

## MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, JUNE 26, 2012

A regular meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Tuesday, June 26, 2012, at 7:00 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 were Town Manager Calvin Rolls, Curtis Randell, Rhonda Randell and Terry Ayles. The meeting was presided over by the Mayor.

A discussion arose with Mr. and Mrs. Randell and Mr. Ayles concerning the recent request they had to demolish a barn on Temperance Street that ran into some difficulty because the Bonavista Historic Townscape Foundation wanted to keep this barn as an historic structure. Mr. Curtis Randell, as spokesperson for the group, expressed their concern about the stress they were put through trying to get a permit to demolish the old barn. The barn was a safety hazard and the Ayles wanted it removed. The barn was destroyed by these people last Wednesday without a permit.

At 7:30 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Randell and Mr. Ayles departed from the meeting.

At this time it was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Phillips that the minutes of the meeting held on June 11, 2012, be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

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

(1) Councillor Randell's concerns:-

A. Dementia Bungalows. The contract for this building should be awarded within the next couple of weeks.

B. Terry Ayles demolishing an old barn on Temperance Street without a permit. At this time a letter from Gerald Bashforth, Chair Stewardship Committee, Bonavista Historic Townscape Foundation, concerning this matter was read into the minutes. This letter expressed their feelings about what Council should do if these buildings are demolished without permits. After a lengthy discussion it was moved by Councillor Philips and seconded by Deputy Mayor Robbins to issue a demolition permit to Mr. Ayles for this old barn. Motion carried; however, Councillor Norman was contrary to the motion.

(2) Councillor Norman's concerns:-

A. Upgrading the infrastructure at Landfall Municipal Park, especially the barbecue pits. The Town Manager stated that these pits were repaired last year.

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B. Street lighting near Matthew Elementary. It was agreed for the Public Works Committee to look at this area when they go out again to deal with street lights.

C. Tractor trailers using Hospital Road and posing an hazard to traffic. It was agreed to write Dept. of Works & Transportation requesting that they investigate this matter with the thought in mind of closing this road to tractor trailers because of several narrow points which are a potential hazard.

D. Sit on mower for the Town. It was agreed to consider this purchase for next year.

E. Stadium Manager/Recreation Director. It was discussed that Mr. Stagg's title should be officially Recreation Director, thus being involved with all recreation decisions including being present at each recreation meeting.

(3) Councillor Phillips' concerns:

A. Roper Street being closed to traffic because of the Roper Street Development. This development is moving too slowly and tourism is down because of it. It was agreed to check on this matter immediately.

B. Funding for Matthew Legacy Inc. Councillor Phillips wanted to know what the latest is on this matter. Maybe the town should invest the money to have a feasibility study done to see what the future of The Matthew is.

C. Turn around at end of Beaver Pond Road. Councillor Phillips stated that we should have a turn around in this location.

(4) Councillor Mouland's concerns:-

A. Right-of-way from Coster Street to O'Connell's Brook being pedestrian only. This needs to be looked at with regards to an alternate route for ATV's further up Coster Street.

B. Playground. Prices will be in at the next meeting for a decision what equipment to order. As for tennis and basketball courts, this is being worked on.

C. New ice resurfacer for Cabot Stadium. A letter from Lloyd Stagg stated that we cannot get a new ice resurfacer under 80/20 Provincial/Municipal funding. Therefore, we should repair the existing ice resurfacer.

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(5) Deputy Mayor Robbins' concerns:-

A. Lowering of flags at Town Hall for deceased Fire Dept. members and people who live to be 100.

B. Water bomber using Long Pond to access water to fight a forest fire near Bonavista. It was agreed that it was the pilot's decision to use Long Pond because of the fire's close proximity to Bonavista.

(6) Mayor Fitzgerald's concerns:-

A. Economic Development Committee for Trinity Bay North, Elliston, Bonavista and Five Coves. It was moved by Councillor Norman and seconded by Deputy Mayor Robbins for the Town of Bonavista to support this committee and to move forward with an effort to hire an Economic Development Officer for this area.

B. Mayor Fitzgerald suggest that she would like to meet with the Matthew Legacy Inc. to discuss fundraising for The Matthew.

C. Garbage containers for Cape. There are some in place; however we need more. It was agreed to place an Anti-Littering ad on cable explaining that this will be monitored closely.

D. Meeting with Vickie Kaminski, Eastern Health, at 9:00 a.m. Friday, June 29, 2012, at the Town Hall.

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

(1) Paving on Wells' Road. It was agreed that paving on Wells' Road will be a priority for next year. However, for this year we need to spread calcium chloride to control the dust problems.

(2) Stephen Butler being charged two water and sewer taxes because his son and family are living in his basement apartment. He is not receiving any rent for this apartment. Therefore, he feels he should not have to pay two water and sewer taxes.

At 9:45 p.m. Councillor Phillips retired from the meeting

At this time it was agreed not to charge Stephen Butler two water and sewer taxes.

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At 9:50 p.m. Councillor Phillips returned to the meeting.

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 the list of bills is attached. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Mouland that these bills in the amount of \$47,290.13 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.
- (2) Letter from Jim Swyers, J. T. Swyers Co. Ltd., requesting the town to install a back water preventer in our sewer lines next to Harbour Quarters Hotel to prevent potential sewer back-up in the basement of their Hotel. It was stated that this water preventer and installation will cost approximately \$25,000.00. It was agreed to check with our engineers on this matter.
- (3) Letter from Derrick Dalley, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation, re condition of Provincial Historic Sites in Bonavista.
- (4) Letter from Geoff Adams and Shawn Vokey, George's Brook Milton Local Service District, requesting our old equipment carrier when we get our new one later this year. It was agreed to check with the Fire Commissioner's Office when we have our new response vehicle in place and they will advise us accordingly.
- (5) Letter from Dennis Knight, D. W. Knight Associates Ltd., re public meeting to discuss background report for the new Municipal Plan. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss all issues to be given priority in the new plan. The proposed date for this meeting is August 15, 2012. It was agreed to have this meeting at The Garrick Theatre.
- (6) Letter from Tourism Elliston requesting a donation towards the Puffin Festival.
- (7) Letter from Bernard Valcourt, Minister of State for ACOA, in response to the Mayor's letter to him concerning funding cuts for Regional Economic Development Boards. This letter states that Regional Economic Development Boards will not be funded after May 21, 2013. However, they remain committed to economic development in the Atlantic Provinces.
- (8) "Thank You" letter from Erin Power, Arts and English Teacher, Discovery Collegiate for Council's donation of two compost bins which they are using for their garden project.
- (9) Letter from Gerald Linthorne regarding lane leading to his property on Faulkner's Hill being taken in by Stephen Tremblett and Shawn Phillips cutting off his access to his land. It was agreed to check this matter out for the next Council meeting.

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(10) MNL Convention on October 4 - 6, 2012, in Gander.

(11) Letter from Tip-A-Vista Wellness Foundation requesting whether or not the town intends to use the Elementary School on Coster Street because if not they have a proposal to provide a Child Care Center in this building. It was agreed to discuss this matter with David Bradley of the Bonavista Historic Townscape Foundation before a decision is made.

(12) Repainting sign on Cape Shore Road. It was agreed to have Martin Burton repaint this sign for \$450.00.

Since there was no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.