

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, APRIL 23, 2012

A regular meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Monday, April 23, 2012, at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were five members present namely Mayor Betty Fitzgerald, Deputy Mayor Douglas Robbins, Councillors Paul Mouland, John Norman and Rodney Gray. Also present at the meeting was Town Manager Calvin Rolls. The meeting was presided over by the Mayor.

It was moved by Councillor Norman and seconded by Deputy Mayor Robbins that the minutes of the meeting held on March 20, 2012, be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

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

(1) Councillor Norman's concerns:-

- A. Stadium Manager/Sports Director. Councillor Norman wanted to know if Mr. Stagg could investigate funding availability for recreation. This could be done now when he is less busy running the Stadium.
- B. Need for facelift to Mockbeggar Plantation and Lighthouse before the tourist season starts. It was agreed to write Dept. of Tourism, Culture & Recreation re this matter.
- C. Water problem on Route 230 near Coster Street intersection where shoulders are being eroded. It was agreed to write Dept. of Transportation & Works regarding this matter.
- D. Employment Services Office in Bonavista. It was agreed to write Dept. of Advanced Education & Skills requesting the status of this office since it has been said that this office might close.
- E. Rural Secretariat Office in Bonavista. Why is it in Bonavista when it is never staffed.
- F. Clean-Up Day 2012. It was moved by Councillor Gray and seconded by Councillor Norman to declare June 2, 2012, as Clean-Up Day 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

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G. Dilapidated condition of old buildings on Cape Shore Road and Sebastian Drive owned by the Estate of Leslie Power; the Estate of Alice Michalas and Charlene Marsh respectively. It was moved by Councillor Norman and seconded by Councillor Mouland to write and advise the owners of these properties that these properties must be repaired or removed or Council will have no choice but to do it at their expense. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Councillor Mouland's concerns:-

- A. Closing of CFIA Office in Bonavista that is currently located in the Federal Public Building on Church Street. It was agreed to write CFIA to complain about the closing of this office.
- B. Concern about fires at Dump causing problems. It was agreed to monitor this matter closely.
- C. BARDA Building on Station Road. It was stated that this building is dilapidated and we need to know what the future of this building is. It was agreed to meet with Roger Keel re this matter at the next Council meeting.
- D. Hurricane Igor Funds. Councillor Mouland wanted an update on this matter.

(3) Deputy Mayor Robbins' concerns:-

- A. Lions Club parking lot having lines painted on it. It was agreed to supply the paint for these lines.
- B. Sidewalk problem near Landfall Variety on Church Street. It was agreed to investigate this problem.
- C. Old cellar belonging to Jenna Lee Little on Brown's Hill. It was agreed to remove this old building as per her request.
- D. VOCCM not reporting weather for the Bonavista Peninsula. It was agreed to write VOCCM and ask that the Bonavista Peninsula be included in the weather report.

(4) Mayor Fitzgerald's concerns:-

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- A. Renting office space for Tourism Committee at Federal Building on Church Street for \$500.00 per annum. It was moved by Councillor Norman and seconded by Deputy Mayor Robbins to rent this space at the price quoted. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Water problem on Meade near Scott Waye's. It was agreed that something has to be done with this problem.

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

- (1) Travel Claims. After close scrutiny, it was agreed that Council travel is within reason.

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 the list of bills is attached. It was moved by Deputy Mayor Robbins and seconded by Councillor Norman that these bills in the amount of \$29,179.78 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.
- (2) Letter from Bonavista Retirement Center (Luxury Estates) requesting a tax agreement with Council for 2011, 2012 and 2013. They suggest \$10,000.00 for 2011; \$12,500.00 for 2012 and \$15,000.00 for 2013. It was agreed to discuss this matter at the next Council meeting.
- (3) Water Transmission Main. We have \$1,050,000.00 to commence work on a new Water Transmission Main from Long Pond to our Pumphouse. Our engineers want to know if we want to call tenders for Phase I of this project with the funds we have or if we want to wait to see if we get more funds this year and then call tenders for a bigger Phase I. They suggest we call tenders now with the funds we have \$1,050,000.00 and if we can get more funds in 2012 we can call another tender - Phase II at that time. It was agreed to call tenders for Phase I immediately.
- (4) Letter from Maureen and Keith Abbott, Puffin's Landing Bed & Breakfast, requesting a partial exemption of Business Tax for 2012 since they are only open six months of the year. It was moved by Councillor Norman and seconded by Deputy Mayor Robbins to give Puffin's Landing Bed & Breakfast a 50% reduction of Business Tax for 2012 since they are only open half of the year. Motion carried unanimously.
- (5) Statement of Expenses and Income for Cabot Stadium for March 2012.
- (6) Letter from Discovery Trail Tourism Association re possible closing of Visitor Information Center at Southern Bay. It was stated that the Discovery Regional Board is facilitating a meeting concerning this matter.

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(7) Letter from Danny Jewer requesting permission to fence in a lane off Red Point Road that divides his property. It was agreed for the Historical Society to look at this area before a decision is made.

(8) Request from Stadium Manager for new ice resurfacers for Cabot Stadium since the old machine needs a lot of work. A new machine will cost \$108,600.00 plus tax. It was agreed to discuss this matter with the Stadium Manager in greater detail.

(9) Statement of Income and Expenditure for Cabot Stadium for April 2012 up to time of ice removal.

(10) Rick Elliott requesting Council's assistance with water and sewer services to his new proposed apartment units on his property on Bland's Lane. It was agreed to get a price on the cost of these water and sewer services before the next Council meeting.

(11) Referral Letter from Dept. of Natural Resources asking if we have any objections to Bulldog Contracting Ltd. opening a gravel pit off Route 238. It was agreed that we have no objections to this pit and to advise Dept. of Natural Resources accordingly.

(12) New Loader for Town of Bonavista. It was moved by Councillor Norman and seconded by Councillor Mouland to call tenders for a new loader for the Town of Bonavista. It was agreed to trade the old 1981 loader on this new loader. Motion carried unanimously.

(13) Fireworks for Bonavista Day 2012. It was moved by Councillor Norman and seconded by Councillor Gray to purchase \$15,000.00 worth of fireworks for Bonavista Day 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

(14) "Thank You" ad on cable for Bonavista Trinity Minor Hockey Association's efforts in hosting two tournaments Easter week. It was agreed to do this.

Since there was no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.