

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, DECEMBER 12, 2011

A regular meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Monday, December 12, 2011, at 6:40 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were six members present namely Mayor Betty Fitzgerald, Deputy Mayor Douglas Robbins, Councillors Barry Randell, John Norman, Lindsay Phillips and Paul Mouland. Also present at the meeting was Town Manager, Calvin Rolls. The meeting was presided over by the Mayor.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Robbins and seconded by Councillor Norman that the minutes of the meeting held on November 14, 2011, be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion then arose concerning the following Councillors' concerns:-

(1) Councillor Norman's concerns:-

- A. Status of Bonavista Hospital. Councillor Norman requests that we get the health cards corrected for the Bonavista Peninsula Health Care Center. They currently read Bonavista Community Health Center.
- B. Canteen at Stadium. It was stated that the Bonavista Days Committee are considering taking over the running of this canteen in the new year.
- C. Sunset Lounge. Councillor Norman wanted to know what is going to be done with this building.
- D. Turn-around at the end of Strathie's Road. It was agreed that a turn-around is needed there. It was agreed for the Town Manager to check this matter out.
- E. Wetland Stewardship Site. Councillor Norman is working towards Old Days Pond being designated a Wetland Stewardship Site.

(2) Councillor Phillips' concerns:-

- A. Power outage on the Bonavista Peninsula last Friday. Councillor Phillips wants to know if a generator is possible from Nfld. Power for times like this. It was agreed to have Nfld. Power attend a Council meeting in the new year to discuss this matter.
- B. Permits. People are building without permits. It was agreed that we need to notify people that building without permits will not be tolerated. It was agreed to place notices in with the water bills and on cable that effective January 1, 2012, people will be held accountable for work they do without permits.

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(3) Councillor Mouland's concerns:-

- A. Councillor Mouland reported on the Recreation committee meeting held on December 7, 2011, regarding plans for the Minor Ballfield — recreation equipment, tennis courts, etc.
- B. Fencing for Dog Run behind the Stadium. The Town Manager stated that he intends to apply for a project to fence this dog run in the spring.

(4) Mayor Fitzgerald's concerns:-

- A. Kraft Hockeyville Contest. It was agreed to think about this for 2013.

A discussion then arose concerning the business arising out of the minutes.

At 8:15 p.m. Councillor Norman retired from the meeting.

(1) Potential "Conflict of Interest" situation with Councillor Norman regarding a decision which will be made about Strathie's Road Sub-division future development since his parents live there. It was agreed unanimously that Councillor Norman is in a "Conflict of Interest" situation regarding this matter; Therefore, he should not be present at any discussions on the future of Strathie's Road. As for Councillor Mouland this was considered by all present not to be a conflict situation since he has no interest there at present. As for the Strathie's Road Sub-division, it was agreed unanimously to continue development as was originally planned.

At 8:35 p.m. Councillor Norman returned to the meeting.

At 8:36 p.m. Councillor Norman again retired from the meeting.

(2) Christmas Decorations for light poles. These decorations cost \$600.00 each.

(3) Matthew Elementary School requesting a portion of Shelley's Road to be made one-way. It was agreed to meet with a delegation from Matthew Elementary School in the new year to discuss this matter further.

A discussion then arose concerning the following:-

(1) Accounts Payable. The Town Clerk presented a list of bills for approval to pay. A copy of this list of bills is attached. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Phillips that these bills in the amount of \$341,446.28 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

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(2) Benefits Bulletin from TRIO.

(3) Referral letters re quarry permits as follows:-

4-A Construction Ltd.	Burnt Ridge
J-1 Contracting	Dump Road
Bulldog Contracting	Above Bonavista Salvage
Bulldog Contracting	3 km. South of Bonavista off Route 235
Bulldog Contracting	2.3 km. North of Dump Road off Route 235

It was agreed that Council has no objections to these quarry permits.

(4) Rates of pay for Returning Officer, Deputy Returning Officers and Poll Clerks for the upcoming municipal By-Election which is to be held on December 13, 2011. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Mouland to pay the Returning Officer \$200.00 per day for Nomination Day and By-Election Day; to pay the Deputy Returning Officers \$175.00 for By-Election Day; and to pay the Poll Clerks \$150.00 for By-Election Day; and to pay \$120.00 for Poll Booths. Motion carried unanimously.

(5) Reply from Anthony Insurance to a letter we wrote concerning the closing of their office in Bonavista. This letter stated that they are committed to maintaining a high level of service to their customers in Bonavista through their Clarenville Office.

(6) Statement of Income and Expenses for Cabot Stadium for November 2011.

(7) Letter from Nick McGrath, M.H.A., Labrador West, re Marginal Wharf in Bonavista.

(8) Budget 2012. The Finance Committee presented a balanced Budget for 2012. The only tax changes will be the minimum Property Tax and Poll Tax will be increased from \$190.00 per annum to \$250.00 per annum. All other taxes will remain unchanged. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Deputy Mayor Robbins to adopt this Budget as presented by the Finance Committee with the tax increases as stated. Motion carried unanimously.

(9) Client Consultant Agreements for Water Transmission Main Upgrading. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Phillips to sign these agreements on behalf of the town. Motion carried unanimously.

(10) Letter from Wayne Chard re water problem near Chard's new apartment building. It was agreed to look at this area before the next Council meeting.

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(11) Water problem on Swyers' Hill. It was agreed to hire Bulldog Contracting to dig a 350 ft. ditch in the marsh behind Swyers' Hill to alleviate this water problem. The cost is \$600.00. It was agreed to do this.

(12) Paving 2012. Possible roads that need to be paved are Wells' Road and Michael Ryder Place. It was agreed to discuss this matter at a later meeting.

Since there was no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.