



Town of Stewiacke  
Council Meeting  
May 28th, 2020

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A meeting of Town Council of the Town of Stewiacke was held on May 28th, 2020 at 7:00pm in the Stewiacke Town Hall as well as virtually.

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**2. Attendance**

Mayor Robinson

Councillor(s) Susan Creelman, Rebecca Rogers-Laing, Chad Ramsey, Mary Commo

Regrets: Deputy Mayor Chapman

**Staff:**

Dale Bogle	Chief Administrative Officer
Randi Buchi	Manager of Finance
Beate Acker	Recording Secretary
Erin Richard	Recreation & Physical Activity Coordinator
Josh Hilton	Recreation

**3. Approval of / Amendments to Agenda**

*On Motion of Councillor Commo and Councillor Rogers-Laing it was moved to approve the agenda for May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020, as presented.*

*Motion carried unanimously.*

**4. Disclosure of Interest on Agenda Items.**

Nil

**5. Approval of Minutes March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Council Meeting and April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 Council Meeting.**

Postponed.

**6. Announcements/ Proclamations**

Planning Advisory Committee Virtual Public Meeting being held on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 at 6:30pm.

**7. Presentations**

Nil.

**8. Written Petitions and Correspondence**

a) Dr. Robert Strang presentation submitted to Town Council; received for informational purposes.

**9. Business**

**a) Budget**

**i) Capital Budget.** Discussion by Council. Budget has no changes from previous presentation to Council. COVID-19 will not impact the General Capital Budget.



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*On Motion of Councillor Creelman and Councillor Commo it was moved that Stewiacke Town Council approve the 2020-2021 General Capital Budget totaling \$5,723,320.00 as presented.*

**Motion carried unanimously.**

*On Motion of Councillor Creelman and Councillor Ramsey it was moved that Stewiacke Town Council approve the 2021-2024 General Capital Budget totaling \$2,427,000.00 as presented.*

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**ii) Operational Budget.** Discussion by Council on the operational budget being impacted by COVID-19. The Manager of Finance for the town informed Council that a comparison of our current budget and a test budget with COVID-19 impacts was completed resulting in a loss of \$1,500.00.

*On Motion of Councillor Creelman and Councillor Rogers-Laing it was moved that Stewiacke Town Council approve the 2020-2021 fiscal year expenditures totaling \$2,454,241.00 and further after crediting all probable revenues for the Town of Stewiacke, the tax rate for 2020-2021 be set as follows: Residential Tax Rate of \$1.665 per \$100.00 of residential assessment, Commercial Tax Rate of \$3.46 per \$100.00 of commercial assessment and further that a fire protection charge be set as follows: \$0.10 cents per \$100.00 of residential and commercial assessment and further that a solid waste collection charge be applied to the residential tax bills where applicable as follows: \$151.36 per residential unit in the Town of Stewiacke.*

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**b) Town Days 2020**

*On Motion of Councillor Commo and Councillor Rogers-Laing it was moved that Stewiacke Town Council approve the request made at the Stewiacke Committee of the Whole Meeting amending the cancellation of Town Days 2020 due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.*

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**c) Waiving Water Utility Interest**

*On Motion of Councillor Rogers-Laing and Councillor Commo it was moved that Stewiacke Town Council make a request to the UARB for water utility interest to be waived for the period on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 to May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 and an evaluation to be made that end date for consideration to extend waiver.*

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**10. By-laws and Policies**

**a) Stewiacke COVID-19 Property Tax Financing Policy**

*On Motion of Councillor Creelman and Councillor Ramsey it was moved that Stewiacke Town Council approve the Stewiacke COVID-19 Property Tax Financing Policy as presented.*

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**11. Citizen Comments**

Nil.

**12. Mayor Report**



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Sending prayers to the loved ones of Captain Jennifer Casey who was a Canadian Forces Snow Bird that lost her life in flight. I have attended the Wednesday evening NSFM meetings. Dr. Robert Strang was asked during the last NSFM meeting to please advise Municipalities ahead of opening facilities/parks so they can prepare. They are striking an Election Committee to put forth and present best practices for campaigning during a pandemic. The Village Elections were supposed to happen on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 but they have been postponed.

**13. Councillors Report**

Nil.

**14. In Camera Session**

*On Motion of Councillor Rogers-Laing and Councillor Creelman it was moved that Stewiacke Town Council go in-camera at 7:35pm.*

*On Motion of Councillor Creelman and Councillor Ramsey it was moved that Stewiacke Town Council come out of in-camera at 8:39pm.*

**15. Notice of Motion and Reconsideration**

Nil.

**16. Adjournment**

Time: 8:40pm.

Read and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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Mayor

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