

REGULAR GENERAL MEETING, MARCH 23, 2017

A Regular General Meeting of the Council of the Town of Stephenville was held in the Council Chambers at 12:11 p.m. on March 23, 2017.

Present:

Mayor Tom O'Brien
Deputy Mayor Mike Tobin

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

Also Present:

Town Manager, Mike Campbell
Town Clerk, Carolyn Lidstone

MINUTES

REGULAR GENERAL MEETING, MARCH 9, 2017

Motion – Gibbon/Aylward

No.17-57 That the Minutes of the Regular
General Meeting of March 9, 2017 be
adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

PRIVILEGED MEETING, MARCH 9, 2017

Motion – Oake/Gibbon

No.17-58 That the Minutes of the Privileged
Meeting of March 9, 2017 be adopted
as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

PROCLAMATION & DELEGATIONS

PURPLE DAYFOR EPILEPSY, MARCH 24

Mayor O'Brien signed a Proclamation declaring
March 24 as Purple Day for Epilepsy.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR FEBRUARY, 2017

Motion - Tobin/Oake
No.17-59 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and the Accounts Payable for February, 2017 totaling \$267,168.71 be approved.
Carried Unanimously

AWARD OF CONTRACT, STREET MARKINGS 2017-2019

Motion - Tobin/Rose
No.17-60 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and the Town of Stephenville award the tender for Street Markings 2017 to 2019 to Precision Lawn Care in the amounts of: Part A and B \$16,870, Part C \$2,300 for Year 1 (2017), Part A and B \$17,270, Part C \$2,645 for Year 2 (2018), and Part A and B \$17,475, Part C \$2,990 for Year 3 (2019), HST extra.
Carried Unanimously

BAY ST. GEORGE REGIONAL ANIMAL CONTROL INC.

Motion - Tobin/Gibbon
No.17-61 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and the Town of Stephenville become a participating member of the Bay St. George Regional Animal Control Inc. , a not-for-profit body set up to provide regional animal control services to participating communities.

Councillor Rose queried whether this item should have been brought to Finance prior to the employee position being advertised.

Mayor O'Brien responded that the motion is tidying up the paper work.

Councillor Rose questioned whether from the Department of Municipal Affairs perspective, if this is acceptable from a procedural point of view.

Mayor O'Brien advised again that it is cleaning up paper work as it is Council's intent to be involved in the regional service.

Carried Unanimously

**AWARD OF CONTRACT,
ST. CLARE AVENUE WATER &
SEWER UPGRADES**

Motion - Tobin/Aylward

No.17-62 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and the Town of Stephenville award the contract for St. Clare Avenue Water and Sewer Upgrades to Marine Contractors Inc. in the amount of \$1,745,816.15.

Carried Unanimously

In response to a question from Councillor Rose, the Town Manager stated that the contract allows for sidewalks on one side of St. Clare Avenue.

**REQUEST FOR GRANT, HNL
PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT,
ATOM A**

Motion - Tobin/Gibbon

No.17-63 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and the Town of Stephenville give a grant in the amount of \$250 to the Stephenville Minor Hockey Atom A Team toward the purchase of memorabilia for the HNL Provincial Tournament being held April 20-22, 2017.

Carried Unanimously

PERMITS AND MUNICIPAL PLAN

**CHAD SIMMS,
RACE TRACK**

DATA: Request for Outline Planning Permission to operate a race track during the summer.

It was the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee that Outline Planning Permission be granted subject to a suitable location being identified, compliance with all Federal and Provincial Standards for Autocross Racing and all Town Regulations.

Motion - Aylward/House

No.17-64 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee be accepted and Chad Simms be granted Outline Planning Permission to operate a race track during the summer, subject to conditions as outlined in the agenda data.

Carried Unanimously

**TNT SALES LTD.,
9 WEST STREET**

DATA: Request for a permit to construct an extension on existing building, as per plans submitted, on property located at 9 West 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/Oake

No.17-65 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee be accepted and TNT Sales Ltd. be granted a permit to construct an extension to the existing building, as per plans submitted, on property located at 9 West Street, subject to

conditions as outlined in the agenda data.

