

REGULAR GENERAL MEETING, MARCH 9, 2017

A Regular General Meeting of the Council of the Town of Stephenville was held in the Council Chambers at 12:12 p.m. on March 9, 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, FEBRUARY 23, 2017

Motion – Gibbon/Aylward

No.17-50 That the Minutes of the Regular General Meeting of February 23, 2017 be adopted as circulated.
Carried Unanimously

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE EXPENSE CHEQUE LISTING FOR FEBRUARY, 2017

Motion - Tobin/Oake

No.17-51 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and the Expense Cheque listing for February, 2017 totaling \$234,416.04 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Rose referenced the recent presentation at the Bay St. George Chamber of Commerce by Newfoundland Power about their Energy Efficient Program entitled "Take Charge". He felt that the

Town should be taking a look at having an Energy audit on Town facilities.

Mayor O'Brien stated that this process has been ongoing for some time; for instance last year the Stephenville Dome converted to LED lighting with a savings of \$8000.00 in the first 3 months of operation. In addition the Stephenville Dome is now considering a heat recovery program to realize more savings. Also, at the next Finance Committee meeting, a presentation will be made to the Committee on the Stephenville Dome Heat Recovery Program options and funding sources. Management has also looked at changing the light fixtures in the Town Office to LED. However, he felt that Honeywell could possibly identify more cost saving in an energy audit which they will conduct in the future.

Councillor Rose stated that even at the Regional Aquatic Centre, he hopes that they are looking at this type of efficiency.

Mayor O'Brien stated that the Pool is in the process of converting to LED and is also looking at a Heat Recovery Program.

**2017 SUMMER WAY
FINDING PROJECT,
WESTERN DESTINATION
MANAGEMENT
ORGANIZATION**

Motion - Tobin/House

No.17-52 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and the Town of Stephenville give a grant in the amount of \$550 toward a Southwest Coast map for the 2017 Summer Way Finding Project being led by the Western Designation Management Organization.

Carried Unanimously

**22ND ANNUAL TELETHON,
BAY ST. GEORGE SICK
CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION**

Motion - Tobin/Rose

No.17-53 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and the Town of Stephenville give a grant in the amount of \$250 to the Bay St. George Sick Children's Foundation 22nd Annual Telethon being held March 26, 2017.

Carried Unanimously

Deputy Mayor Tobin commended Councillor Gibbon on his long time involvement with the foundation.

PERMITS AND MUNICIPAL PLAN

**9819983 CANADA LIMITED
(McDonald's Restaurant),
221 MAIN STREET**

DATA: Request for a permit to change the ownership for an existing business located at 221 Main Street (McDonald's Restaurant).

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

Motion - Aylward/Gibbon

No.17-54 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee be accepted and 9819983 Canada Limited (McDonald's Restaurant) be granted a permit to change the ownership for an existing business located at 221 Main Street, subject to conditions as outlined in the agenda data.

Carried Unanimously

**BODY MIND LIFE YOGA,
60 WEST STREET**

DATA: Request for a permit to occupy space in the building located at 60 West Street to accommodate a yoga studio, to do minor interior renovations, and to erect a sign.

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/Tobin

No.17-55 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee be accepted and Body Mind Life Yoga be granted a permit to occupy space in the building located at 60 West Street to accommodate a yoga studio, to do minor interior renovations, and to erect a sign, subject to conditions as outlined in the agenda data.

Carried Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

KATRINA ROXON

Mayor O'Brien congratulated Katrina Roxon who yesterday had been named one of the most influential woman athletes in Canada. She is a tremendous ambassador for the Province and the Country.

**STEPHENVILLE INDUSTRIAL
FACILITY**

Councillor Rose mentioned a prior matter which he had brought to the table about the expenditures at the Stephenville Industrial Facility. He felt that any time a Council move outside their core responsibility for servicing, the Council needs to be open and transparent as much as possible. The Town has received revenues since the completion of the facility refurbishment; and while the Town has invested millions of dollars in the refurbishment, it appears that that investment will be recovered as time goes on. He suggested that a report on the revenue and expenditures for the upgrades to the

facility be tabled at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Mayor O'Brien stated that he felt Councillor Rose's comments insinuated that Council has not been open and transparent in this process. He agreed that when Council gets away from the core service deliveries, Council requires the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs to do so. He noted that the Province has contributed \$4.2 million to the upgrades and ACOA has contributed over \$2 million. The whole process has been open and transparent since Day One; and the facility now is in a condition which will benefit the whole region.

**INTERNATIONAL WOMENS'
DAY MARCH 8, 2017**

Councillor Aylward reported on her attendance at the March 8th International Womens' Day held at the Caribou Curling Club. She congratulated the status of woman on their ongoing success with hosting this annual function.

**MNL REGIONAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 24 & 25, DEER LAKE**

Deputy Mayor Mike Tobin reported the highlights of the recent MNL Regional Meeting in Deer Lake; those being: presentations by CBDC, Crown Lands, Emergency Planning, Public Consultation on Regional Government, Creating a Respectful Workplace, Recreation NL and an overview of Government Consultation.

WINTER CARNIVAL

In response to a comment from Deputy Mayor Tobin, Councillor Gibbon reported that the events had been well attended; however, Sunday's events had to be cancelled due to the weather.

STEPHENVILLE JETS

Councillor Gibbon congratulated the Stephenville Jets on their reentry into the Western Newfoundland Hockey League. They will be playing a game at the Stephenville Dome Friday night at 9:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion – Gibbon/Rose

No. 17-56 That the meeting adjourn at this time,
12:35 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

CHAIRPERSON

DATE CONFIRMED