

REGULAR GENERAL MEETING, MARCH 10, 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 March 10, 2016.

Present:

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

Councillors: Laura Aylward
Don Gibbon
Justin House
Darlene Oake
Tom Rose

Also Present:

Town Manager, Mike Campbell
Town Clerk, Carolyn Lidstone

SWORN IN CEREMONY COUNCILLOR TOM ROSE

Councillor Rose swore the Oath of Office for the Council of the Town of Stephenville and took his seat at the Council Table.

Mayor O'Brien recognized all candidates who had ran in the recent by-election and wished them well in their future endeavors.

MINUTES

REGULAR GENERAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 25, 2016

Motion – Gibbon/House

No.16-44 That the Minutes of the Regular General Meeting of February 25, 2016 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

PROCLAMATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

STIGMA AWARENESS WEEK

Mayor O'Brien noted that earlier this week, he had signed a proclamation declaring this week to be Stigma Awareness Week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

EXPENSE CHEQUE LISTING FOR FEBRUARY, 2016

Motion - Gibbon/Tobin

No.16-45 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and Expense Cheque listing for February, 2016 totaling \$934,111.92 be approved.
Carried Unanimously

PERMISSION TO SUBMIT APPLICATION, BUILD CANADA FUND, HEAT RECOVERY SYSTEM, STEPHENVILLE DOME, \$180,000

Motion - Gibbon/Aylward

No.16-46 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and the Town of Stephenville submit an application for funding under the Build Canada Fund for the Installation of a heat Recovery System at the Stephenville Dome with an estimated cost of \$180,000 be approved.
Carried Unanimously

In response to a question from Councillor Rose, Mayor O'Brien advised that the funding will be cost shared; the amount is an estimate only at this point and the Town's engineers will now prepare the drawings and tender package for this project.

**REQUEST FOR GRANT
BAY ST. GEORGE SICK
CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION
21ST TELETHON,
MARCH 20, 2016**

Motion - Gibbon/Aylward

No.16-47 That the Town of Stephenville give a grant in the amount of \$250.00 to the Bay St. George Sick Children's Foundation 21st Telethon being held March 20, 2016.

Carried Unanimously

PERMITS AND MUNICIPAL PLAN

**DON RUSSELL,
106-108 CAROLINA AVENUE**

DATA: Request for Outline Planning Permission to operate a drop-in center for addictions counselling from space in the building located at 106-108 Carolina.

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

Motion - Aylward/Oake

No. 16-48 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee be accepted and Don Russell be granted outline planning permission to operate a drop in center for addictions counselling from space in the building located at 106-108 Carolina Avenue subject to conditions as outlined in the agenda data.

Carried Unanimously

**JAMIE SKINNER
7 ATLANTIC AVENUE**

DATA: Request for a permit to operate a home office for a painting and plastering business from the residence located at 7 Atlantic Avenue.

It was the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee that this permit be granted subject to there being no on-site storage of materials or equipment and compliance with all Town Regulations.

Motion - Aylward/House

No. 16-49 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee be accepted and Jamie Skinner be granted a permit to operate a home office for a painting & plastering business in the residence located at 7 Atlantic Avenue subject to conditions as outlined in the agenda data.

Carried Unanimously

**DAVINA DOWNEY,
79 COLD BROOK ROAD**

DATA: Request for a permit to construct a 25 foot by 30 foot garage, as per sketch submitted, on property located at 79 Cold Brook Road.

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. 16-50 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee be accepted and Davina Downey be granted a permit to construct a 25 foot X 30 foot garage as per sketch submitted on the property located at 79 Cold Brook Road subject to conditions as outlined in the agenda data.

Carried Unanimously

**VANESSA ALEXANDER,
3 WINDSOR CRESCENT**

DATA: Request for a permit to construct a prefabricated Future Steel accessory building, as per sketch submitted, on the property located at 3 Windsor Crescent.

