

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 26, 2011

A regular meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Monday, September 26, 2011, at 6:35 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were six members present namely Mayor Betty Fitzgerald, Deputy Mayor Douglas Robbins, Councillors Barry Randell, John Norman, Paul Mouland and Glen Little. Also present at the meeting was the Town Manager Calvin Rolls. The meeting was presided over by the Mayor.

It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Deputy Mayor Robbins that the minutes of the meeting held on September 6, 2011, be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion arose concerning the following Councillors' concerns:-

(1) Councillor Norman's concerns:-

A. Weather Station on Bayview Hill. It was stated that the fence is dilapidated and needs to be repaired or removed. It was agreed to write the owners and ask them to remove or repair this fence immediately.

B. Eastlink property on Station Road being in a dilapidated condition with debris strewn around. It was agreed to write Eastlink asking them to clean up their property immediately.

C. Website for the town. It was stated that our website is behind sites of other towns; therefore, we need an update. It was agreed to have Chris Herridge attend a meeting to discuss a new website.

D. Dilapidated buildings in Bonavista that need to be repaired or removed. It was agreed that Council needs to enforce our regulations and have these buildings repaired or removed at the owners' expense.

(2) Councillor Mouland's concerns:-

A. Bridge across O'Connell's Brook near Loretta Hayley's that was destroyed by Hurricane Igor. It was stated that this bridge will be replaced when approvals are given by the Provincial Government.

B. Fishermen's Memorial for Cape Bonavista to commemorate the loss of life at sea by people in this area. Councillor Mouland gave an update on the status of this Memorial and stated it will go ahead.

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C. Councillor Mouland thanked Councillor Little for his time on Council and wished him the best of luck in the upcoming Provincial Election.

(3) Deputy Mayor Robbins' concerns:-

A. Tourism Committee of Council. It was stated that the Tourism Committee needs to be more active and more involved.

B. Condition of Dept. of Transportation & Works roads in Bonavista. Deputy Mayor Robbins stated that he talked with Dept. of Transportation & Works and they agreed to try to upgrade the roads in Bonavista under their jurisdiction as soon as possible.

(4) Mayor Fitzgerald's concerns:-

A. Beautification Committee Meeting. It was stated that this Committee needs to meet as soon as possible.

B. Cabot Collegiate on Coster Street. It was stated that plans are being made to develop this into a community multi purpose center.

(5) Councillor Little's concerns:-

A. Emergency Generator for Town Hall. It was stated by Councillor Little that this generator needs to be put in place as soon as possible. It was agreed to consider this when the Town Hall Extension is considered under Capital Works.

B. Marginal Wharf for Bonavista Harbour. It was agreed that we must push for this wharf.

C. Health Care Committee of Council. Councillor Little suggests that someone needs to chair this Committee if he gets elected in the Provincial Election.

D. Councillor Little wished everyone the best in the future if he gets elected in the Provincial Election.

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

(1) Donation to Kenneth Cole Trust Fund.

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(2) Monument on White Rock. It was agreed to discuss this matter with David Bradley when he attends a Council meeting in the near future.

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 Moulard that these bills in the amount of \$25,683.12 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Funding received from the Provincial Government for a new Rescue Unit for the Fire Department. This funding is 80/20 Provincial/Municipal. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Little to authorize the Mayor and Town Clerk to enter into an agreement between the Dept. of Municipal Affairs and the Town in order to receive this funding. Motion carried unanimously.

(3) Client/Consultant Agreements for Main Pumphouse Upgrades. It was moved by Councillor Little and seconded by Councillor Norman to sign these agreements as requested and return them to Nfld. Design Associates Ltd. for distribution. Motion carried unanimously.

(4) Information on debit machines for the Town of Bonavista and Cabot Stadium. It was stated that the cost estimates for these machines are approximately \$300.00 per month and \$100.00 per month respectively. It was agreed to avail of these debit machines for the Town of Bonavista and Cabot stadium and to sign the Merchant Agreement accordingly.

(5) Letter from Hon. Felix Collins, Minister of Justice, advising us that he will discuss the Circuit Court in Bonavista with Council when he has reviewed all the pertinent information regarding this Court.

(6) Letter from Myrtle Stagg, Chair, Elliston Heritage Foundation, requesting Council support in the form of a letter for the "Sealers Memorial in Elliston" Project. It was agreed to give a letter of support for this Sealer's Memorial Project.

(7) Scott Wheeler requesting a permit to erect an extension on his shed on John Cabot Drive in the Town of Bonavista. It was agreed to look at this request for the next Council meeting.

(8) Capital Works 2012. It was agreed to apply for funds to complete the water transmission main from Long Pond and repairs to water tower in the amounts of approximately \$3,000,000.00 and \$1,000,000.00 respectively.

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(9) Ditching on Red Point to alleviate a water problem near William Templeman's. It was stated that Bulldog Construction will ditch this area for \$500.00 plus tax. It was agreed to have this ditching done.

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