

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, APRIL 23, 2014

A regular meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Wednesday, April 23, 2014, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were five members present Mayor Betty Fitzgerald, Deputy Mayor Douglas Robbins, Councillors Rodney Gray, Reg Butler and Paul Mouland. Also present at the meeting was Town Manager Calvin Rolls. The meeting was presided over by the Mayor.

It was moved by Councillor Butler and seconded by Councillor Mouland that the minutes of the meeting held on March 24, 2014, be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion arose concerning the following Councillors' concerns:-

(1) Councillor Gray's concerns:-

A. Tom Fisher requesting a new washer because his was damaged due to a sewer backup. It was agreed that we cannot replace his washer.

(2) Councillor Butler's concerns:-

A. Stella Randell having trouble with sewer backing up in her house on Randell's Road. After further investigation it was found that this problem happens every spring because of excess water in the sewer lines and to correct is expensive. However, it will be investigated further to see if we can alleviate the problem.

B. Street light on Confederation Drive near Parts Place. It was agreed to look at this area.

(3) Councillor Mouland's concerns:-

A. Dog Park. It was stated that we have the location for the Dog Park. However, we need sod and chain link fence. It was agreed to try for a project to do the fencing and sodding.

B. Painting the Stadium. It was agreed to apply for funding to paint the Stadium.

C. Addition to signs entering Bonavista. It was moved by Councillor Gray and seconded by Councillor Butler to order two signs to place under the existing signs. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Dialysis Committee. It was agreed to write the Dialysis Committee and thank them for their work on getting a commitment from Government to get a Dialysis Unit in Bonavista.

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E. Request for Proposal for Engineering on Capital Works Projects. It was agreed to consider this on future Capital Works Projects.

(4) Deputy Mayor Robbins' concerns:-

A. Barry Durdle with gravel piled on his land on John Cabot Drive. It was agreed for the Town Manager to call Mr. Durdle and give him a month to clean up this property or we will have to do it at his expenses.

B. Condition of Court House. At this time an e-mail was read from John Norman about the poor condition of the Court House. The Mayor stated that she has been talking to our M.H.A. about this matter and he will give up a report as soon as he gets it.

C. Generator for Town Hall. Someone should be here to give us specifications on the type of generator we need for the Town Hall.

D. Town sewer for Raymond Chard's property. It was stated that a lift station and installation for this area will be approximately \$20,000.00. It was agreed to discuss this matter further at the next Council meeting.

(5) Mayor Fitzgerald's concerns:-

A. Teleconference with College of the North Atlantic re curriculum at the College. This teleconference is at 2:00 p.m. April 29, 2014.

B. Targa meeting at Trinity Bay North tomorrow. The Mayor stated that she will be attending this meeting.

C. Advertising in the Downhome. Advertising rates were presented. It was stated that our advertising budget is used up this year; therefore, we cannot avail of their advertising at this time.

D. Discovery Shooting Club Inc. doing a WWI Trench Reconstruction at the Shooting Club on Route 238 and requesting a donation to assist in constructing this Trench. It was agreed to consider this for the next Council meeting.

E. Letter from Peter Hayley requesting reimbursement for damages to his car because he hit a eight foot piece of railway iron in a pothole on the shoulder of the road on Randell's Road. It was stated that we cannot reimburse him for damages to his car.

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F. Letter to our M.H.A. re support for Matthew Legacy Inc. to get funding to rebuild The Matthew.

G. Thank You to Grade 3 Class at Matthew Elementary School for their visit to the Town Hall and their letters.

H. Water and Sewer Services for Route 235. It was stated that this was applied for under Capital Works.

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

(1) Assistant to our Water & Sewer Maintenance Man. It was stated that Kirk Way is not going to do water and sewer relief work after July if he does not get overtime for Snow Clearing as well as overtime while he is doing the Water & Sewer Maintenance job. It was agreed to advertise this position internally.

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 Deputy Mayor Robbins and seconded by Councillor Butler that these bills in the amount of \$129,171.73 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Statement of Revenues and Expenses for Cabot Stadium for March 2014.

(3) Luxury Estates taxes for 2014. It was moved by Councillor Gray and seconded by Councillor Moulard to charge Luxury Estates 80% of their assessed value for Business Tax and Property Tax for 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

(4) Letter from North Atlantic in response to our letter re power outages and supply of gasoline during these outages. This letter explained why they cannot use a generator to pump gas during power outages.

(5) Letter from C. & M. Nfld. Inc. requesting a reduction in taxes of 50% for properties that they have acquired from the Bonavista Historical Society and are currently renovating. Mr. John Norman, Chief Operations Officer, requests a meeting with Council to discuss this matter in more detail. It was agreed to meet with Mr. Norman in May.

(6) Discovery Trail Ground Search and Rescue submitting prices for materials for a building to house their equipment, etc. in as follows:-

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30' X 40' building	\$33,599.61
40' X 50' building	\$46,280.47

It was agreed to give this consideration for the next Council meeting.

(7) Trinity Historical Society Inc. hosting the Regional Heritage Fair for the schools in the Vista District, May 22, at 8:00 p.m. at the Rising Tide Theatre in Trinity. This letter invites a representative from the Town of Bonavista to attend and also request a donation so that an award can be established that is sponsored by the Town of Bonavista. It was moved by Councillor Gray and seconded by Deputy Mayor Robbins to donate \$50.00 to this cause. Motion carried unanimously.

(8) Letter from Minister of Municipal Affairs re Amendments to Municipalities Act (Bill 6) - one to allow remote attendance at Council meetings for Councillors who are away working and the other, the appointment of non-voting youth representatives on Council.

(9) Municipal Capital Works Program Project #17-MCW-17-00016 - Water Distribution System Study. This project is for \$40,000.00 and is cost shared Provincial/Municipal 80/20. It was moved by Deputy Mayor Robbins and seconded by Councillor Gray to authorize the Mayor and Town Clerk to enter into an agreement on behalf of Council for the above noted project. Motion carried unanimously.

(10) Proclamation of April month as Child Abuse Prevention Month. It was moved by Councillor Mouland and seconded by Deputy Mayor Robbins to proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Motion carried unanimously.

(11) Grievance from Keith Parly because a less senior worker was called in to work and he feels he should have been called in.

(12) Thank You from Community Sector Council for our support of their Volunteers Appreciation Event.

(13) Sand and Salt for 2014-2015. It was moved by Councillor Gray and seconded by Councillor Mouland to order 350 tons of salt and sand and 50 tons of salt from Dept. of Transportation & Works for Winter 2014 - 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Since there was no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.