

REGULAR GENERAL MEETING, MARCH 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 March 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 Manager, Mike Campbell
Town Clerk, Carolyn Lidstone

MINUTES

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Motion – Gibbon/Aylward

No. 14-63 That the Minutes of the Regular General Meeting of March 13, 2014 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

PRIVILEGED MEETING MARCH 13, 2014

Motion – House/Oake

No. 14-64 That the Minutes of the Privileged Meeting of March 13, 2014 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE POLL TAX

Motion – Gibbon/Tobin

No. 14-65 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and Poll Tax write offs totaling \$1,292.15 and

adjustments totaling \$414.60 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

PROPERTY TAX

Motion – Gibbon/Oake

No. 14-66 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and Property Tax write offs totaling \$5,284.80 and adjustments totaling \$2,369.30 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

WATER AND SEWER TAX

Motion – Gibbon/Finn

No. 14-67 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and Water and Sewer Tax adjustments totaling \$6,745.24 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

REMISSION OF TAX

Motion – Gibbon/Aylward

No. 14-68 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and Remission of Tax totaling \$1,734.85 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

BUSINESS TAX

Motion – Gibbon/House

No. 14-69 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and Business Tax write offs totaling \$78.84 and adjustments totaling \$345.47 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR
FEBRUARY, 2014**

Motion - Gibbon/Tobin

No. 14-70 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and the Accounts Payable for February, 2014 totaling \$383,927.95 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

**REQUEST TO CALL TENDER,
PURCHASE OF COMMERCIAL
WOOD CHIPPER**

Motion - Gibbon/Oake

No. 14-71 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and the Town of Stephenville call a tender for the purchase of a Commercial Wood Chipper.

Carried Unanimously

**REQUEST TO CALL TENDER,
STREET PAINTING**

Motion - Gibbon/Finn

No. 14-72 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and the Town of Stephenville call a tender for street painting.

Carried Unanimously

PERMITS AND MUNICIPAL PLAN

**EXOTIQUE TANNING,
141-147 MAIN STREET**

DATA: Request for Outline Planning Permission to operate a tanning salon from space in the building located at 141-147 Main Street.

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

Motion – Aylward/Gibbon

No. 14-73 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee be accepted and Exotique Tanning be granted Outline Planning Permission to operate a tanning salon from space in the building located at 141-147 Main Street, subject to conditions as outlined in the agenda data.

Carried Unanimously

**YMCA,
383 MASSACHUSETTS DRIVE**

DATA: Request for a permit to operate a non-profit Wellness Centre from the building located at 383 Massachusetts Drive.

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

Motion – Aylward/House

No. 14-74 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee be accepted and the YMCA be granted a permit to operate a non-profit Wellness Centre from the building located at 383 Massachusetts Drive, subject to conditions as outlined in the agenda data.

Carried Unanimously

**CYRIL HEPDITCH,
6 WHEELERS ROAD/
NOELS POND**

DATA: Request for Outline Planning Permission to construct a single family residence on land located at 6 Wheelers Road in Noels Pond.

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

Motion – Aylward/Oake

No. 14-75 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee be accepted and Cyril Hepditch be granted Outline Planning Permission to construct a single family residence on land located at 6 Wheelers Road in Noels Pond, subject to conditions as outlined in the agenda data.

Carried Unanimously

**MOOCH ENTERPRISE,
39 ST. CLARE AVENUE**

DATA: Request for a permit to operate a retail catering and restaurant supply business from space in the building located at 39 St. Clare Avenue.

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

Motion – Aylward/Finn

No. 14-76 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee be accepted and Mooch Enterprise be granted a permit to operate a retail catering and restaurant supply business from space in the building located at 39 St. Clare Avenue, subject to conditions as outlined in the agenda data.

Carried Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

CANADA POST CUTBACKS

Deputy Mayor Tobin reported that at a recent UMC meeting held in Deer Lake, the elimination of home mail delivery by Canada Post had been discussed. Prior to that meeting the Council of the Town of Stephenville felt that this item should be placed on the UMC agenda with a view to having it adopted by the UMC under the auspices of the MNL.

The UMC Committee had agreed that this item would be brought to the attention of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

**RESOLUTION, PARTICIPATION
IN THE URBAN MUNICIPALITIES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ACCORD**

Deputy Mayor Tobin gave a brief preamble to this Motion, highlighting the process by which this Accord had been developed.

Motion – Tobin/Gibbon

No. 14-77 WHEREAS the Town of Stephenville believes collaboration between the urban centres of Newfoundland and Labrador will lead to more productive and successful economic development efforts; and,

WHEREAS the Town of Stephenville recognizes its regional leadership role and acknowledges the strength it brings to and draws from its surrounding region; and,

WHEREAS the Town of Stephenville believes building on the current MNL Urban Municipalities Caucus network is the best route to further collaboration on sharing best practices and research on economic development;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Town of Stephenville wishes to benefit from these activities and authorizes participation in the Urban Accord for Economic Development; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Town of Stephenville authorizes the Mayor, or designate, to sign the Accord on behalf of the Council, representing our commitment to the initiative.

Carried Unanimously

Deputy Mayor Tobin stated that the Accord will be signed at the upcoming Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador Municipal Symposium being held May 1st and 2nd in Gander.

YMCA OPENING, MARCH 19TH Mayor O'Brien stated that the YMCA had opened just over a week ago and to date, have 327 signed up members. He noted that the parking lot capacity is being exceeded and will have to be addressed in the spring. He reported that he had received a lot of comments from people throughout the region which reflected positive feedback about staff and the equipment.

Councillor Oake noted that the facility needs the support of the people of the region to keep operating, noting that it is very much a community building with all age groups participating in the programs.

**CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP,
BSG YOUTH ASSESMENT
CENTRE**

Councillor Aylward expressed her disappointment in learning this week that the staff of the Bay St. George Youth Assessment Centre have lost their jobs. They have the option of applying to the new owners; however, she felt the new owners would probably be paying minimum wage only.

She was very disappointment with the Provincial Government's handling of this issue and felt it was a slap in the face to this Council and the Community. She felt strongly that the facility should not have been contracted out; and it was irresponsible of the Government to allow this to happen.

Deputy Mayor Tobin reiterated that Council were totally surprised by the change of ownership and felt the Provincial Government should have had the courtesy to contact the Mayor to let Council know what was happening.

In response to a question from Councillor Aylward, Mayor O'Brien stated that to his knowledge, the facility will be staying in Stephenville under the new operator.

**BSG SICK CHILDREN'S
ANNUAL RADIO-THON**

Councillor Gibbon reported that the annual radio-thon had raised \$63,688 and thanked the people of the region who called in their pledges.

**JUNIOR MALE AND
FEMALE CURLING TEAMS**

Councillor Oake relayed her congratulations to the two teams who will be competing in New Brunswick and encouraged everyone to support them in any way possible.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion – Gibbon/Oake

No. 14-78 That the meeting adjourn at this time,
12:30 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

CHAIRPERSON

DATE CONFIRMED