

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, JUNE 11, 2012

A regular meeting of the Bonavista Town Council took place on Monday, June 11, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were five members present namely Mayor Betty Fitzgerald, Deputy Mayor Douglas Robbins, Councillors John Norman, Paul Mouland and Rodney Gray. Also present at the meeting were Town Manager Calvin Rolls and a delegation from Country Estates. The meeting was presided over by the Mayor.

A discussion arose with the delegation from Country Estates about Wells' Road and Spruce Grove Road needing pavement this year. David Cole, as spokesperson for the group, asked why last fall it was agreed to pave these roads and this spring it was changed to do Michael Ryder Place with asphalt and curb and gutter and not to pave Wells' Road and Spruce Grove Road until another year. After further discussion, Council agreed to revisit this decision.

At 7:40 p.m. this delegation departed from the meeting.

At this time it was moved by Councillor Gray and seconded by Councillor Norman that the minutes of the meeting held on May 22, 2012, be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

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

(1) Councillor Norman's concerns:-

A. Matthew Elementary School Fence. It was stated that a meeting is being scheduled with school authorities to discuss this matter.

B. Meeting with Vicki Kaminski, Eastern Health, re recent staff cuts in Bonavista. The Mayor agreed to try and arrange this meeting.

C. Meeting with the Nape Local in Bonavista whose President is Neal Fleming and a representative from the Nurse's Union. It was agreed for the Mayor to arrange this meeting.

D. Donation towards advertising for the Church Street Festival. It was moved by Councillor Mouland and seconded by Deputy Mayor Robbins to donate \$200.00 towards this advertising. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Councillor Mouland's concerns:-

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A. Fishermen's Memorial at Cape Bonavista. Councillor Mouland gave an update on this. The monument is ordered and the plaque is being engraved. Installation should be completed by August this year. It was agreed for the town to write a letter of support for this project stating our contribution; i.e. Engineering and maintenance.

B. Resignation of David Hiscock as Chairperson of Matthew Legacy Inc. effective June 6, 2012. Councillor Mouland thanked Mr. Hiscock for his work with Matthew Legacy Inc. over the past years.

(3) Deputy Mayor Robbins' concerns:-

A. Dementia Bungalows. Deputy Mayor Robbins asked the current status of this project. It was stated that work should start on this project soon since the tenders are closed.

(4) Mayor Fitzgerald's concerns:-

A. Community Enhancement Employment Project (CEEP). The Town Manager stated that these projects will come out later in the year. However, as for misplaced workers from the OCI Plant in Trinity Bay North, the Town of Bonavista has no representation on a committee that was formed to deal with this matter.

B. General Clean-Up on Church Street and around the Harbour. It was stated that a lot of garbage is being strewn around town. It was agreed to contact the R.C.M.P. about enforcing our Loitering By Laws since this is the major cause of the garbage problem.

C. Committees of council. Mayor Fitzgerald stated that the committees of Council will be reviewed at the next meeting.

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

(1) Cost of water and sewer servicing for a proposed apartment complex on Bland's Lane. Mr. Rick Elliott stated that he could go ahead with this project if Council will make concessions in the way of tax exemptions as follows:

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Waive construction permit fee, five year tax exemption on property and water and sewer and five additional years on property tax plus Council get the approval from Environment for main line extension. After much consideration it was agreed to offer Mr. Elliott a \$50,000.00 tax exemption.

(2) Right-of-way off Coster Street leading to O'Connell's Brook. It was stated that there are posts installed in this right-of-way making it pedestrian only. It was agreed to let these posts stay as they are and to install signs "Pedestrians Only."

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 Deputy Mayor Robbins and seconded by Councillor Gray that these bills in the amount of \$20,422.50 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Letter from Gerald Bashforth, Chair, Stewartship Committee, Bonavista Historic Townscape Foundation, regarding demolition of Clyde Skiffington's house on John Cabot Drive without the necessary permit. Mr. Bashforth's committee feel there should be consequences for those who do not follow the by-laws relating to demolitions of properties. It was agreed to think about what the consequences should be for the next Council meeting.

(3) Letter form Paul Goodman, Dept. of Transportation & Works, re water problem intersection of Route 230 and 238 in Bonavista. Mr. Goodman stated they may be able to temporarily fix this problem with asphalt gutters until funding is found to permanently fix this problem.

(4) Statement of Revenue and Expenses for Cabot Stadium for May 2012.

(5) Write-off of taxes for Rex Crewe in the amount of \$112.16. Mr. Crewe is recently deceased. It was moved by Deputy Mayor Robbins and seconded by Councillor Moulard to write off these taxes as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

(6) Clerk Typist for Casual Call-Ins. It was agreed to offer this position to Crystal Fudge who is already in our employ.

(7) Lloyd Little requesting a partial exemption of taxes for 15 Brown's Hill since he is not going to use it and may sell it if the opportunity arises. Taxes amount to \$2,196.40. It was moved by Councillor Norman and seconded by Councillor Moulard to give Mr. Little a 50% exemption on these taxes. Motion carried unanimously.

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(8) Stephen Butler being charged two water and sewer rates because his son and family are living in the basement apartment. Mr. Butler feels he should not have to pay two rates since he is not charging his son any rent. It was agreed to discuss this matter at the next Council meeting.

(9) Letter from Dept. of Environment and Conservation, Water Resources Management Division, stating that no detectible asbestos fibers were found in our drinking water.

(10) Research and Reference Services and Fees for Bonavista Archives. A sample fee structure was presented with research services costing \$15.00 per hour for the first hour and \$5.00 per half hour thereafter. Also, photocopying fees and scanning fees were included. It was moved by Councillor Norman and seconded by Councillor Gray to adopt these fee structures as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

(11) Town of Bonavista Emergency Management Plan 2012. It was moved by Councillor Norman and seconded by Councillor Gray to approve this Plan in principle. Motion carried unanimously.

(12) Christmas Decorations for Church Street. It was moved by Councillor Norman and seconded by Deputy Mayor Robbins to order these Christmas decorations in the amount of \$4,857.66. Motion carried unanimously.

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