

PUBLIC MEETING OF COUNCIL

November 7, 2024

A public council meeting was held at the Town of Stephenville Town office on Thursday November 7, 2024

Present: Tom Rose Mayor, Chairperson
 Susan Fowlow Deputy Mayor
 Laura Aylward Councillor
 Maurice Hynes Councillor
 Tom O'Brien Councillor
 Darren Roberts Councillor
 Myra White Councillor

Staff: Candace Simon, Deputy CAO
 Jennifer Brake, Town Clerk
 Matt Simms, Planning and Development Manager
 Mike Ratter, Community, Economic, and Industrial Development Manager

CALL TO ORDER

24-328 Moved by Councillor Roberts, Seconded by Councillor Hynes

The meeting was called to order at 12:11pm

In Favor: 7 Aylward, Fowlow, Hynes, O'Brien, Roberts, Rose, White

Opposed: 0 Carried

Land Acknowledgment

We respectfully acknowledge the Town of Stephenville as the ancestral homeland of different populations of Indigenous people. We also acknowledge with respect, the rich histories and cultures of the Beothuk, Mi'kmaq, Innu and Inuit of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

24-329 Moved by Councillor Roberts, Seconded by Councillor White

Be it Resolved to approve the agenda for November 7, 2024 as presented.

In Favor: 7 Aylward, Fowlow, Hynes, O'Brien, Roberts, Rose, White

Opposed: 0 Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

24-330 Moved by Deputy Mayor Fowlow, Seconded by Councillor Roberts

Be it Resolved to approve Public Meeting of Council minutes dated October 24, 2024 as circulated

In Favor: 7 Aylward, Fowlow, Hynes, O'Brien, Roberts, Rose, White

Opposed: 0 Carried

24-331 Moved by Mayor Rose, Seconded by Councillor White

Be it Resolved to approve Privileged Meeting of Council minutes dated October 10, 2024 as circulated

In Favor: 7 Aylward, Fowlow, Hynes, O'Brien, Roberts, Rose, White
Opposed: 0 Carried

24-332 Moved by Mayor Rose, Seconded by Councillor Roberts

Be it Resolved to approve Privileged Meeting of Council dated November 7, 2024 as circulated

In Favor: 7 Aylward, Fowlow, Hynes, O'Brien, Roberts, Rose, White
Opposed: 0 Carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

PROCLAMATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Accounts Payable

24-333 Moved by Councillor White, Seconded by Councillor Aylward

Be it Resolved to pay accounts payable dated November 7, 2024, in the amount of \$56,952.17

In Favor: 7 Aylward, Fowlow, Hynes, O'Brien, Roberts, Rose, White
Opposed: 0 Carried

Approval to Award Tender – 2024 Paving

24-334 Moved by Councillor White, Seconded by Councillor Roberts

Be it Resolved to Award Tender to complete paving projects on Queen Street and Georgia Drive to the lowest bidder JCL Investments Inc in the amount of \$383,924.97 HST included.

In Favor: 7 Aylward, Fowlow, Hynes, O'Brien, Roberts, Rose, White
Opposed: 0 Carried

Community Grant Program

24-335 Moved by Councillor White, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Fowlow

Be it Resolved to approve community grant to Aqua Aces Swim Club Inc \$758.97 to purchase equipment

In Favor: 6 Aylward, Fowlow, Hynes, O'Brien, Rose, White
Opposed: 1 Roberts Carried

24-336 Moved by Councillor White, Seconded by Councillor Aylward

Be it Resolved to approve community grant to Addiction Recovery Drop-In Centre \$5000.00 for programming

In Favor: 7 Aylward, Fowlow, Hynes, O'Brien, Roberts, Rose, White
Opposed: 0 Carried

24-337 Moved by Councillor White, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Fowlow

Be it Resolved to approve community grant to Stephenville Theatre Festival \$4001.20 for community program

In Favor: 5 Aylward, Fowlow, O'Brien, Rose, White
Opposed: 2 Hynes, Roberts Carried

24-338 Moved by Councillor White, Seconded by Councillor Hynes

Be it Resolved to approve community grant to Stephenville Shooting Club Inc \$8510.00 for upgrades to existing range to expand services

Question was called

In Favor: 7 Aylward, Fowlow, Hynes, O'Brien, Roberts, Rose, White
Opposed: 0 Carried

