

REGULAR GENERAL MEETING, NOVEMBER 2, 2017

A Regular General Meeting of the Council of the Town of Stephenville was held in the Council Chambers at 12:02 p.m. on November 2, 2017.

Present: Mayor Tom Rose, Chairperson
Deputy Mayor: Susan Fowlow
Councillors: Mike Tobin
Mark Felix
Laura Aylward
Maurice Hynes
Don Gibbon

Also Present: Town Manager, Mike Campbell
Town Clerk, Jennifer Brake

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion – Gibbon/Hynes

No.17-270 That the Agenda of the Regular General Meeting of November 2, 2017 be adopted as circulated.
Carried Unanimously

MINUTES

REGULAR GENERAL MEETING, OCTOBER 19, 2017

Motion – Felix/Fowlow

No.17-271 That the Minutes of the Regular General Meeting of October 19, 2017 be adopted as circulated.
Carried Unanimously

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Motion - Aylward/Tobin

No.17-272 Amend Motion #17-267 to correct location from 191-197 Hansen Memorial Highway to Igloo Road.
Carried Unanimously

**PROCLAMATION &
DELEGATIONS**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

**EXPENSE CHEQUE LISTING
OCTOBER, 2017**

Motion - Felix/Aylward

No.17-273 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and the expense cheque listing totaling \$864,995.93 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

**DONATION, THE ROYAL
CANADIAN LEGION,
2017 POPPY REMEMBRANCE
CAMPAIGN**

Motion - Felix/Gibbon

No.17-274 It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Town of Stephenville give a donation in the amount of \$250.00 to The Royal Canadian Legion- 2017 Poppy Remembrance Campaign.

Carried Unanimously

Mayor Rose stated it's a special time of the year and is impressed with the youth participation and respect given to the veterans that have serviced and veterans that are currently severing. He also recognized the faculty/teachers in our school system who have taught the importance of these events

**DONATION, GO WESTERN
NEWFOUNDLAND**

Motion - Felix/Hynes

No.17-275 It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Town of Stephenville give a donation in the amount of \$2,500.00 to Go Western Newfoundland.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Felix commented that this donation is fitting as we are building a tourism product. Mayor Rose stated we are building a brand and Go western will contribute to that.

PERMITS AND MUNICIPAL PLAN

A-1 DENTAL CENTRE, 90 QUEEN STREET

DATA: Request for a permit to change the name and ownership of existing dental business located at 90 Queen Street.

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

Motion - Fowlow/Tobin

No.17-276 It was the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee that A-1 Dental Centre be granted a permit to change the name and ownership of existing dental business located at 90 Queen Street, subject to conditions as outlined in the agenda.

Carried Unanimously

BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Rose

Commented on the America Airlines that made an emergency landing at the Stephenville Airport. He noted thanks to all the emergency response crews, approximately 300 passengers/crew disembarked the plane and was welcomed with local hospitality.

Councillor Hynes commented, this was a good news story and everyone involved did a tremendous job. The passengers were appreciative and some individuals stated they wanted to return to Stephenville.

Laura Aylward

College of the North Atlantic

She asked if the President of the College would be living in Stephenville, as all past presidents did. She stated the College's Headquarters is in Stephenville and the President should reside in our Town.

Mayor Rose in response stated the President is currently traveling between all the campuses and Qatar, and when in Stephenville he stays at the residence.

Sir Thomas Roddick Hospital

She stated the Sir Thomas Roddick Hospital now has two nurse practitioners on staff in the emergency department and this should cut back on the wait times. She encouraged residents who have concerns with the hospital to communicate to management rather than posting on social media first. She also feels council needs to address the matters about our health care to government; concerning wait times and seniors in the health care system waiting to get to long term care centres.

Mayor Rose in response agreed, we have an aging demographic and it's time to start lobbying to the government about investing in level 2-3 senior homes to take pressures off the hospital.

Councillor Gibbon stated there is land allocated for a long term care centre

Councillor Hynes suggested council should have the facts and figures to support our recommendations to government.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Mayor Rose expressed his concern over the increase in tipping fees for waste from \$59 tonne to \$164 tonne in July 2018. This is very concerning to our taxpayers and the communities; Noels Pond/Cold Brook as fees will be increased

Councillor Felix encouraged residents to take advantage of the Friday garbage pickups and spring clean-up before the fees increase

Councillor Tobin stated he attended the Bay St. George Waste Management Committee meeting and these costs are going to be an extra burden for our town and there will be a lot of future discussions on the matter

MNL MEETING

Mayor Rose and Councilor Tobin stated they would be attending the MNL Meeting in Corner Brook, NL on November 2-4

AUXILIARY FIREFIGHTERS

Firefighter recruitment event for Stephenville and Kippens fire departments will take place November 16, 2017 at the Days Inn 2:00 p.m – 9:00 p.m

ADJOURNMENT

Motion – Fowlow/Tobin

No. 17-277 That the meeting adjourn at this time, 12:37 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

CHAIRPERSON

DATE CONFIRMED