council Table.

Motion - Tobin/Finn

No. 14-145 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and the Town of Stephenville call a tender for the purchase of a Farm Type Backhoe and Loader.
Carried
Councillor House abstained from voting.

Mayor O'Brien stated that this was an opportunity for the Harmon Seaside Links and the Town of Stephenville to partner on the use of a piece of equipment. This equipment will be held at the Golf Course who will get some benefit from the equipment; as well the Town will be able to utilize this equipment when needed on Town projects.

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

PERMITS AND MUNICIPAL PLAN

JESSICA BOYD, COLD BROOK

DATA: Request for Outline Planning Permission to carry out repairs to the existing structures, to erect fencing and to house horses on the property in Cold Brook.

It was the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee that permission be granted subject to the approval of all relevant Government Agencies and compliance with all Town Regulations.

Motion – Aylward/Oake

No. 14-146 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee be accepted and Jessica Boyd be granted Outline Planning Permission to carry out repairs to the existing structures, to erect fencing and to house horses on the property in Cold Brook, subject to conditions as outlined in the Agenda Data.

Carried Unanimously

KERELIN CATERING & MANAGEMENT SERVICES, 3 BALM PLACE

DATA: Request for a permit to utilize space in the building located at 3 Balm Place to accommodate a home based business.

It was the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee that this permit be granted subject to the condition that there will be no onsite storage of business materials and compliance with all Town Regulations.

Motion – Aylward/Tobin

No. 14-147 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee be accepted and Kerelin Catering & Management Services be granted a permit to utilize space in the building located at 3 Balm Place to accommodate a home based business, subject to conditions as outlined in the agenda data.

Carried Unanimously

**REQUEST TO REZONE PROPERTY
AT 90 WEST STREET FROM
RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM DENSITY
TO COMMERCIAL GENERAL**

DATA: It was the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee that the property at 90 West Street be rezoned from Residential Medium Density to Commercial General.

Motion – Aylward/Oake

No. 14-148 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee be accepted and the property at 90 West Street be rezoned from Residential Medium Density to Commercial General.

Carried Unanimously

**STEPHENVILLE FOOD BANK,
82 WEST STREET**

DATA: Request for Outline Planning Permission to renovate the former St. Stephen's Bowling Alley area of the building located at 82 West Street to accommodate a food bank.

It is recommended that Outline Planning Permission be granted subject to the approval of Service NL and compliance with all Town Regulations.

As a member of the Committee proposing to carry out this work, Councillor Finn declared himself in conflict of interest and left the Council Table.

Motion – Aylward/House

No. 14-149 That the Stephenville Food Bank be granted Outline Planning Permission to renovate the former St. Stephen's Bowling Alley area of the building located at 82 West Street to accommodate a Food Bank, subject to the approval of Service NL and compliance with all Town Regulations.

Carried

Councillor Finn abstained from voting.

Councillor Finn returned to the Council Table at the conclusion of the discussion on this item.

**STREET NAMING WITHIN GREEN
MEADOW DEVELOPMENT, QUEEN
STREET EXTENSION**

Motion – Aylward/Oake

No. 14-150 That the most northerly street in the Green Meadows Development be named Green Drive and a three way stop sign be erected at the intersection of Simon Drive and Green Drive.

Carried Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

**SOUTHWEST JOINT COUNCIL
MEETING, JUNE 14, 2014**

Deputy Mayor Tobin reported on his attendance at the recent Southwest Joint Council Meeting held in Burgeo on June 14, 2014; the most dominant item on the agenda had been the construction of a mid-island road network. He had conveyed Council's opinion that this project might not be the best allocation of available road funding from the Provincial Government.

It was the general consensus of the Southwest Joint Council Meeting that the Committee would lobby the Provincial Government for the construction of the mid-island road link, emphasizing that the construction should not detract from already allocated money for road construction.

In response to a comment from Mayor O'Brien regarding the increase of fares and reduction of services by Marine Atlantic, Deputy Mayor Tobin stated that he will bring this matter to the attention of the next Southwest Joint Council Meeting.

**AIR SHOW STEPHENVILLE
AIRPORT, JUNE 21 AND 22**

Mayor O'Brien encouraged all residents and interested parties to attend the show which will include a performance by the Snowbirds.

In response to a question from Councillor House regarding concerns with the weather, Mayor O'Brien stated that the Snowbirds have different shows depending on the weather conditions.

The Town Manager also advised that Porter Airlines will be in Stephenville over the weekend to do a dry run for their first scheduled flights next weekend between Stephenville and Halifax.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion – Aylward/Oake

No. 14-151 That the meeting adjourn at this time,
12:38 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

CHAIRPERSON

DATE CONFIRMED