

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, JANUARY 21, 2013

A regular meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Monday, January 21, 2013, at 4:10 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were five members present namely Mayor Betty Fitzgerald, Deputy Mayor Douglas Robbins, Councillors John Norman, Rodney Gray and Paul Moulard. Also present at the meeting was Town Clerk David Hiscock. The meeting was presided over by the Mayor.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Robbins and seconded by Councillor Gray that the minutes of the meeting held on January 7, 2013, be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

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

(1) Councillor Norman's concerns:-

- A. Complaint about snow clearing in the Canaille area of town.
- B. Bonavista area is listed as the number two place in Canada for tourism.
- C. Butler's Automotive. It was agreed for the Town Clerk to contact Colin Moran with Service NL regarding this matter.
- D. Wooden Boat Museum of Nfld. & Labrador requesting municipalities of Newfoundland and Labrador to Become a Friend of the Museum by purchasing a Community Membership. It was moved by Councillor Norman and seconded by Councillor Moulard to purchase a membership at a cost of \$30.00. Motion carried unanimously.
- E. Opening of Bottle Manufacturing Plant in Port Union. It was agreed by all present to send a letter of congratulations to the Sir William Ford Coaker Heritage Foundation on their achievement of the opening of the Bottle Manufacturing Plant.

(2) Councillor Moulard's concerns:-

- A. Grant for playground area. Councillor Moulard said that a grant for the playground area has been applied for.
- B. Water leak in Mockbeggar area of town. Repairs on this water leak should be starting within a week or so.

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- C. Recreation Committee Meeting of Council. It was agreed to have a Recreation

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(3) Deputy Mayor Robbins' concerns:-

A. Dangerous intersections around town. It was stated that there are several dangerous intersections in different areas of town.

B. Projects in relation to Dept. of Advanced Education and Skills. It was agreed that the Deputy Mayor talk to Eric Snook of Dept. of Advanced Education and Skills in respect to this matter.

(4) Mayor Fitzgerald's concerns:-

A. Emergency Disaster Plan.

B. Eastern Regional Meetings in Clarendville this past weekend which were attended by the Mayor and the Town Clerk. The Mayor said that the Town should have a meeting in this area regarding economic development.

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

(1) Purchase of Federal Building for a Town Hall. The Town Clerk stated that he had been talking to our engineers regarding this matter.

(2) Meeting with Vickie Kaminski, CEO Eastern Health. The Town Clerk stated that the earliest date for a meeting with Eastern Health would be February 25, 2013, at 12:30 p.m. It was agreed by all present for the Town Clerk to check to see if an earlier date would be possible.\

(3) Meeting with Dept. of Tourism, Culture and Recreation. An agenda needs to be done up and forwarded to our M.H.A.'s office in order to set up this meeting.

(4) John Best requesting assistance with water and sewer servicing so that he can erect a house on his land on Windlass Drive. It was agreed that this matter will be discussed at a later meeting.

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 Mouland and seconded by Councillor Norman that these bills in the amount of \$31,175.53 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

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(2) Discovery Trail Ground Search & Rescue requesting a meeting with Council to present a proposal they say would mutually benefit both bodies. It was agreed to wait until later to meet with Discovery Trail Ground Search & Rescue when we have more information on the purchase of the Federal Building.

(3) Bonavista Days 2013. It was moved by Councillor Gray and seconded by Councillor Norman to have Bonavista Days 2013 from July 26 to 28, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

(4) 2006 Business Tax for Bob's Drive-In. It was moved by Councillor Mouland and seconded by Councillor Gray to write off this Business Tax since the business closed in 2005. Motion carried unanimously.

(5) Elizabeth J. Zemdegs requesting a reduction in Business Tax for 2013 for Elizabeth J. Cottages Ltd., The Aleksandrs Gallery of Fine Arts and The Elephant Shop since they are only open from May to October each year. It was moved by Deputy Mayor Robbins and seconded by seconded by Councillor Norman to reduce the Business Tax for 2013 by 50% to a minimum of \$150.00 each for these three businesses since they are only open five months each year. Motion carried unanimously.

Since there was no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.