

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, NOVEMBER 18, 2013

A regular meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Monday, November 18, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were seven members present namely Mayor Betty Fitzgerald, Deputy Mayor Douglas Robbins, Councillors Beverly Dyke, Reg Butler, Barry Randell, Paul Mouland and Rodney Gray. Also present at the meeting were Town Manager Calvin Rolls and Scott Butler. The meeting was presided over by the Mayor.

A discussion arose with Mr. Butler concerning his property on Red Point with respect to access to Red Head and the fence he has erected across this access to fence in his animals. Mr. Butler proceeded to explain the chain of events that led to the current dispute about the access to Red Head. After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Butler retired from the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

At this time it was agreed to discuss this matter further at the next Council meeting. However, a new gate can be erected off Mullyay's Lane to make access to Red Head more accessible.

It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Dyke that the minutes of the meeting held on November 4, 2013, be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

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

(1) Councillor Randell's concerns:-

A. Purchasing the Federal Building on Church Street. It was suggested that we should purchase this building if the price is right and then hand it over to the Bonavista Historic Townscape Foundation for their further development. It was agreed to try and arrange a meeting amongst Town of Bonavista, Bonavista Historic Townscape Foundation, Barry Hoyles and ACOA to discuss this matter in more detail. Councillor Randell agreed to try to arrange this meeting.

(2) Councillor Mouland's concerns:-

A. BARDA building on Station Road. It was agreed to get an update on the condition of this building for the next Council meeting. It was also agreed to talk with our M.H.A. re this matter.

B. Old house that needs major repairs on Riverstyx Road belonging to Ashley Hillman. It was agreed for Council to board up this old house to prevent people from getting into it.

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C. Tourist Chalet near Stadium. It was agreed to talk with Bonavista Historic Society about this matter since they have a Tourist Chalet on the corner of Church Street and Coster Street.

D. Painting Stadium. It was agreed to consider this project under a CEEP in 2014.

(3) Deputy Mayor Robbins' concerns:-

A. Council Chambers used for Council use only.

B. Parking near Town Hall. Deputy Mayor Robbins suggests that something needs to be done with parking in front of Town Hall. It was agreed to place "No Parking" signs in front of steps to Town Hall.

C. Speeding on Route 235 - John Cabot Drive.

D. Street lights for Bonavista. It was moved by Councillor Gray and seconded by Councillor Dyke to erect street lights in the following areas:-

1. Sebastian Drive near cemeteries
2. Near Matthew Elementary School
3. Faulkner's Hill - Wiseman Property
4. Intersection Confederation Drive and Neck Road
5. Irving Mainway

Motion carried unanimously.

(5) Mayor Fitzgerald's concerns:-

A. Conference call with Dr. Pat Redmond, Dentist Association, on December 9, 2013, at 7:00 p.m.

B. Condition of Route 235 near Ryan Premises. It was agreed to call Dept. of Transportation & Works re this matter.

C. Nursing shortage in Bonavista. It was agreed for the Mayor to investigate this matter further.

D. Town of Bonavista receiving Heritage Conservation Criteria Award for 2013.

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E. Quotes for Splash Park near Playground. It was agreed to get quotes for the next Council meeting.

F. Meeting with Discovery Trail Ground Search & Rescue. It was agreed to have this meeting after Christmas.

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 Butler and seconded by Councillor Moulard that these bills in the amount of \$26,407.77 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Budget 2014. The Budget for 2014 was presented to Council by the Finance Committee under the Chairmanship of Councillor Randell. After careful scrutiny and upon the advice of the Finance Committee, it was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Butler to adopt the 2014 Budget for the Town of Bonavista as presented. Motion carried unanimously. There will be no tax changes for 2014.

(3) Turkeys for Staff, Council and Fire Department for Christmas. It was agreed to give the Staff, Council and Fire Department turkeys for Christmas as per past practice.

(4) Letter from Town Clerk requesting a change of title from Town Clerk to Chief Financial Officer/Town Clerk and a salary increase to fit the new title as compared to other towns similar to us. It was agreed to discuss this matter further at the next Council meeting.

(5) Letter from Paul Goodman, Regional Director, Dept. of Transportation, re road improvements that Council did on "The Meade".

(6) Union negotiations with C.U.P.E. Local 1839 since their current contract expired June 30, 2013. It was agreed for Council to meet to discuss proposals presented by C.U.P.E. Local 1839. This meeting should take place on Wednesday, November 27, 2013, at 7:00 p.m.

(7) Snow watch pay for Town Manager from December 1, 2013, to March 31, 2014. It was agreed to pay the Town Manager \$10.00 per day for snow watch duties effective December 1, 2013, to March 31, 2014, as per past practice.

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