

## **REGULAR GENERAL MEETING, OCTOBER 23, 2014**

A Regular General Meeting of the Council of the Town of Stephenville was held in the Council Chambers at 12:15 p.m. on October 23, 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**

#### **REGULAR GENERAL MEETING, OCTOBER 9, 2014**

Motion – Gibbon/Aylward

No. 14-217 That the Minutes of the Regular General Meeting of October 9, 2014 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

### **PROCLAMATIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

#### **DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH, NOVEMBER, 2014**

Mayor O'Brien signed a proclamation declaring November, 2014 as Diabetes Awareness Month and November 14<sup>th</sup> as World Diabetes Day in the Town of Stephenville.

#### **DRESS FOR THE CAUSE, BREAST CANCER AWARENESS, OCTOBER 24, 2014**

Mayor O'Brien stated that the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Dress for the Cause Day to bring awareness to Breast Cancer is Friday, October 24, 2014.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

#### **PROPERTY TAX**

Motion - Gibbon/Finn

No. 14-218 That Property Tax write-offs totaling \$1,846.48 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

#### **POLL TAX**

Motion - Gibbon/Oake

No. 14-219 That Poll Tax write-offs totaling \$1,960.88, adjustments totaling \$5,847.41 and refunds totaling \$151.50 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

#### **WATER AND SEWER TAX**

Motion - Gibbon/House

No. 14-220 That Water and Sewer Tax adjustments totaling \$1,092.00 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

#### **REMISSION OF TAX**

Motion - Gibbon/Tobin

No. 14-221 That Remission of Tax totaling \$451.88 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

#### **BUSINESS TAX**

Motion - Gibbon/Aylward

No. 14-222 That Business Tax adjustments totaling \$80.78 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

#### **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR SEPTEMBER, 2014**

Motion - Gibbon/Finn

No. 14-223 That the Accounts Payable for September, 2014, totaling \$137,247.59 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

## **PERMITS AND MUNICIPAL PLAN**

### **NOLAN CAMPBELL/SIMON'S HOLDINGS LIMITED, COLD BROOK**

DATA: Request for a permit to construct a single family residence on land located in Cold Brook.

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. 14-224 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee be accepted and Nolan Campbell/Simon's Holdings Limited be granted a permit to construct a single family residence on land located in Cold Brook, subject to conditions as outlined in the Agenda Data.

Carried Unanimously

### **TOULON DEVELOPMENT (STEPHENVILLE MALL LTD), 44 QUEEN STREET**

DATA: Request for a permit to erect a new windscreen in front of the Walmart entrance in the Stephenville Mall, 44 Queen Street, as per architectural and structural drawings submitted.

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

Motion – Aylward/Tobin

No. 14-225 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee be accepted and Toulon Development (Stephenville Mall Limited) be granted a permit to erect a new windscreen in front of the Walmart entrance in the

Stephenville Mall, 44 Queen Street, as per architectural and structural drawings submitted and subject to conditions as outlined in the agenda data.

Carried Unanimously

**THOMAS AND JOANNE ROSE  
LAND NORTH OF HILLIER  
AVENUE**

DATA: It was the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee that the Town of Stephenville accept the October 10, 2014 withdrawal of Thomas and Joanne Rose's application to develop land north of Hillier Avenue.

As a resident of Hillier Avenue, Councillor House declared himself in conflict of interest and left the Council Table.

Motion – Aylward/Gibbon

No. 14-226 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee be accepted and the Town of Stephenville accept the October 10, 2104 withdrawal of Thomas and Joanne Rose's application to develop land north of Hillier Avenue.

Carried

Councillor House abstained from voting.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**LEGAL COUNSEL, BLUE  
SKY APPEAL**

Motion – Gibbon/House

No. 14-227 That the Town of Stephenville retain the legal counsel of Stewart McKelvey to appeal the decision of the West Newfoundland Regional Appeal Board

regarding the development application  
of BlueSky, 8 Russell Heights.  
Carried Unanimously

**DEMOLITION, PROVINCIAL  
GOVERNMENT BUILDING**

As an employee of the Provincial Government with the Department of Transportation and Works, Councillor House declared himself in conflict of interest and left the Council Table.

Mayor O'Brien reported that two buildings owned by the Provincial Government will be removed and a tender will be coming forth in the next week.

**UPDATE, WHITE'S ROAD**

Mayor O'Brien updated Council on a re-routing of a portion of White's Road in the area of Gull Pond.

Deputy Mayor Tobin expressed his displeasure with the length of time it is taking to get this project off the ground.

Councillor Finn commented that it was great to see that the Provincial Government is taking another look at the stretch of road along Gull Pond as it has some hazardous driving conditions in the winter time.

Mayor O'Brien noted that the project is still on schedule for completion by 2016.

Councillor House returned to the Council Table at the conclusion of discussion on these matters.

**ARRIVAL OF DR. ASH,  
ANESTHESIOLOGIST**

As Vice Chair of the Board of Directors for Western Health, Mayor O'Brien declared himself in conflict of interest and left the Council Table. Deputy Mayor Tobin chaired the meeting for this item.

Councillor Gibbon reported that he had the pleasure of welcoming Dr. Ash to the Community this morning.

Councillor Aylward highlighted the slate of Physicians and services available in the region as well as the ongoing recruitment process.

Mayor O'Brien returned to the Council Table at the conclusion of discussion on this item and resumed the Chair.

**MNL CONVENTION,  
CORNER BROOK**

Deputy Mayor Tobin reported on his attendance at the recent MNL Convention in Corner Brook. He noted that attendance at this year's Convention had been down by approximately 150 communities. He highlighted various presentations and initiatives which had been discussed during the sessions.

**RECENT SHOOTING ON  
PARLIAMENT HILL, OTTAWA**

Councillor Aylward reported on behalf of MP, Judy Foote, on her experience during that incident.

Mayor O'Brien stated that the thoughts and prayers of the residents of Stephenville are with the families of those involved and for the safety of all first time responders in events of this type.

**SOCCER BANNER,  
STEPHENVILLE HIGH SCHOOL**

Councillor Finn congratulated Coach Brent Watkins on bringing the Provincial Soccer Banner to the Stephenville High School for this first time in 20 years. He relayed thanks to the Stephenville Leisure Council for providing some of the funding for the athletes and the Public Works Crews for keeping the fields maintained during the season.

Councillor Finn reported that Stephenville has the second highest enrolment in the Minor Soccer Program outside the Avalon Peninsula.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion – Gibbon/Aylward

No. 14-228 That the meeting adjourn at this time,  
12:39 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

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**CHAIRPERSON**

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**DATE CONFIRMED**