

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, APRIL 8, 2013

A regular meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Monday, April 8, 2013, at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were six members present namely Mayor Betty Fitzgerald, Councillors John Norman, Barry Randell, Lindsay Phillips, Rodney Gray and Paul Mouland. Also present at the meeting were Town manager Calvin Rolls and Keith Parady. The meeting was presided over by the Mayor.

A discussion arose with Keith Parady concerning his request in a letter dated March 25, 2013, for a wage increase to Heavy Equipment rate effective from August 2011. If he does not get the rate increase, he will resign as Fire Chief.

After a lengthy debate, Mr. Parady retired from the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

A discussion continued concerning this matter and it was moved by Councillor Phillips and seconded by Councillor Mouland to give the Dump Attendant thirty hours per week Heavy Equipment rate effective immediately. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Norman that the minutes of the meeting held on March 11, 2013, be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

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

(1) Councillor Randell's concerns:-

- A. Old school shelter on Cape Shore Road. It was agreed to remove this old but shelter.
- B. Old fence that is broken down near Sunset Lounge. It was agreed to clean up this mess.
- C. Debris from storm surge last week. It was agreed to clean up this debris, where necessary.
- D. Street Lights. It was agreed for the Street Lighting Committee to look at areas for new street lights.

(2) Councillor Norman's concerns:-

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A. Stadium Manager/Recreation Director. It was stated that since the ice is off the Stadium, the Stadium Manager/Recreation Director should be trying to get funding to promote other recreation within the town. Council should meet with Mr. Stagg in a future Council meeting to discuss his role in the summer months.

B. Town Plan. It was agreed to call Dennis Knight to set up a meeting as soon as possible.

C. Stewardship Association Annual Meeting in Bay Roberts from April 19 to 20, 2013. It was agreed for Councillor Norman to attend this meeting.

D. Therapy Works. It was stated that work is ongoing with regards to Therapy Works opening a satellite office in Bonavista on a part-time basis.

E. Welcome Signs coming in to Bonavista on Routes 230 and 235. These signs cost approximately \$1,600.00 each. It was agreed to get a sample sign done up for us to view.

F. Heritage areas for Bonavista. Councillor Norman stated that if heritage areas were established it might be a good idea if grants were awarded to people restoring houses within these districts; i.e. if Council invests an amount that amount will be matched by ACOA and Nfld. & Labrador Heritage Foundation. This would be an incentive for people to restore their houses.

G. Food Bank requesting space on the ground level in the Federal Building for convenience since downstairs is inconvenient.

(3) Councillor Phillips' concerns:-

A. Sidewalks for Michael Ryder Avenue. It was agreed to discuss this matter and paving Wells' Road at the next Council meeting.

B. Call-in for Union employees. Councillor Phillips asked if this is being done correctly.

(4) Councillor Mouland's concerns:-

A. Ditch on intersection of Strathie's Road and Michael Ryder Place. It was agreed to check out this matter.

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(5) Mayor Fitzgerald's concerns:-

A. Sustainability Plan for Matthew Legacy Inc. Mayor Fitzgerald stated that Tract Consulting will do this plan free of charge.

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

At 6:30 p.m. M.H.A. Glen Little arrived at the meeting.

A discussion arose with Mr. Little concerning the following:-

(1) Recent cuts at College of the North Atlantic Bonavista Campus. Mr. Little stated that courses are cut because enrollment is down; i.e. Natural Resources. Mr. Little stated that the College in Bonavista will remain open as far as Government is concerned.

(2) Employment Services in Bonavista being closed down. Random North Development Association was providing these services in Bonavista. Government has cut funding to Random North Development Association for these services; however, Dept. of Advanced Education and Skills will continue to provide these services.

At 7:45 p.m. Mr. Little retired from the 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 Randell and seconded by Councillor Norman to pay these bills in the amount of \$27,871.25. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Municipal Symposium in Gander from May 9 to 11, 2013. It was agreed for anyone interested in going to this Symposium to advise the Town Clerk.

(3) Hart's Haven requesting a reduction in Business Tax for 2013 since they are only open three months of the year. It was moved by Councillor Norman and Seconded by Councillor Phillips to reduce Business Tax for Hart's Haven for 2013 by 50% since he is only open seasonally. Motion carried unanimously.

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(4) Ice Resurfacers for Cabot Stadium. It was moved by Councillor Norman and seconded by Councillor Randell to seek permission from the Dept. of Municipal Affairs to borrow funds in the amount of \$103,056.00 to purchase an Ice Resurfacers for Cabot Stadium. The loan is to be repaid over a ten year period. Motion carried unanimously.

(5) Ice Control materials for 2013 - 2014. It was agreed to order up to 100 tonnes of salt at a price of \$112.00 per tonne plus tax and to order up to 350 tonnes of salt and sand at a price of \$21.00 per tonne plus tax for Winter 2013 - 2014.

(6) Letter from Danny Jewer regarding a letter he wrote on April 16, 2012, about his obtaining the lane that divides his property on Red Point Road. He did not get a response to this letter and wishes to receive one because he is experiencing flooding problems which he wishes to rectify by backfilling if he can obtain the lane in question. It was agreed to check it out for the next Council meeting.

(7) Letter from Hon. Darin King, PhD., Minister of Justice, re Circuit Court in Bonavista.

(8) Letter from Eunice Butler, New Found Fashions, requesting a reduction in Business Tax for 2010, 2011 and 2012 since she is only open fourteen hours per week. It was agreed to advise Ms. Butler that we cannot offer her a reduction since she is not a seasonal business.

(9) Advertising - back cover Discovery Trail Tour Guide. It was moved by Councillor Moulard and seconded by Councillor Norman to advertise on the back cover of the Discovery Trail Tour Guide at a cost of \$2,349.00 plus tax. Motion carried unanimously.

(10) Shawn Phillips and Steven Tremblett requesting permission to take in the lane that was between their properties on Bon Moor Road. It was agreed to let this lane remain as it is.

(11) Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for Cabot Stadium for March 2013.

(12) Letter from Dan Butler re water and sewer line across his property on Red Point Road and property dispute in this same area.

(13) John and Sheri Gillam requesting Council to extend the water and sewer lines up White Rock Road so that they can erect a house behind their business and have town water and sewer services. It was agreed that we cannot service this area at this time.

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(14) Tammy Cullimore-Russell, 1 - 3 Russell's Lane, in the Town of Bonavista requesting a reduction in outstanding taxes on this property since she intends to sell the property. Taxes owing are \$2,222.21. It was agreed that taxes cannot be written off.

(15) Letter from C.U.P.E. requesting to amend its current Collective Agreement and to commence bargaining. The current Agreement expires June 30, 2013.

(16) Bonavista Day July 27, 2013. It was agreed to invite the Lieutenant Governor to these celebrations.

Since there was no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.