It was the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee that this permit be denied in accordance with the provisions of Section 10 of the General Regulations section of the Stephenville Development Regulations, that being that the proposed development does not comply with the aesthetics of the neighborhood.

Motion - Aylward/Oake

No. 16-51 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee be accepted and Vanessa Alexander be denied a permit to construct a prefabricated future steel accessory building as per sketch submitted on the property located at 3 Windsor Crescent for reasons as outlined in the agenda data.

Carried Unanimously

In response to a question from Councillor Rose, Mayor O'Brien stated that the proposed shed does not conform with the aesthetics of the area, it being a Quonset hut.

**DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES
AND OCEANS/
BOYD & BUNGAY
CONSTRUCTION LIMITED-
18 HARBOUR DRIVE**

DATA: Request for a permit to install a new septic treatment system, as per drawings submitted, on land located at 18 Harbour Drive.

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.

As project manager for the proposed development Councillor House declared himself conflict of interest and left Council table.

Motion - Aylward/Gibbon

No. 16-52 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee be accepted and Department of Fisheries and Oceans/Boyd & Bungay Construction Limited be granted a permit to install a new septic treatment system, as per drawings submitted, on land located at 18 Harbour Drive subject to conditions as outlined in the agenda data.

Carried
Councillor House sustained from voting.

In response to a question from Councillor Rose, Mayor O'Brien noted that this was a replacement of an existing system.

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

NEW BUSINESS

2016 FRIENDLY INVASION CELEBRATION

Mayor O'Brien reported a recent conversation he had had with Jean House who is one of the organizers of events for the 2016 Friendly Invasion Celebration. When the event tickets had been offered for on sale on March 1st, 1,000 tickets had been sold in one day. He congratulated Jean and her committee for the work that they do on these events.

BAY ST. GEORGE SICK CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION MARCH 20TH

Councillor Gibbon noted that March 20th will be the date for the 21st telethon for the Bay St. George Sick Children's Foundation. This year's goal is \$60,000 and the Foundation is hoping that the people of the area will be as generous as they have been in the past.

Deputy Mayor Tobin recognized Councillor Gibbon's integral role in the telethon since its conception.

PASSING OF DR. GURON

Councillor Gibbon reported on the recent passing of Dr. Guron and relayed his condolences to his family.

63 ANNIVERSARY STEPHENVILLE LIONS CLUB

Deputy Mayor Tobin stated that he had recently attended Charter Night in recognition of the 63rd Anniversary of the Stephenville's Lions Club. He noted that the Town of Stephenville is very fortunate to have an array of fraternal organization including the Stephenville Lion's Club who make valuable contributions to the community. He noted that last year the Stephenville Lion's Club had been included in the Top 5 clubs in Canada.

STEPHENS AWARDS

Councillor Oake stated that the banquet for the Stephens Awards will be held on April 24. Nomination forms are available from committee members and are on the websites for the Towns of Stephenville and Kippens. Nomination deadline is March 24, 2016.

STEPHENVILLE WINTER CARNIVAL

In response to a question from Councillor Aylward, Councillor Gibbon stated that the recent Stephenville Winter Carnival had had a fabulous participation. The committee members had put a tremendous amount of work into the events offered to the community.

STEPHENVILLE CULTURAL DESTINATIONS ORGANIZATION MARKETING STRATEGY

Councillor Rose reported on the marketing strategy for the upcoming 2016 Friendly Invasion events. The Stephenville Cultural Destination Organization has received a lot of support from the Town and the Town Manager and has received commitments from major sponsors for the events. He outlined that

the committee is targeting Newfoundlanders, Canadians and Americans in different groups. Councillor Oake stated that it is the hope of the committee that enough business will be built from this year's events to continue into coming years and thus entice a new hotel to start up in Stephenville.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion – Aylward/Gibbon

No. 16-53 That the meeting adjourn at this time,
12:25 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

CHAIRPERSON

DATE CONFIRMED