

TOWN OF ST. STEPHEN
REGULAR COUNCIL
73 MILLTOWN BLVD., SUITE 112
MARCH 19, 2012 @ 7:00 P.M.

1. PRAYER
2. RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Mayor G. L. (Jed) Purcell; Deputy Mayor Jim Maxwell; Councillors Ralph Williams, Jeremy Copeland, Gavin Toumishey, Barb Donovan and Robert Tinker; Acting Chief Administrative Officer/Development Officer Lee Johnson; and, Town Clerk Joan Flewelling.

ABSENT: Chief Administrative Officer/Development Officer John Ferguson

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Tinker
Seconded by Councillor Williams

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THAT the Agenda be approved as circulated. **CARRIED**

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts were declared.

5. READING OF PETITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

- (a) Daffodil Month and Daffodil Day

Mayor Purcell proclaimed the month of April as "Daffodil Month" and April 27, 2012 as "Daffodil Day":

WHEREAS, another Canadian is diagnosed with cancer every three minutes; and

WHEREAS, the Canadian Cancer Society is working to eradicate all cancers and improve the quality of life for people living with cancer; and

WHEREAS, *Daffodil Month* and *Daffodil Day* are opportunities for residents of St. Stephen to show their support in the fight against cancer; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, that I, G. L. (Jed) Purcell, ask that all residents of St. Stephen join the Canadian Cancer Society in the fight against cancer; and be it further

RESOLVED, that April is officially recognized as *Daffodil Month*, and April 27, 2012 is officially recognized as *Daffodil Day*.

I, G. L. (Jed) Purcell, Mayor of St. Stephen, do hereby proclaim April to be “Daffodil Month”, and April 27, 2012, to be “Daffodil Day” and strongly encourage all residents of St. Stephen to continue to recognize and support the Canadian Cancer Society and the fight against cancer.

(b) Mental Health Week and Mental Health Day

Mayor Purcell proclaimed May 7 – 13, 2012 as “Mental Health Week” and May 7, 2012 as “Mental Health Day”:

WHEREAS, the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) has celebrated Mental Health Week during the first week of May since 1952;

WHEREAS, this year’s theme is “Mental Health For All”;

WHEREAS, CMHA branches throughout New Brunswick will be hosting events to raise public awareness of the importance of our mental fitness and mental health;

WHEREAS, being in good health means more than feeling physically well; it also means feeling mentally fit, and we can all take steps to improve our mental well being;

THEREFORE, I, G. L. (Jed) Purcell, Mayor of St. Stephen, do hereby proclaim May 7 to be “Mental Health Day” in St. Stephen as the beginning of “Mental Health Week” in Canada, May 7 – 13, 2012, and encourage you to participate in activities. Let’s make mental health matter in St. Stephen!

6. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

No notices of motions.

7. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Moved by Deputy Mayor Maxwell

Seconded by Councillor Donovan

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THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on February 20, 2012 be approved as circulated. **CARRIED**

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8. ACCOUNTS

No accounts.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

COMMUNICATION FOR INFORMATION FILE

Moved by Councillor Copeland

Seconded by Councillor Donovan

40/12 **THAT** Communication for Information, note and file, be adopted. **CARRIED**

COMMUNICATION FOR ACTION

No communication for action.

10. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEES MEETING

Moved by Councillor Williams

Seconded by Councillor Donovan

41/12 **THAT** the Minutes of the Committees meeting – Public Safety & Environment; Planning & Priorities; Community Services; and Finance & Administration held on March 7, 2012 be approved as circulated. **CARRIED**

11. STAFF REPORTS

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Moved by Deputy Mayor Maxwell

Seconded by Councillor Williams

42/12 **THAT** the following staff reports for the month of February 2012 be adopted: Treasury Department; Public Works Department; Department of Parks, Recreation and Property Management; Fire Department; Department of By-Laws and Building Inspection; and Development Office. **CARRIED**

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

13. CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

No by-laws considered.

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14. NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF EVENT – CHARLOTTE COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE

Moved by Deputy Mayor Maxwell

Seconded by Councillor Williams

- 43/12** **THAT** the Council of the Town of St. Stephen grants permission to the Charlotte County Relay for Life to hold an anniversary celebration at the Town Square on Thursday, April 19, 2012 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. which will involve music, and in the event of rain, will be held in the Visitor Information Centre. **CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF EVENT – MENTAL HEALTH DAY BARBEQUE

Moved by Councillor Williams

Seconded by Councillor Tinker

- 44/12** **THAT** the Council of the Town of St. Stephen agrees to host a barbeque on Monday, May 7, 2012 from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. at the Town Square in recognition of “Mental Health Day” in St. Stephen and the beginning of the Canadian Mental Health Association’s “Mental Health Week” campaign from May 7 – 13, 2012. **CARRIED**

