

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, OCTOBER 29, 2012

A regular meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Monday, October 29, 2012, at 7:10 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were four members present namely Deputy Mayor Douglas Robbins, Councillors Barry Randell, John Norman and Lindsay Phillips. Also present at the meeting was the Town Clerk David Hiscock. The meeting was presided over by the Deputy Mayor.

It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Phillips that the minutes of the meeting held on October 15, 2012, be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion arose concerning the following Councillors' concerns:-

(1) Councillor Phillips' concerns:-

A. Gravel near the side of the road on John Cabot Drive. It was stated that this matter is being checked into by Dept. of Transportation & Works.

At 7:15 p.m. Councillor Paul Mouland arrived at the meeting.

B. Turn-around in the vicinity of Chard's new cottages. The Town Clerk stated that this turn-around will be done in the near future.

C. Road going to The Matthew building from Campbell Street. It was stated that this road is closed again. We need to see that it gets paved and re-opened.

(2) Councillor Norman's concerns:

A. Minimum Poll Tax. He has been approached by a person who works seasonal and who is wondering if they must pay the full amount of \$250.00 for Poll Tax. The Town Clerk informed Councillor Norman that if a person earns the basic federal exemption, they are required to pay the full amount of Poll Tax.

B. Budget for Townscape. This will be discussed in the finance meeting next week.

C. Lights at the Playground. This matter will be discussed at a meeting of the Recreation Committee.

D. Sewage Treatment. This is a topic for future discussion.

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

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(1) Sale of Federal Building. The Town Clerk and some Councillors met this afternoon with Barry Hoyles, Public Works, regarding further information in relation to the sale of the Federal Building. It was agreed at this time to check with Hon. Kevin O'Brien, Minister of Municipal Affairs, when he visits Bonavista for the Annual General Meeting with the Bonavista Chamber of Commerce, to see if funding can be made available to the town to assist with the purchase of this property if they so desire.

(2) Taxes for 2013. It was agreed that a meeting of the Finance Committee should be held on November 7 at 4:00 p.m. to discuss this matter.

(3) Letter from the Sign Factory, Glovertown, requesting permission to construct a Community Board advertising local businesses on our rest stop near Cabot Stadium. It was agreed by all to inform the Sign Factory that Council is not in agreement with this request. However, if they can find another location in town, it will be considered.

(4) Health care concerns. The Town Clerk informed Council that an agenda has been sent to Ms. Kaminski's office for her perusal.

(5) Newsletter to the public. Councillor Norman presented a newsletter that he has drafted up to be sent out to the public in the new year informing them of work that Council has done over the past year.

(6) Ocean Choice Int'l erecting a new plant. The Town Clerk said that he had been talking to Blaine Sullivan and also Curtis Fisher with respect to this new plant.

(7) Daniel Butler continuing to operate a commercial garage on his property at 50 - 52 Red Point Road. The Town Clerk informed Council that a letter has been sent to Mr. Butler by Registered Mail as per instructions of our lawyers.

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 Norman that these bills in the amount of \$548,201.17 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Vincent Laprinzi, Oceanview Restaurant, requesting a 50% reduction in Business Tax for 2012 since they are only open six months of the year. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Norman to reduce the Business Tax for Oceanview Restaurant for 2012 by 50% since they are only open half the year. Motion carried unanimously.

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(3) Letter from Curtis Fisher, Manager of Ocean Choice Int'l, Bonavista, requesting a continuation of the current tax agreement between the Town of Bonavista and Ocean Choice International. It was agreed to discuss this matter at the Finance meeting.

(4) Auditor's Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for Town of Bonavista for year ended December 31, 2011. It was moved by Councillor Norman and seconded by Councillor Moulard to accept this Auditor's Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

(5) Tenders for Water Transmission Main Upgrading Phase I, Project #11051. Tenders were received as follows:-

Cougar Engineering	\$619,906.70
Professional Grading	\$630,029.81
Sweetland's Aggregates	\$665,403.33
Bulldog Contracting	\$675,514.00
Chard's Construction	\$698,961.50
Hann's Electric	\$699,473.96
R. & D. Construction	\$895,751.00

Upon the advice of our engineers, Nfld. Design Associates Ltd. and subject to an approval to award from the Dept. of Municipal Affairs, it was moved by Councillor Phillips and seconded by Councillor Randell to have our engineers award this contract to Cougar Engineering on our behalf for the price of \$619,90.70. Motion carried unanimously.

(6) Keith Pardy requesting Heavy Equipment wages while working on the dump as promised him by the Town Manager. It was agreed to leave this matter until the Town Manager comes back to work.

(7) Donation to Bonavista Lions Club Christmas Tree Program. It was moved by Councillor Phillips and seconded by Councillor Norman to donate \$150.00 to this Program. Motion carried unanimously.

Since there was no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.