24-339 Moved by Deputy Mayor Fowlow, Seconded by Councillor Hynes

Be it Resolved to Defer community grant to Zion Pentecostal Church \$8000 to support changing heat source from oil fueled to electric for the annex portion of the building. The annex offers space and support to many not-for profits community groups. The location also hosts monthly community cafes
Question Called:

In Favor: 7 Aylward, Fowlow, Hynes, O'Brien, Roberts, Rose, White
Opposed: 0 Carried

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Issue Request for Proposal Sale/Lease of Land

24-340 Moved by Councillor Aylward, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Fowlow

Be it Resolved to issue Request for Proposal for Sale/Lease of 88.62 acres of land located on Carolina Avenue.

In Favor: 7 Aylward, Fowlow, Hynes, O'Brien, Roberts, Rose, White
Opposed: 0 Carried

Issue Request for Proposal Sale/Lease of Land

24-341 Moved by Councillor Aylward, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Fowlow

Be it Resolved to issue Request for Proposal for Sale/Lease of 921 acres of land within Port Harmon Industrial Area and Indian Head Mountain Range

In Favor: 7 Aylward, Fowlow, Hynes, O'Brien, Roberts, Rose, White
Opposed: 0 Carried

BY-LAWS, REGULATIONS, POLICYS

Protective Intervention Disclosure Policy

24-342 Moved by Councillor Aylward, Seconded by Councillor Roberts

Be it Resolved to approve Protective Intervention Disclosure Policy for Town of Stephenville employees

In Favor: 7 Aylward, Fowlow, Hynes, O'Brien, Roberts, Rose, White
Opposed: 0 Carried

The meeting had briefly paused prior to vote at 12:39pm as Deputy Mayor and Deputy CAO left the council chambers.

Admission Fees for Personal Care Attendants Policy

24-343 Moved by Councillor Aylward, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Fowlow

Be it Resolved to approve Admission Fees for Personal Care Attendants Policy.

In Favor: 7 Aylward, Fowlow, Hynes, O'Brien, Roberts, Rose, White
Opposed: 0 Carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Councillor Hynes

Emergency Preparedness Plan

Expressed the importance of regularly reviewing the town's emergency plan to ensure its effectiveness and information is relevant.

Councillor O'Brien

As a safety measure for high school students, he suggested contacting the Department of Transportation on the removal of radar speed signs and request reinstallation at the location of Route 460 in the vicinity of the high school.

Cell Service

He proposed organizing a meeting with Bell executives to address the ongoing decline in cell service in our area.

Councillor Aylward

She advised the long-term healthcare centre in Corner Brook received good news; individuals will have single occupancy rooms instead of double. Additionally, she suggested the old hospital could be used to accommodate the extra demands for long-term care.

She will advocate to the government for upgrades to the long-term care centre in Stephenville Crossing, new long term care facility in Stephenville, and the provision of obstetrician and gynecologist services at the Sir Thomas Roddick Hospital (STRH). She encouraged women to contact her and share their experiences to support her advocacy for these services at STRH.

Mayor Rose proposed scheduling a meeting with the Minister of Health and Deputy Minister to address these concerns. Deputy Mayor Fowlow suggested this situation also represents an opportunity to explore new models of long-term care.

She sent condolences to the family of late Monsignor Edwin Gale.

Councillor Roberts

Send condolences to the family of late Reverend Hubert Coombs.

Illegal dumping of moose carcasses

He advised illegal dumping in the area of old “dump road”, has become a problem again this year. The area is common for walkers and the sight and smell of the dumped waste is unpleasant. He urged people to reconsider before engaging in illegal dumping.

Mayor Rose

He reported attending the Econext conference in St. John’s as the council representative. During the conference, Stephenville was mentioned in connection with global projects, specifically Hydrogen and TriplePoint.

The four municipalities of proposed hydrogen projects will receive \$40,000 from government to assist with planning and engineering to enable the town to prepare for growth.

Mr. Billy Hynes was honored for his project that showcases and celebrates sports and athletics in our region.

NOTICE OF MOTION

None

ADJOURNMENT

24-344 Moved by Councillor O’Brien, Seconded by Councillor White

Resolved that since there is no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:06 pm

In Favor:	7	Aylward, Fowlow, Hynes, O’Brien, Roberts, Rose, White
Opposed:	0	Carried