GATEWAY TO OPPORTUNITY LUNCHEON – REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

Moved by Councillor Tinker

Seconded by Councillor Donovan

- 45/12** **THAT** the Council of the Town of St. Stephen authorizes the Town’s participation, in cooperation with the Port of Eastport, the City of Eastport, the City of Calais, Maine and Enterprise Charlotte, NB in the luncheon for the Calais-St. Stephen-Eastport Corridor Highway through Maine to Coburn Gore and continuing to Montreal, and any unbudgeted revenues and expenditures to be held at St. Patrick’s Hall, St. Stephen, NB on Thursday, March 29, 2012 at 12 noon. **CARRIED**

MOVIE LICENSE – COMMUNITY MOVIE THEATRE

Moved by Councillor Tinker

Seconded by Councillor Copeland

- 46/12** **THAT** the Council of the Town of St. Stephen authorizes an unbudgeted expenditure of \$950.00 (nine hundred and fifty dollars) for the purchase of a license to play new release movies not yet out on DVD for the Community Movie Theatre organized by the Charlotte County Coalition for a Drug Free Community in partnership with the St. Stephen High School. **CARRIED**

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER – LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Moved by Councillor Williams

Seconded by Councillor Tinker

- 47/12** **THAT** the Council of the Town of St. Stephen grants a paid leave of absence to John Ferguson, Chief Administrative Officer, of approximately six (6) weeks beginning in February 2012, as previously directed in a Closed Committee meeting on January 18, 2012 as per Section 10.2(4)(c) of the New Brunswick *Municipalities Act*.

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor is granted the authority, to authorize in writing, any further extensions to the paid leave of absence should it be required. **CARRIED**

RE-APPOINTMENT - CHARLOTTE COUNTY HOSPITAL FOUNDATION, INC.

Moved by Councillor Williams

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Maxwell

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THAT Richard Purcell be re-appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Charlotte County Hospital Foundation, Inc. for a three year term commencing May 1, 2012 and expiring April 30, 2015. **CARRIED**

15. REPORTS OF MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

Mayor Purcell

- Stated that the CAO has provided an update on the Civic Center and it will be available to the Civic Center Board, Council and the media on Tuesday.

Councillor Copeland

- Attended two Civic Center meetings
- Attended an Arena Board meeting.
- Attended various Town meetings.

Councillor Tinker

- Attended a Civic Center meeting.
- Announced a musical dinner theatre on April 20th at St. Patrick's Hall and April 28th at the Calais Motor Inn as fundraisers for the International Festival.
- Fundraisers are being held for "Rally in the St. Croix Valley" (Border Bikerfest), and the schedule of events during the first week of July will be considered for approval at a future Council meeting.

Councillor Williams

- Pleased that infrastructure work is scheduled for West and Dow Streets.
- Requested a copy of the infrastructure study prepared by Dillon Consulting Limited for West Street, Thompson Avenue, as well as at the Union (intersection of Milltown Blvd., Queensway and Hill Street), as a result of flooding.

Deputy Mayor Maxwell

- Attended various Town meetings.
- Acted as Mayor during the Mayor's absence in February.

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- Attended a Chocolate Museum Operational Committee meeting.
- Attended a retirement dinner for Sergeant Greg MacAvoy and Constable John MacCready.

Councillor Donovan

- Attended the opening of the stem cell therapy lab in Saint John as a result of the presentation to Council last summer, and extended the Town's congratulations to the Saint John Regional Hospital Foundation on exceeding its fundraising goal.

Councillor Toumishey

- Attended a few meetings but missed the Committees meeting due to vacation.
- Advised that the Smoke-Free Policy Committee is working on areas of public awareness through education.
- If re-elected, would look forward to working on an Environmental Sustainability & Wellness Committee.

16. QUESTION PERIOD

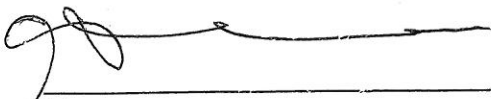
Marg Harding and Rick Rogers, Town residents, expressed concern with the ongoing law suit involving the CAO and his paid leave of absence. Ed Zammit, Town resident, questioned possible recovery of Town funds should the CAO be successful in the court case.

17. ADJOURNMENT

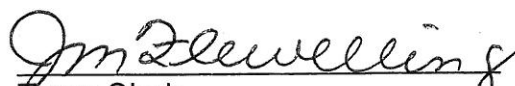
ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Tinker
Seconded by Councillor Copeland

49/12 THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:35 p.m. CARRIED



Mayor



Town Clerk