

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, JUNE 25, 2013

A meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Tuesday, June 25, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were six members present namely Mayor Betty Fitzgerald, Deputy Mayor Douglas Robbins, Councillors Lindsay Phillips, Paul Mouland, John Norman and Barry Randell. Also present at the meeting was Town Manager Calvin Rolls. The meeting was presided over by the Mayor.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Robbins and seconded by Councillor Mouland that the minutes of the meeting held on May 21, 2013, be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion arose concerning the following Councillors' concerns:-

(1) Councillor Randell's concerns:-

A. Tom Burt being charged property tax on his house on Michael Ryder Avenue even though it is not finished inside. It was agreed that these taxes must be paid on the assessed value of the building as it stands today.

At 7:25 p.m. Deputy Mayor Robbins retired from the meeting.

B. Gary and Vera Boone requesting financial assistance to help service their new house on Folley Hill with water and sewer. The cost of this service is approximately \$8,000.00 to \$9,000.00. The policy is not to pay to service people's new houses with water and sewer. Council agreed unanimously not to service this property at Council's expense.

At 7:55 p.m. Deputy Mayor Robbins returned to the meeting.

C. Strathie's Road Sub-division. The lots on Michael Ryder Place are all sold except one. It was agreed to advertise on cable to see if there is any interest in purchasing more lots in Strathie's Road Sub-division. We should also put this message on our web site. It was also agreed to have our engineers do cost estimates to service more lots with water and sewer on this sub-division.

D. Conditions of Dept. of Transportation & Works roads in Bonavista. It was stated that Paul Goodman, Regional Director, Clarendville, will be here next week to discuss this matter.

E. Conditions of our roads with regards to paving. It was agreed that these roads will be done as soon as possible.

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(2) Councillor Norman's concerns:-

- A. Cameras/lights for security on Playground and New Tennis Court. It was stated that they will cost approximately \$10,000.00 but must be done.
- B. Fencing right-of-way off Mullay's Lane. It was agreed to write Cyril Butler and advise him that he must remove the gate which restricts access to this public right-of-way.
- C. Sidewalks on Route 230. It was agreed to investigate the cost to get this done.
- D. Mockbeggar Premises only open four hours per day. It was agreed to investigate this matter and talk with our M.H.A. re the same.

(3) Councillor Phillips' concerns:-

- A. Keith Hewitt and Bob Strickland wanting to know what the future is for the Playground/Tennis Courts on Neck Road. They request to meet with Council on this matter. It was agreed to meet with them in an upcoming meeting.
- B. Stockpiling of gravel on Dwyer Street next to residences. Councillor Phillips asked "are we going to condone this?"
- C. "No Parking" signs on turnaround Beaver Pond Road. It was agreed to have these signs erected.

(4) Councillor Mouland's concerns:-

- A. Fencing for new Tennis Court. It was agreed to get prices for chain link fence to go around this Tennis Court.

(5) Deputy Mayor Robbins' concerns:-

- A. Hugh Butt experiencing water problems near his house. It was agreed to get a price to clean out the ditch that runs through the marsh in this area. This should alleviate this problem.
- B. Bad shape of fence on Cape near Craft Shop. It was agreed to talk with the Minister of Tourism re this matter.

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(6) Mayor Fitzgerald's concerns:-

A. Cost for splash pad at Playground. It was agreed to get a price for this.

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

(1) Cleaning Canal in Mockbeggar. The Town Manager stated that prices to clean this Canal will be in for the next Council meeting.

A discussion then arose concerning the following:-

(1) Accounts Payable. The Town Clerk presented a list of bills for payment. 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 \$53,625.46 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Elizabeth Mifflin, Mifflin's Tea Room, requesting a reduction in Business Tax for 2013 since they are only open four to five months each year. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Deputy Mayor Robbins to reduce the Business Tax for Mifflin's Tea Room to the minimum which is \$150.00. Motion carried unanimously.

(3) Statement of Expenses and Income for Cabot Stadium for May 2013.

(4) Heritage Collegiate, Musgravetown, going to Seattle, Washington, to represent Nfld. & Labrador in a remotely operated vehicle (ROV) Competition and requesting financial support. It was agreed that we cannot offer support at this time.

(5) Letter from Hon. Darin King, Minister of Justice, re Circuit Court in Bonavista. This letter states that the Court will travel to Bonavista four times this year.

(6) "Thank You" card from Roger Ball re armored stone placed behind his house on Moses Point Lane.

(7) Tennis Court Paving. The cost of this paving is \$57,008.50, tax included.

(8) 2012 Summer Drinking Water Quality Report.

(9) Petition for ATV Friendly Roads in Bonavista. This petition was presented to Council.

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(10) Marjorie Pardy requesting reimbursement for expenses incurred cleaning her pressure reducing valve since it blocked when the town turned on the water for the Crab Plant. It was agreed not to pay for this work.

Since there was no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.