

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, DECEMBER 9, 2013

A regular meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Monday, December 9, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were six members present namely Mayor Betty Fitzgerald, Deputy Mayor Douglas Robbins, Councillors Paul Mouland, Reg Butler, Beverly Dyke and Barry Randell. The meeting was presided over by the Mayor.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Robbins and seconded by Councillor Randell that the minutes of the meeting held on November 18, 2013, be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion arose concerning the following Councillors' concerns:-

(1) Councillor Randell's concerns:-

A. Strathie's Road Subdivision and development of Adam Pardy Drive. It was stated that there is some resistance that we must deal with from residents on Strathie's Road.

(2) Councillor Dyke's concerns:-

A. Garbage strewn on Route 235 from people taking garbage to the dump. It was agreed to look into this matter.

B. Nuisance By-Law preventing excessive noise from properties. It was stated that we have a Nuisance By-Law in place.

C. Fencing on lane off Mulla's Lane on Red Point. A lengthy discussion continued on this matter.

(3) Councillor Mouland's concerns:-

A. Town of Bonavista Representative on Discovery Regional Services Board. It was agreed that Councillor Mouland remain on this Board.

(4) Deputy Mayor Robbins' concerns:-

A. Sewer problem for Raymond Chard and Ken Mouland. It was agreed to check with our engineers re this problem.

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B. Old shed on property of Ashley Hillman on Riverstyx Road. This is causing a problem with traffic because of poor visibility on the intersection with Marshfield's Hill. It was agreed to write Ms. Hillman and advise her that we may be removing this shed because of this problem.

C. Christmas Dinner. It was agreed to have Christmas Dinner for Council and Staff on December 17, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. at P.K.'s Restaurant.

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 Randell that these bills in the amount of \$39,568.98 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Resolution asking the Minister responsible for Canada Post to make the review of the Canadian Postal Service Charter open to the public and that the Charter be improved. Also, a resolution requesting that the government consider innovative ways to generate postal revenue during the Charter Review including financial services like bill payments, insurance and banking. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Butler to sign these two resolutions as presented and to send them to the proper authorities as listed on the resolution papers. Motion carried unanimously.

(3) Complaint about gravel stored on Swyers' land on Confederation Drive. It was stated that this is there on a temporary basis only.

(4) 2012 PSAB Compliant Audited Financial Statements and Gas Tax Annual Expenditure Report. It was moved by Councillor Dyke and seconded by Councillor Gray that these reports be accepted as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

(6) Wilbur Hobbs requesting reimbursement of Property Tax overpayment from 2006 to 2012 for 87 Roper Street since his property was overassessed for these seven years and was paid by him. The amount of his overpayment was \$1,024.25. It was moved by Councillor Butler and seconded by Deputy Mayor Robbins to reimburse Mr. Hobbs for this overpayment since his property was overassessed all these years. Motion carried unanimously.

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(7) Alliances for Community Engagement -ACE requesting a meeting with Council. This is a pilot project being led by Community Sector Council NL. The goal of the project is to create shared spaces where people from the Bonavista Peninsula can come together to strengthen their connections and their communities. It was agreed to meet with Mr. Barry Pearce early in the new year.

(8) Gravel piled on Barry Durdle's land on John Cabot Drive. It was agreed to advise him that he must remove this gravel or we will do it at his expense.

Since there was no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.