

REGULAR GENERAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 11, 2014

A Regular General Meeting of the Council of the Town of Stephenville was held in the Council Chambers at 12:26 p.m. on September 11, 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 Clerk, Carolyn Lidstone

MINUTES

REGULAR GENERAL MEETING, AUGUST 21, 2014

Motion – Gibbon/Oake

No. 14-188 That the Minutes of the Regular General Meeting of August 21, 2014 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

PROCLAMATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

ARTHRITIS AWARENESS MONTH, SEPTEMBER, 2014

Mayor O'Brien signed a proclamation declaring September, 2014 to be Arthritis Awareness Month in the Town of Stephenville.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

EXPENSE CHEQUE LISTING FOR AUGUST, 2014

Motion - Gibbon/Finn

No. 14-189 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and

the Expense Cheque Listing for August,
2014 totaling \$531,239.50 be approved.
Carried Unanimously

**MOTION, ULTIMATE RECIPIENT
GAS TAX AGREEMENT
2014-2024**

Motion - Gibbon/House

No. 14-190 That the recommendation of the
Finance Committee be accepted and
the Town of Stephenville enter into the
Ultimate Recipient Gas Tax Agreement
2014-2024 with the Government of
Newfoundland and Labrador.

Carried Unanimously

**SIR THOMAS RODDICK
HOSPITAL FOUNDATION,
RADIOTHON 2014,
OCTOBER 3, 2014**

As the Chair of the Sir Thomas Roddick Hospital
Foundation, Mayor O'Brien declared himself in
conflict of interest and left the Council Table.

Deputy Mayor Tobin chaired the meeting for this
item.

Motion - Gibbon/Aylward

No. 14-191 That the recommendation of the
Finance Committee be accepted and
The Town of Stephenville contribute
\$1,000 to the Sir Thomas Roddick
Hospital Foundation Radiothon 2014
being held on October 3, 2014.

Carried

Mayor O'Brien abstained from voting.

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

**MOTION, AUTHORIZATION
FOR MAYOR AND CLERK TO
SIGN AGREEMENT, 2014-15
MUNICIPAL CAPITAL WORKS
PROGRAM, PROJECT #
17-MCW-14-14068,
WATER AND SEWER UPGRADES
GROVE STREET**

Mayor O'Brien left the meeting at this time, 12:30 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Tobin assumed the chair.

Motion - Gibbon/Aylward

No. 14-192 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the agreement between the Department of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs and the Town of Stephenville with respect to funding under the 2014-15 Municipal Capital Works Program, Project #17-MCW-14-14068, Water and Sewer Upgrades, Grove Street; approved funding in the amount of \$742,581 to be cost-shared on an 80/20 Provincial/Municipal basis.

Carried Unanimously

**MOTION TO DONATE LAND
OFF CAROLINA AVENUE AS
SITE OF SOUTH WEST COAST
ANIMAL SHELTER**

Motion - Gibbon/Oake

No. 14-193 That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and The Town of Stephenville donate land located adjacent to the Town Office on Carolina Avenue to be utilized as the site for the South West Coast SPCA Animal Shelter; ownership of the land will be retained by the Town of Stephenville.

Carried Unanimously

Mayor O'Brien returned to the meeting at this time 12:33 p.m. and resumed the chair.

PERMITS AND MUNICIPAL PLAN

**OK TIRE AUTO SERVICE,
6 SHERWOOD DRIVE**

DATA: Request for a permit to operate an automotive repair garage on the property located at 6 Sherwood Drive.

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. 14-194 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee be accepted and OK Tire Auto Service be granted a permit to operate an automotive repair garage on the property located at 6 Sherwood drive, subject to conditions as outlined in the agenda data.

Carried Unanimously

**WEST COAST VET SERVICE,
129 CAROLINA AVENUE**

DATA: Request for a permit to renovate the interior of the building located at 129 Carolina Avenue to accommodate a veterinary clinic.

