

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, AUGUST 15, 2011

A regular meeting of the Bonavista Town Council took place on Monday, August 15, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were six members present namely Mayor Betty Fitzgerald, Deputy Mayor Douglas Robbins, Councillors Glen Little, Lindsay Phillips, John Norman and Paul Moulard. Also present at the meeting was the Town Manager Calvin Rolls. The meeting was presided over by the Mayor.

It was moved by Councillor Little and seconded by Councillor Norman that the minutes of the meeting held on August 1, 2011, be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

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

(1) Councillor Little's concerns:-

A. Street Lights. It was moved by Councillor Little and seconded by Deputy Mayor Robbins to erect two street lights - one on Confederation Drive near Peoples' Optical and one on Michael Ryder Place. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Engineering fees for Capital Works Projects. It was stated that the going rate for engineering fees is 15%; however, there are firms that may do it for less. It was agreed to check into this matter further.

C. Meeting regarding Marginal Wharf. This meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Friday, August 19, 2011 at the Town Hall, Bonavista.

(2) Councillor Norman's concerns:-

A. Wind Power Project on Elliston Ridge. It was stated that a new company out of Calgary now owns Bonavista Wind Power and are starting to do more research. It was agreed to call them and try to set up a meeting.

B. Circuit Court in Bonavista. Circuit Court in Bonavista is down to once a month. Council fears our Circuit Court may cease to exist. It was agreed to write the Minister of Justice requesting a meeting to discuss this matter.

C. Sharpe House on Brown's Hill. It was agreed to write the Bonavista Historic Townscape Foundation asking what their intentions are for this property.

D. Tennis Courts behind Stadium. It was agreed for the Recreation Committee to check the status of this matter and report to the next Council Meeting.

E. Widening the entrance to Strathie's Road. It was agreed to check this matter out.

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F. Condition of old building belonging to Roy Quinton on Mockbeggar Road. It was agreed to approach Mr. Quinton to see what he intends to do with this building.

G. Property on Roper Street belonging to Rod Smith. If there is outstanding money owed on this property it should be sent to a collection agency.

H. Signage at the Cape without permits. It was agreed to have consultation with the businesses who own these signs to try and rectify the problem.

(3) Councillor Phillips' concerns:-

A. Wages for Community Enhancement Project for OCI fish plant workers in Port Union. It was stated that the Coaker Foundation is subsidizing the wages of their project workers.

(4) Mayor Fitzgerald's concerns:-

A. Banking services in Bonavista. It was stated that long line ups in Bonavista need to be rectified. It was agreed to try and arrange a meeting with officials from Scotiabank Management to see if this matter can be rectified.

B. Park on Council property on 95 Church Street near Town Hall. It was agreed to discuss this when Town Hall renovations are discussed with our Engineers.

A discussion then arose concerning the business arising out of the minutes:-

(1) Stanley Cup coming to Bonavista on August 30, 2011. Councillor Moulard gave an up-date on this event.

A discussion then arose concerning the following:

(1) Accounts Payables. 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 Deputy Mayor Robbins and seconded by Councillor Phillips that these bills in the amount of \$324,473.85 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Statement of Income and Expenses for Cabot Stadium for July 2011.

(3) Letter from Ed Abbott, Jubilee House Bed & Breakfast requesting a reduction in Business Tax since they are only open seasonally. It was moved by Councillor Moulard and seconded by Councillor Little to give Jubilee House Bed & Breakfast a 50% reduction in 2011 Business Tax since they are only open seasonally. Motion carried unanimously.

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(4) Renovations to the Town Hall. It was stated that the Town Hall needs a face lift, also we need more office space. Therefore, it was agreed to contact our Engineers, Nfld. Design Associates Ltd. and invite them to Bonavista to discuss plans for this renovation. As mentioned earlier, the future of the Town Hall grounds should be discussed at this time also.

(5) Repairs to Playground equipment. The Town Manager stated that there is no room for new toys at the Playground; therefore, replacement of existing items need to take place. The Recreation Committee of Council agreed to get working on this matter after their involvement in the Stanley Cup event is concluded..

(6) Donation from Bonavista Cabot Stadium Committee. It was agreed to use these funds to offset additional expenses on the renovations to Cabot Stadium.

Since there was no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.