

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, JANUARY 7, 2013

A regular meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Monday, January 7, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were seven members present namely Mayor Betty Fitzgerald, Deputy Mayor Douglas Robbins, Councillors Barry Randell, John Norman, Lindsay Phillips, Paul Mouland and Rodney Gray. Also present at the meeting was Town Manager Calvin Rolls. The meeting was presided over by the Mayor.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Robbins and seconded by Councillor Randell that the minutes of the meeting held on December 10, 2012, be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion then arose concerning the following Councillors concerns:-

(1) Councillor Randell's concerns:

A. Purchase of Federal Building for a Town Hall. Councillor Randell reported that we met with Barry Hoyles of Public Works and Government Services Canada concerning this matter. We had a tour of the building. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed to have our engineers contact Barry Hoyles to get copies of the plans for the building. We then need to meet with the engineers and explain to them what we need done within this building in the way of renovations if we purchase it and what must be done (i.e. asbestos removal). Also, we need the integrity of the building checked. We need the engineers to give us an estimate of cost to make this building suitable for our needs. When we have this price, we can lobby the Provincial Government for funds on a cost shared basis to complete these tasks and the purchase of the building.

(2) Councillor Norman's concerns:-

A. Walkway to playground from Matthew Elementary. It was stated that this is in the works.

B. Painting fences on Church Street. It was agreed to apply for a project this summer to paint these fences.

C. New Town Sign for Bonavista. Councillor Norman presented a diagram of a potential town sign.

D. Town Web Site. This site needs changes and upgrades. It was agreed to contact Chris Herridge to see if this can be done.

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E. Meeting with Vickie Kaminski, CEO Eastern Health. It was agreed to contact Ms. Kaminski's office to see when this meeting will take place.

(3) Councillor Phillips' concerns:-

A. Taxes. Are we collecting from all taxpayers?

(4) Councillor Mouland's concerns:-

A. Water leak in Mockbeggar. It was agreed to check with Darrin Hicks on this matter.

B. Playground equipment. The bill is in and it cost \$42,940.00. It was agreed for the Recreation Committee to discuss this matter at their next meeting.

(5) Deputy Mayor Robbins' concerns:-

A. Sharing work on Council equipment amongst the garages.

(6) Mayor Fitzgerald's concerns:-

A. Meeting with Dept. of Tourism, Culture and Recreation. The Mayor stated that she will request this meeting and include a copy of an agenda for the meeting.

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

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 this list of bills is attached. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Norman that these bills in the amount of \$84,086.06 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Tender for Main Pumphouse Upgrade. Upon recommendation by our engineers, Nfld. Design Associates Ltd., and upon approval by the Dept. of Municipal Affairs, it was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Mouland to have our engineers award this tender to Filtrum Construction Inc. in the amount of \$174,472.00. Motion carried unanimously.

(3) Eastern Regional Meetings of MNL January 18 - 20, 2013, at Clarendville. It was agreed for the town Clerk to attend these meetings.

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(4) Statement of Income and Expenses for Cabot Stadium for December 2012.

(5) Letter from John Best requesting assistance with water and sewer servicing so that he can erect a house on his land on Windlass Drive in the Town of Bonavista. It was agreed to get more information for the next Council meeting since we need to know the location of the house before we can make a decision.

(6) Little Dairy King requesting a reduction in Business Tax for 2012 since they were only open from April to October 2012. It was moved by Councillor Gray and seconded by Deputy Mayor Robbins to reduce the Business Tax for Little Dairy King for 2012 by 50% since they were only open six months in 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

(7) Complaint from Tammy Burry, Mullay's Lane, about Butler's Automotive operating near her residence causing her problem because of excess traffic in the area. It was agreed to talk with our lawyers re this matter.

Since there was no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.