

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, AUGUST 15, 2012

A regular meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Wednesday, August 15, 2012, at 4:40 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were five members present namely Mayor Betty Fitzgerald, Deputy Mayor Douglas Robbins, Councillors Rodney Grey, Barry Randell and John Norman. Also present at the meeting was Town Manager Calvin Rolls. The meeting was presided over by the Mayor.

At this time it was moved by Councillor Robbins and seconded by Councillor Randell that the minutes of the meeting held on July 23, 2012, be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

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

(1) Demolition request for house on John Cabot Drive previously owned by Percy Laprade. The Bonavista Historic Townscape Foundation requested that this house not be demolished since it is salvageable and is approximately 150 years old.

(2) BARDA building on Station Road. A letter was presented from Roger Keel updating us on the matter.

(3) Paving, curb and gutter for Michael Ryder Place. It was stated that there were two bids received one for \$325, 000.00 and one for \$316,000.00. The Engineers will elaborate in a letter to follow.

(4) Speeding and drainage problems on John Cabot Drive in the Town of Bonavista. It was agreed to write the Department of Transportation and Works requesting an appropriate response in the form of work to fix the problems.

(5) Condition of Provincial historic Sites in Bonavista . Councillor Norman was interviewed on CBC and NTV last week regarding the poor condition of the Lighthouse and Mockbeggar Plantation. Council felt that it was unfortunate that this matter got misconstrued by the media and left Council in an awkward position.

At this time Councillor Norman advised Council that he will not sit on the Tourism Committee henceforth.

(6) Gerald Linthorne regarding lane leading to his property on Faulkner's Hill between Stephen Tremblett's and Shawn Phillips. It was stated that this should be discussed at the next council meeting.

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A discussion then arose concerning the following concerns:-

- (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 Norman that these bills in the amount of \$68,271.85 be paid.. Motion carried unanimously.
- (2) Letter from Sean Martin Municipal Assessment Agency regarding the average residential property assessment increasing by 24% and Commercial by 5% in 2013. It was agreed to discuss this at budget time.
- (3) Income and Expenses for Cabot Stadium for July 2012.
- (4) E-mail from Ian Farrell, Department of Municipal Affairs regarding funding allotment for tank refurbishment. They want to know if the Town would proceed with this work without using engineers. They will help us with the tender calls etc. Council feels that this is too big a project to do without engineers and to advise Mr. Farrell accordingly.
- (5) Ed Abbott, Jubilee House Bed and Breakfast requesting a partial exemption of Business Tax for 2012 since he is only open five months each year. It was moved by Councillor Robbins and seconded by Councillor Randell to give Mr. Abbott a 50% reduction of Business Tax for 2012. Motion carried unanimously.
- (6) Pentecostal Church advising Council of their plans to construct a new church on property adjacent to the R.C.M.P. on Confederation Drive. It was agreed to incorporate this request into our Municipal Plan Revision.
- (7) Todd and Donna Shirran, Bonavista Hostel requesting a reduction in Business Tax for 2012 since they are only open May-to September, 2012. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Norman to reduce Business Tax by 50% since they are only open seasonally. Motion carried unanimously.
- (8) Daniel Butler using a private garage on his property 50-52 Red Point Road for commercial use. It was agreed to write Mr. Butler and advise him that he must close this commercial business immediately or Council will have to take legal action against him since he is operating in a residential zone.
- (9) Tracey Hayward requesting sign "Children in Area" posted in the area of Brown's Hill and Harris Street. It was agreed for the Town Manager to check with Ms. Hayward on the matter.

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(10) Cape Shore Trail and a Memorandum of Understanding between Town of Bonavista and Town of Trinity regarding this Trail. It was moved by Councillor Norman and seconded by Councillor Randell to sign this Memorandum of Understanding as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

(11) Cleaning ditch between Keith Pardy's and Dennis Pardy's. It was agreed to get this ditch cleaned out by Bulldog Construction for \$500.00 plus tax.

(12) Thank you card from Faye Lander-Harris for flowers for her grandmother's funeral.

Since there was no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.