

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, APRIL 23, 2013

A regular meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Tuesday, April 23, 2013, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were six members present namely Mayor Betty Fitzgerald, Deputy Mayor Douglas Robbins, Councillors Barry Randell, Rodney Gray, Paul Mouland and John Norman. Also present at the meeting were Town Manager Calvin Rolls and Roger Ball. The meeting was presided over by the Mayor.

A discussion arose with Mr. Ball concerning the devastation done to the seafence behind his property on Moses Point Lane during a recent storm. Mr. Ball presented pictures of the damage done by this storm and also presented a solution which he feels will remedy the problem. The consensus is that armored stone seems to be the solution along with other remedial action such as smaller rock combined with the remaining existing seawall.

At 4:15 p.m. Mr. Ball retired from the meeting.

At this time it was moved by Deputy Mayor Robbins and seconded by Councillor Gray that the minutes of the meeting held on April 8, 2013, be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

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

(1) Councillor Randell's concerns:-

(A) 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 are \$2,222.21. In the meeting on April 8, 2013, it was agreed not to write off these taxes; however, after further consideration it was moved by Councillor Norman and seconded by Councillor Mouland to reimburse Ms. Cullimore-Russell for 50% of these taxes since they paid the full amount. Motion carried unanimously.

(B) Complaints about garbage cans and picnic tables on Playground needing to be made stationary. It was agreed to do this. Also, we need security cameras and increased lighting on the Playground.

(C) New Town Plan. Council met with our planner, D. W. Knight Associates, on April 19, 2013. As a result of this meeting, five key concerns were identified and need to be dealt with:

(1) Backland development.

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(2) Heritage Preservation. Two areas identified for Heritage Preservation would be north of canal in Mockbeggar and center of town from Walkham's Bridge to Canon Bayley Road including Jubilee Cottage, Orange Hall, Churches and S.U.F. Hall. A suggestion was to provide a grant system for people wishing to renovate their properties within this area. Those grants could be up to \$15,000.00 per property, one third by Heritage Newfoundland, one third by Council and one third by A.C.O.A. Council would provide \$25,000.00; therefore, potentially five properties per year for at least three years. The property owner would have to match the grant amount.

(3) M.U. 5 area that now exists to revert back to CDA.

(4) Route 235. Remain Rural.

(5) Mobile Home Parks.

When a draft copy of the new plan comes out, a Council decision will have to be made on these items.

(2) Councillor Norman's concerns:-

(A) Welcome signs coming in to Bonavista on Route 230 and 235. It was agreed that these new signs are acceptable.

(B) R.C.M.P. It was agreed to meet with the new officer in charge when he comes to Bonavista since Corp. Chaulk is retiring.

(C) Stewardship Sites. It was agreed to move forward with the establishment of three stewardship sites in Bonavista namely Cape Island, Old Day's Pond and Beaver Pond/Long Pond and to write Jonathon Sharpe, Program Manager, Dept. of Environment & Conservation advising him of same. The next step would then be to arrange an official signing ceremony for these stewardship sites.

(D) Clean-Up for 2013. It was suggested that we have two Clean-Up Days this year.

(E) Adam Moulard house in Mockbeggar. It was agreed to write the current owner of this property advising him that stabilization of this house must be done or Council will have to do it and invoice him accordingly. It is estimated to cost \$3,000.00.

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(3) Councillor Mouland's concerns:-

(A) Jim Sexton's old house on Marshfield's Hill. It was stated that this house needs work done on it. It was agreed to write the owner advising that work has to be done on this property to stabilize it or Council will have to do it and invoice them accordingly. It is estimated to cost \$3,000.00.

(B) Ditching near Water Tower in case of overflow. It was agreed to get our engineers to check this matter out.

(4) Deputy Mayor Robbins' concerns:-

(A) Boardwalk around Beaver Pond. It was agreed to try and get funds to commence replacing this Boardwalk.

(B) Letter from Danny Jewer re lane that divides his properties on Red Point Road. It was agreed to advise Mr. Jewer that he can fence in this lane.

(C) BARDA Building - Station Road. It was agreed to check on the status of this building.

(D) Water problem in marsh near Hugh Butt's. It was agreed to check this matter out.

(5) Mayor Fitzgerald's concerns:-

(A) Mess around Water Tower on White Rock. It was agreed for the Town Manager to check this matter out.

(B) Condition of Ryan's Hill. It was agreed to ask Paul Goodman, Dept. of Transportation & Works to a meeting to assess this and other roads that need work done.

(C) Minister of Tourism, Culture & Recreation. It was agreed to invite him to a Council meeting re historic sites.

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

(1) Therapy Works. It was agreed to advise them that Eastern Health cannot provide office space for them. Therefore, they will have to look for office space elsewhere.

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A discussion then arose concerning the following:-

(1) Accounts Payables. The Town Clerk presented a list of bills to be approved for payment. A copy of the list of bills is attached. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Norman that these bills in the amount of \$141,645.55 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Ken Sooley requesting a Business Tax exemption or reduction for The Thomas Moulard House for 2012 and 2013 since this is not a Bed & Breakfast and is only used sparingly during the summer months. It was moved by Deputy Mayor Robbins and seconded by Councillor Randell to give Mr. Sooley a 50% reduction in Business Tax for this property since it is only used seasonally. Motion carried unanimously.

Since there was no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.