

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, MAY 21, 2013

A regular meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Tuesday, May 21, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were four members present namely Mayor Betty Fitzgerald, Councillors Barry Randell, John Norman and Paul Mouland. Also present at the meeting were Town Manager Calvin Rolls and Dr. Chris Randell. The meeting was presided over by the Mayor.

A discussion arose with Dr. Randell concerning Matthew Legacy Inc. and the sustainability study done by Tract Consulting for the site. Dr. Randell asked if Council would read this study and comment on its contents before the final draft of this sustainability study is completed. A general discussion continued on the operation of the site this year. Councillor present already read the study and agrees the sustainability study can go ahead with one change — the ship must remain on site.

At 7:20 p.m. Dr. Randell retired from the meeting.

At this time Lloyd Stagg, Stadium Manager, arrived at the meeting.

A discussion arose with Mr. Stagg concerning the activities for Cabot Stadium for this summer and work that needs to be done on the roof of the building before the next ice season. It was agreed to get this work done.

A lengthy discussion took place on Cabot Stadium making a bid for Host Site for High Performance Program - Provincial Summer Camps 2014 - 2017 as presented by Hockey Nfld. & Labrador. It was agreed for the Stadium Manager to place a bid for this Hosting.

At 8:00 p.m. Mr. Stagg departed from the meeting.

It was moved by Councillor Norman and seconded by Councillor Randell that the minutes of the meeting held on April 23, 2013, be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion arose concerning the following Councillors' concerns:-

(1) Mayor Fitzgerald's concerns:-

A. People placing their civic numbers on their houses. It was agreed to advertise on cable requesting people to place their civic numbers on their houses especially since 911 is expected to be available in 2014 and civic numbers are a must for this to work.

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B. Damage done to sea-fences by high seas in March 2013. It was agreed to write the Minister of Municipal Affairs requesting funds to assist us in replacing damaged sea-fence with armored stone.

C. Court closing in Bonavista. It was agreed to write the Minister of Justice requesting a meeting with him concerning this closure.

(2) Councillor Randell's concerns:-

A. Monetary controls for Bonavista Day Festivities. Councillor Randell wants strict control and accountability documented for these activities.

(3) Councillor Norman's concerns:-

A. Cleaning canal in Mockbeggar to allow water to flow in and out and prevent smell from stagnant water. It was stated that an application is in to Dept. Of Fisheries & Oceans for approval to clean out this canal.

B. Church Street Festival going ahead commencing right after Bonavista Days July 29 to August 4, 2013.

C. Signs and benches at Long Beach for tourists to use.

D. Dept. of Transportation & Works depots at Amherst Cove and Port Rexton closing. It was agreed to check this matter out.

E. Speed control; i.e. speed bumps, on Beaver Pond Road.

F. Sit-On Lawn Mower. It was agreed to purchase a Sit-On Lawn Mower when the need arises.

G. Fence By-Laws. It was agreed to talk with Dennis Knight re having these By-Laws incorporated into our new Town Plans and Regulations.

(4) Councillor Mouland's concerns:-

A. By-Law to enforce the maintenance and upkeep of buildings within our boundaries.

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B. Fishermen's Memorial at turn-around Cape Bonavista. It was stated that the unveiling will be May 25, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. followed by a reception sponsored by the Town.

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

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 \$18,356.57 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Dr. Jabez Norman requesting a reduction in Business Tax for his clinic since he is only open one quarter of the time. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Moulard to give Dr. Norman a 75% reduction in his Business Tax for 2013 since he is only open part-time. Motion carried; however, Councillor Norman did not vote on the matter.

(3) Curtis Randell requesting the lane between Harvey Hayley's and Robert Hayley's upgraded because it is used by ATV's and is in bad condition since Hurricane Igor. It was agreed that this can be done.

(4) Letter from our lawyer, Gregory Pittman, re Daniel Butler case. This letter stated that Mr. Butler will enter a guilty plea with a joint submission for \$3,000.00 with twelve months to pay. It was agreed that this is okay; however, he must not continue to operate under any circumstances or he will be charged again.

(5) Statement of Income and Expenses for Cabot Stadium for April 2013.

(6) Ken Sooley requesting Council to revisit their decision to charge him 50% Business Tax for 2012 and 2013. Mr. Sooley feels he should be exempt from Business Tax since he rents his house and does not use it as a Bed & Breakfast. It was agreed to discuss this matter at the next Council meeting.

(7) "Thank You" card from Dianne, Grace, Faye and Crystal for meal on Administrative Assistants' Day.

(8) Letter from Kevin Baker requesting permission to extend on his house on Cape Bonavista and also to renovate it. Mr. Baker is willing to use clapboard and windows that reflect a more historic look. It was agreed to advise Mr. Baker that we cannot issue a permit for this request since it is a Provincial Historic Site with no developments permitted.

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(9) Daniel Butler requesting Council to rezone 50 - 52 Red Point Road from “Residential” to “Commercial” to accommodate his general repair garage. It was agreed that this area cannot be rezoned to accommodate this request.

(10) Summer hours for employees. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Norman to give employees summer hours effective June 3, 2013, to Labour Day. Summer hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

(11) Gary and Vera Boone requesting financial assistance to service their new house on 25 - 29 Folley Hill since they have to get a water and sewer service from Old Catalina Road at a cost of approximately \$8,000.00 to \$9,000.00. It was agreed to discuss this matter at the next Council meeting.

(12) Water Tower Repair and Repainting. Bids were received with the lowest bid being \$1,387,613.46. Engineering estimates were \$477,000.00. It was moved by Councillor Norman and seconded by Councillor Moulard to write the Minister of Municipal Affairs requesting the extra funding required to repair and repaint the water tower since this work must be done. Motion carried unanimously.

(13) Donny White requesting permission to be trained on Council equipment as a Heavy Equipment Operator. It was agreed that this cannot be done.

Since there was no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.