

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, FEBRUARY 20, 2012

A regular meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Monday, February 20, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were six members present namely Deputy Mayor Douglas Robbins, Councillors Rodney Gray, Barry Randell, Lindsay Phillips, Paul Mouland and John Norman. Also present at the meeting was Town Manager Calvin Rolls. The meeting was presided over by the Deputy Mayor.

It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Mouland that the minutes of the meeting held on February 6, 2012, be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

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

(1) Councillor Gray's concerns:-

A. Committees of Council he wishes to serve on. Councillor Gray stated he would like to serve on the Fisheries Committee, the Finance Committee and the Public Works Committee.

B. Fisheries advisory Committee meeting in Gander on February 23, 2012. Councillor Gray stated that he is on this committee and asked if anyone has any concerns to bring up at this meeting.

(2) Councillor Norman's concerns:-

A. Census report and his feeling it is inaccurate as it relate to Bonavista.

B. Adam Mouland house. It was agreed to see what the status of this house is right now.

C. Bad condition of Bert Little's house on Canaille Road. It was agreed to check into this matter for the next Council meeting.

D. Bad condition of Albert Sharpe's house on Canaille Road. It was agreed to check into this matter for the next Council meeting.

E. Cross Country Ski Trail behind the Stadium. Councillor Norman asked if funds could be applied for through a project to clear this trail.

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(3) Councillor Phillips' concerns:-

A. Chard's Construction Ltd. building affordable housing units on his property off Confederation Drive without the necessary permits. It was moved by Councillor Phillips and seconded by Councillor Norman to get a stop work order placed on Chard's Construction Ltd. To stop this work immediately until Government approvals are obtained and a permit is issued. Motion carried unanimously.

(4) Councillor Mouland's concerns:-

A. Changes to playground on Neck Road. Councillor Mouland updated Councillor Gray on the plans for this playground.

B. Salting Stadium Grounds. Councillor Mouland asked to have salt and sand placed on Stadium Grounds.

(5) Deputy Mayor Robbins' concerns:-

A. Bad condition of Dept. of Transportation & Works roads in Bonavista. It was agreed for the Town Manager to check with Dept. of Transportation & Works on this matter.

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

(1) Meeting with Dept. of Environment & Conservation re stewardship areas for Beaver Pond and Old Day's Pond. It was agreed that this meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on March 5, 2012.

(2) New Signs entering Bonavista. These signs will cost approximately \$1,000.00 each. It was agreed to think about this for the next Council meeting.

At 8:55 p.m. Councillor Norman retired from the meeting.

(3) Dr. Jabez Norman requesting Council to sell two buildings lots #35 and 34 on Strathie's Road Sub-division for a reduced price since these lots are not serviced at this time. It was agreed not to make a decision on this matter at this time.

At 9:05 p.m. Councillor Norman returned to the meeting.

A discussion then arose concerning the following:-

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(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 Gray that these bills in the amount of \$41,362.80 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

At 9:30 p.m. Councillor Norman retired from the meeting.

(2) Dr. Jabez Norman requesting a reduction in his 2012 Business Tax since he is only open one quarter of the time in Bonavista. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Phillips to exempt Dr. Norman from 75% of his Business Tax since he is only open 25% of the time. Motion carried unanimously.

At 9:35 p.m. Councillor Norman returned to the meeting.

(3) Preston Abbott of Abbott's Cape Shore B & B requesting a reduction of Business Tax for 2012 since he is only open six months of the year. It was moved by Councillor Phillips and seconded by Councillor Moulant to exempt Mr. Abbott for 50% of his Business Tax for 2012 since he is only open half the year. Motion carried unanimously

(4) Silver Wings Figure Skating Club requesting a donation from Council. It was moved by Councillor Phillips and seconded by Councillor Norman to donate ten hours of ice time to the Figure Skating Club. Motion carried unanimously.

(5) Elizabeth J. Zemdeggs requesting a reduction in Business Tax for Elizabeth J. Cottages for 2012 since they are only open six months of the year. It was moved by Councillor Norman and seconded by Councillor Randell to exempt Elizabeth J. Cottages for 50% of their Business Tax for 2012 since they are only open half the year. Motion carried unanimously.

(6) Elizabeth J. Zemdeggs requesting a reduction in Business Tax for The Elephant Shop for 2011 and 2012 since they are only open six months of the year. It was moved by Councillor Phillips and seconded by Councillor Norman to exempt The Elephant Shop for 50% of their Business Tax for 2011 and 2012 since they are only open half the year. Motion carried unanimously.

(7) John Best requesting help from the town with water and sewer servicing to his property on Windlass Drive. He intends to use this property to erect ten rental units for people over 55. It was agreed to meet with Mr. Best re this matter at a later Council meeting.

At 9:55 p.m. Councillor Phillips retired from the meeting.

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(8) Eugene Phillips, Phillips' Gun Shop, requesting a reduction in Business Tax for 2011 and 2012 since he is only open summertime. It was moved by Councillor Moulard and seconded by Councillor Gray to give Mr. Phillips a 50% exemption of Business Tax for 2011 and 2012 since he is only open seasonally. Motion carried unanimously.

At 10:00 p.m. Councillor Phillips returned to the meeting.

(9) Little Dairy King requesting a reduction in Business Tax for 2011 since they are only open six months a year. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Phillips to reduce Business Tax for Little Dairy King by 50% since they are only open half the year. Motion carried unanimously.

(10) Christine Little requesting the 50 km. sign to Newman's Cove be moved further up Route 235 out beyond their driveways because it creates an hazard. It was agreed to write Dept. of Transportation & Works and request that this sign be moved.

(11) MMSB Hazardous Waste Event. It was agreed to participate in this event this year for a cost of \$1,693.80.

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