

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, FEBRUARY 6, 2012

A regular meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Monday, February 6, 2012, at 7:00p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were seven members present namely Mayor Betty Fitzgerald, Deputy Mayor Douglas Robbins, Councillors John Norman, Barry Randell, Lindsay Phillips, Paul Moulard and Rodney Gray. Also present at the meeting were Town Manager Calvin Rolls and Stadium Manager/Sports Director Lloyd Stagg. The meeting was presided over by the Mayor.

A discussion arose with Mr. Stagg concerning the canteen at the Stadium and the hours it should be open. Mr. Stagg stated that the Stadium cannot afford to pay wages for an employee to operate the canteen. The past two weekends the Stadium was closed for bad weather. Mr. Stagg wants to know if we pay a canteen worker even when the Stadium is closed for bad weather. It was agreed to open the canteen at the Stadium for twenty hours per week and to have someone working there for this twenty hours as scheduled by the Stadium Manager/Sports Director.

At 7:45 p.m. Mr. Stagg retired from the meeting.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Robbins and seconded by Councillor Phillips that the minutes of the meeting held on January 23, 2012, be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

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

(1) Councillor Gray's concerns:-

A. Snow clearing on the boardwalk. Councillor Gray wanted to know if we can clear snow on the Old Days Pond Boardwalk since he has been asked by several people about this matter.

(2) Councillor Norman's concerns:-

A. Bird platforms for Beaver Pond and Old Days Pond when they become stewardship areas. John Joy of the College of the North Atlantic stated that he will build and monitor these platforms with the help of his Natural Resources students.

B. New signs entering Bonavista. Councillor Norman asked if we can erect new signs on Route 230 and Route 235. It was moved by Councillor Norman and seconded by Councillor Phillips to look into getting a cost to erect a new sign to enter Bonavista. Motion carried unanimously.

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C. Future use of Harris Shop when it is restored. It was stated by Councillor Norman that there are some plans in the works for this building.

(3) Councillor Phillips' concerns:-

A. Frank Monks being hired on as Heavy Equipment Operator and being paid this rate even when he is doing labour work. It was agreed that this cannot be done.

(4) Councillor Mouland's concerns:-

A. Presentations made at the Pre-Budget Consultations by Councillor Norman on Dialysis and David Hiscock on behalf of Matthew Legacy Inc. Councillor Mouland thanked both for their efforts.

B. BARDA building in a dilapidated condition. It was agreed to ask our M.H.A. to check into this matter.

C. Fire Hydrants. It was agreed to place an ad on cable asking people to keep hydrants near their property cleared from snow for their own protection.

(5) Deputy Mayor Robbins' concerns:-

A. Speeding drivers on John Cabot Drive. It was agreed to report this matter to the R.C.M.P.

B. Parking illegally on Church Street. It was agreed to ask the R.C.M.P. to monitor this problem.

C. Snow Clearing on Walkham's Bridge sidewalks. It was agreed to remove this snow with our equipment.

(6) Mayor Fitzgerald's concerns:-

A. Marvin Ryder Memorial Hockey Tournament. It was agreed to donate two hours ice time to this cause.

B. Tourism Workshop, February 10, 2012, at Terra Nova Park Lodge, Port Blandford. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillor Norman will be attending this workshop.

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

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 Mouland that these bills in the amount of \$28,327.59 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Letter from Hon. Peter Peneshue, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, re Marginal Wharf in Bonavista.

(3) Letter from Joe Hart, Hart's Haven, requesting a reduction in their Business Tax for 2012 since they are only open three months each year. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Phillips to give Hart's Haven a 50% reduction in Business Tax for 2012 since they are only open seasonally. Motion carried unanimously.

(4) Referral Letter from Dept. of Natural Resources requesting whether or not Council has any objections to Bulldog Contracting Ltd. operating a quarry off Route 235 3 kilometers south of Bonavista. It was agreed that Council has no objections to this quarry.

(5) John Gillam and Sherry Durdle requesting permission to erect a Shop/Showroom for kitchen and bathroom displays and also to manufacture these products on their property on White Rock Road in the Town of Bonavista. It was agreed to approve this request subject to Government approvals and a resolution to the saving of the old building currently existing on this property.

(6) Eliza Swyers requesting an hour of free ice time at Cabot Stadium for Prodigal Ministries to have a Skate-A-Thon to raise funds for their overseas mission. It was agreed to denote an hour of ice time for this cause.

(7) Statement of Income and Expenses for Cabot Stadium for January 2012.

(8) Letter from Eastern School District re fence around Matthew Elementary School. This letter stated that this fence will be either removed or repaired depending on the cost.

(9) Letter from Jennifer Power requesting the lane leading to her house on 41A Benny's Road plowed. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Deputy Mayor Robbins to plow this lane as requested when the need arises. Motion carried unanimously.

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(10) Dr. Jabez Norman requesting Council to sell two building lots #35 and #34 on Strathie's Road Subdivision directly adjacent to his property to him for a reduced price since these lots are not serviced at this time. It was agreed to discuss this matter at a later Council meeting.

(11) Tenders for sale of 1998 Ford Pickup. One tender was received as follows:-

Bonavista Auto Salvage	\$266.00 plus tax
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It was moved by Councillor Gray and seconded by Councillor Mouland to sell this pickup to Bonavista Auto Salvage for the price quoted. Motion carried unanimously.

(12) Purchase of a new pickup for the Town of Bonavista. It was agreed to call tenders for a new pickup immediately.

(13) Extension of water and sewer service up Old Catalina Road. Our engineers estimate 150 meters of water and sewer would cost \$275,000.00.

(14) Brochures for tourism this summer. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Norman to purchase these brochures at a cost of \$5,415.00 plus tax. Motion carried unanimously.

(15) Two Councillors to sit on Council's Emergency Management Committee. It was agreed for Councillor Gray and Councillor Mouland to sit on this Committee.

Since there was no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.