

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, OCTOBER 21, 2013

A regular meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Monday, October 21, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were five members present namely Mayor Betty Fitzgerald, Councillors Barry Randell, Beverly Dyke, Reg Butler and Rodney Gray. Also present at the meeting were Town Manager Calvin Rolls and Rance Abbott, Walter Abbott, Cyril Abbott, Eugene Lander and Allister Abbott. The meeting was presided over by the Mayor.

A discussion arose with Mr. Rance Abbott and his delegation concerning access to Red Point from Mullay's Lane. Currently this access is fenced with a gate across the right-of-way. Mr. Abbott wants the right-of-way opened up and the gate removed since this is a public right-of-way and the gate inhibits free access. After a lengthy discussion at 7:40 p.m. the delegation retired from the meeting with the understanding that Council would revisit the situation at this time.

It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Butler that the minutes of the meeting held on September 30, 2013, be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

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

(1) Councillor Gray's concerns:-

A. Color of our water in Long Pond. Councillor Gray asked what is the cause of the discoloration in our water supply. It was agreed to try and get an explanation for this problem from Services NL so that we can place it on our website to let the people know what is happening.

At 7:55 p.m. M.H.A. Glen Little arrived at the meeting.

At this time Mr. Little proceeded to award a cheque to Council to offset expenses incurred to do street work on The Meade that is being done by Council forces.

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

B. "No Parking" between signs on Beaver Pond Road. It was agreed to remove these "No Parking" signs.

(2) Councillor Randell's concerns:-

A. Bridges that were destroyed during Hurricane Igor near O'Connell's Brook. It was stated that the tender for these bridges is awarded; however, work cannot start until the spring because of Dept. of Fisheries & Oceans regulations.

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(3) Mayor Fitzgerald's concerns:-

A. Committees of Council. Mayor Fitzgerald agreed to talk to new Councillors and then form committees of Council for this term.

B. Splash Park on The Neck. It was agreed to check out the cost to get a splash park installed near the playground on The Neck.

C. Doctors for Bonavista. It was agreed for the Mayor to check with Eastern Health to see what the status of these doctors is.

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 Gray that these bills in the amount of \$59,029.79 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Statement of Income and Expenses for Cabot Stadium for September 2013.

(3) Bonavista Habitat Conservation plan. A draft of this Plan was presented and it was agreed to approve this plan and to have Dept. of Environment and Conservation summarize this plan at a meeting to be set up at a time convenient to all parties.

(4) Bonavista Historical Society purchasing a house and property of the late Annie Tilley on 5 Bland's Lane in the Town of Bonavista and requesting outstanding taxes in the amount of \$2,211.10 written off since they are going to use this property for public use; i.e. parking. It was moved by Councillor Gray and seconded by Councillor Randell to write off these taxes since the Bonavista Historical Society is a volunteer organization who are working for the betterment of the town. Motion carried unanimously.

(5) Contract drawings and specifications for water and sewer servicing for Residential Subdivision Phase III at Strathie's Road. It was stated that tenders are called for this work and Council will have to make a decision on whether or not to do the work when the prices are in.

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(6) Letter from John Norman requesting that he represent the Town on the Wetland and Coastal Stewardship Committee since he helped get the Habitat Conservation plan for the Town of Bonavista. It was agreed for Mr. Norman to serve on this Committee on Council's behalf. As a member of this Committee Mr. Norman will be expected to keep Council apprised of ongoing events and any decision making must be approved by Council especially if it concerns us.

(7) Christmas Greetings on VOCM 710 from December 20 - 29, 2013. The cost of these greetings is 12 for \$276.00 plus tax. It was agreed not to avail of these greetings at this time.

(8) Capital Works 2014/15. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Butler to apply for Capital Works 2014-2015 as follows:-

Priority One \$2,000,000.00 Water Tower Refurbishing or Alternate
Priority Two \$1,000,000.00 for Water and Sewer Route 235

Motion carried unanimously. It was stated at this time that we already have \$1,000,000.00 for Phase II Water Transmission Main and \$507,000.00 for paving ongoing.

(9) Municipal Plan Review for The Town of Bonavista. Planning Consultant Dennis Knight explained the options for the area on Route 235 near Bulldog Construction Quarry. These options are "Rural" as it is now, "Residential", "Industrial", or "Mixed Industrial/Residential". His recommendation is to leave it "Rural" as it is now. It was agreed to give this some serious thought and make a decision at the next Council meeting.

(10) Junior Hicks requesting a road adjustment on the intersection of Ackerman's Lane and Coster Street. It was agreed to check this matter out for the next Council meeting.

Since there was no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.