Carried Unanimously

**STEPHANIE'S NAILS,
5 OHIO CIRCLE**

DATA: Request for a permit to operate a home-based personal service business from the residence located at 5 Ohio Circle.

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.17-66 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee be accepted and Stephanie's Nails be granted permit to operate a home-based personal service business from the residence located at 5 Ohio Circle, subject to conditions as outlined in the agenda data.

Carried Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

**LETTER FROM PROVINCIAL
GOVERNMENT RE: STUDY FOR
COLD BROOK**

Mayor O'Brien commented on the response from the Provincial Government to the Town's request for funding to carry out a study in Cold Brook. He was disappointed with the response; and after speaking with MHA, John Finn, who was equally disappointed, they will continue to lobby the Province to acquire the funding. He will be speaking with the Minister shortly and had requested the Town Clerk to forward a copy of the response to the residents on the Cold Brook Committee. He felt the Provincial Government had a responsibility in this regard as they had sold the Crown Lands to property owners who wish to build in that area.

Councillor Rose stated that there had been a study completed which outlined that additional homes could be constructed in Cold Brook. Dr. Hanchar had recommended an additional study but that was just a recommendation. The original study cited that the addition of homes in Cold Brook would not negatively impact on the Town of Stephenville's water supply. He was not surprised with the Provincial Government's response; and he would like to see a resolution that would permit land owners in Cold Brook to build on their properties.

Mayor O'Brien stated that Dr. Hanchar questioned the methodology of the previous study and felt a further study should be undertaken. He noted that Council do feel that the line should be moved but without scientific data to support that belief, the line could not be moved.

**PORTER AIRLINES/STEPHENVILLE
AIRPORT CORPORATION**

Mayor O'Brien noted that Porter Airlines did a great write up for the launch of their service to Stephenville during the summer months. The write up had touched on a lot of points of interest in the area.

**SUMMARY OF REVENUES AND
EXPENSES, STEPHENVILLE
INDUSTRIAL FACILITY, MARCH
2017**

Mayor O'Brien stated that the Summary of Revenues and Expenses for the Stephenville Industrial facility has been circulated to Council; with the receipt of the final ACOA payment, the project is finished.

Councillor Rose thanked Management and the team who put together the Report. He stated that this is an industrial economic undertaking; and the Town has a phenomenal facility to use to market the Town. However, he felt this type of investment is outside Council's core responsibility to provide community services. He stated that Council do not yet know what the long term view will be for the

building; and in the meantime, there will always be maintenance costs associated with the building. Councillor Rose stated that if the right company identified a business plan and wanted to purchase the building, that proposal would come to the Council table for a vote.

STEPHEN AWARDS NOMINATIONS

Councillor Oake asked Council to remind residents that the deadline for nominations for the Stephen Awards is March 31st.

STEPHENVILLE MINOR HOCKEY FEMALE TEAM

Councillor House reported that the Minor hockey Female teams are involved in tournaments across the island; and In fact, Stephenville is hosting half of one of the tournaments. Also, the Stephenville Minor Hockey program will be sending two teams to the Provincials.

Mayor O'Brien noted that the Female teams are doing tremendously in all the tournaments and are undefeated so far this year.

Councillor House mentioned that some of the games being held in Gander will be televised by Rogers.

POTHoles

Councillor House commented that in view of the size of potholes being televised in other communities, the Town of Stephenville's roads are in good condition.

Mayor O'Brien noted that the Town's Public Works Department is doing a tremendous job in keeping up with the potholes. He noted that in February alone, \$15,000.00 had been spent on pothole patching material.

Councillor House commented on his recent trip on the Baie Verte Road, noting that it is in ridiculously bad condition.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion – Gibbon/Aylward

No. 17-67 That the meeting adjourn at this time,
12:39 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

CHAIRPERSON

DATE CONFIRMED