It was 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/Gibbon

No. 14-195 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee be accepted and West Coast Vet Service be granted a permit to renovate the interior of the building located at 129 Carolina Avenue to accommodate a veterinary clinic, subject to conditions as outlined in the agenda data.

Carried Unanimously

**DOROTHY COUSINS,
43 WEST STREET**

DATA: Request for Outline Planning Permission to utilize space in the building located at 43 West Street to accommodate a hair salon.

It was the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee that Outline Planning Permission be granted subject to approval of Service NL and compliance with all Town Regulations.

Motion – Aylward/Finn

No. 14-196 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee be accepted and Dorothy Cousins be granted Outline Planning Permission to utilize space in the building located at 43 West Street to accommodate a hair salon, subject to conditions as outlined in the agenda data.

Carried Unanimously

**MARTY MADORE,
145 CAROLINA AVENUE**

DATA: Request for Outline Planning Permission to construct and operate a 40' x 100' self-storage unit building and to construct a perimeter security fence on land located at 145 Carolina Avenue.

It was the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee that Outline Planning Permission be granted subject to the submission of detailed construction drawings, the approval of Service NL and Nav Canada, and compliance with all Town Regulations.

Motion – Aylward/House

No. 14-197 That the recommendation of the Planning and Traffic Committee be accepted and Marty Madore be granted Outline Planning Permission to construct and operate a 40' x 100' self-storage unit building and to construct a perimeter security fence on land located at 145 Carolina Avenue, subject to conditions as outlined in the agenda data.

Carried Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

**PERMIT FOR WEST COAST
VET SERVICES**

Mayor O'Brien commented on the permit just approved for West Coast Vet Services, which he felt shows the Veterinary's confidence in the area. He noted that the animals in the community will be well served by this service.

**DOWNHOMER ARTICLE,
10 BEST PLACES IN
NEWFOUNDLAND TO RETIRE**

Mayor O'Brien commented on the recent article in the Downhomer on page 82 entitled "10 Best Places in Newfoundland to Retire". Stephenville and Gander had perfect scores under the criteria used in that article.

Deputy Mayor Tobin noted that not only is Stephenville a positive Community in which to retire but is a very progressive Community.

Mayor O'Brien commented that the Town has a good balance of youth and retirees throughout the Community who both contribute immensely to the Volunteer Organizations.

Councillor House noted that the Town is also attracting young people back here to live, even those who are away working, who choose to live here because of the quality of life.

Mayor O'Brien quoted from the article which noted the positive aspects of the Community ie. Hospital, Airport, 18 Hole Golf Course, etc.

SUMMER FLIGHTS, STEPHENVILLE AIRPORT

Mayor O'Brien reported that the Porter Program for flights was very successful and had been well supported by the public; and Sunwing's loads for its summer flights through Stephenville had increased.

ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11TH, TWIN TOWERS TRAGEDY

Councillor Gibbon noted that today is the 13th Anniversary of that tragedy. Stephenville had played a role in the diversion of the flights as a result of the terrorist attack in New York City.

URBAN MUNICIPALITIES COMMITTEE MEETING, ST. JOHN'S

Deputy Mayor Tobin reported that he will be attending the quarterly meeting of the UMC in St. John's this weekend; he will be happy to present any discussion items put forward by Council. He also reported that there will be an Economic Development Officer component to the Meetings.

REGULAR GENERAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 25

Mayor O'Brien commented that Deputy Mayor Tobin will be chairing the next Regular General Meeting as he has been invited to take part in the

Placentia Bay Industrial Showcase 2014. He will be giving a speech on Economic Development which will highlight the activities of the Town since the closure of the Mill and the flood in 2005 and will be participating in a panel discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion – Gibbon/Oake

No. 14-198 That the meeting adjourn at this time,
12:40 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

CHAIRPERSON

DATE CONFIRMED