

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, JANUARY 27, 2014

A regular meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Monday, January 27, 2014, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were six members present namely Deputy Mayor Douglas Robbins, Councillors Rodney Gray, Barry Randell, Reg Butler, Beverly Dyke and Paul Mouland. Also present at the meeting were Town Manager Calvin Rolls and Stadium Manager Lloyd Stagg. The meeting was presided over by the Deputy Mayor.

A discussion arose with Mr. Stagg concerning his job as part-time Bus Driver with Eastern School District. Council's concern is - does this part-time job interfere with his full-time job as Stadium manager with the Town of Bonavista. Mr. Stagg stated that this job does not interfere with his full-time job in any way because his hours at the Stadium are flexible and he will still put in full time hours at the Stadium.

At 4:15 p.m. Mr. Stagg retired from the meeting.

At this time our M.H.A. Glen Little and his Constituency Assistant Stephen Chard arrived at the meeting.

A discussion arose with Mr. Little concerning the following:-

(1) Municipal Capital Works 2013/2014. A lengthy discussion arose on priorities for this year's Capital Works and after explanations were given, our M.H.A. stated he is better prepared to lobby for funding for us for this year.

At 5:00 p.m. Mr. Little and Mr. Chard retired from the meeting.

At this time it was moved by Councillor Mouland and seconded by Councillor Gray that the minute of the meeting held on January 13, 2014, be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion arose concerning the following Councillors' concerns:-

(1) Councillor Gray's concerns:-

A. Clothing allowance for employees. It was agreed for management to oversee this clothing allowance and how it is administered.

B. Kirk Way not being called in to do snow clearing when he is relieving Darrin Hicks on water and sewer maintenance. It was stated that this matter was clarified when negotiations were done with C.U.P.E. Local 1839 recently.

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(2) Councillor Randell's concerns:-

A. Meeting with Marilyn Coles-Hayley, Administrator, College of the North Atlantic, re update on its future and courses offered. It was agreed to arrange a meeting with Ms. Coles-Hayley for some afternoon when Councillors are available.

B. Negotiations between C.U.P.E. Local 1839 and Town of Bonavista. It was agreed to discuss this matter later in the meeting.

(3) Councillor Butler's concerns:-

A. "Thank You" on cable to Salvation Army, Fire Department, First Stop Ltd. And any other local businesses who helped out during the recent power blackout. It was agreed to do this.

B. Ambulance Service. It was agreed to write the Minister of Health with a copy for our M.H.A. stressing the need for ambulance drivers to be at ths hospital or at an ambulance depot when they are on call so that response times are faster.

(4) Councillor Dyke's concerns:-

A. Water and Sewer Servicing on Route 235. It was stated that water and sewer servicing is applied for in this area under this year's Capital Works Program.

B. Dog Park. This is a project that is already being worked on.

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

(1) Port Rexton Council requesting to use our dump site to dispose of their garbage. It was agreed not to allow Port Rexton to use our dump at this time because space is limited.

A discussion then arose concerning the following:-

(1) Accounts Payables. 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 Dyke that these bills in the amount of \$147,535.12 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

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(2) Abbott's Cape Shore Bed & Breakfast requesting a reduction in Business Tax for 2014 since they are only open from May to September. It was moved by Councillor Dyke and seconded by Councillor Butler that Abbott's Cape Shore Bed & Breakfast be given a 50% reduction in Business Tax for 2014 because they are only open half the year. Motion carried unanimously.

(3) Dorman's Manor requesting a reduction in Business Tax for 2014 since the majority of their business is May to September. It was moved by Councillor Butler and seconded by Councillor Randell that Dorman's Manor be given a 50% reduction in Business Tax for 2014 because the majority of their business is done from May to December. The remainder of the year is all but closed. Motion carried unanimously.

(4) Joe Hart, Hart's Haven, requesting a reduction in Business Tax for 2014 since they are only open three months each year. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Dyke to reduce Business Tax for 2014 for Hart's Haven by 50% since they are only open seasonally. Motion carried unanimously.

(5) Cape Race Adventures (Thomas Moulard House) requesting a reduction in Business Tax for 2014 since they will only be open approximately two months. It was moved by Councillor Moulard and seconded by Councillor Butler to reduce Business Tax for 2014 for Cape Race Adventures by 50% since they are only open seasonally. Motion carried unanimously.

(6) Jager Rumbolt having damage done to his vehicle when he drove into a hole caused by sunken gravel where we had recently repaired a waterline on Confederation Drive. The damage done to his car cost \$542.40 to repair. It was moved by Councillor Gray and seconded by Councillor Butler to pay for the repairs to Mr. Rumbolt's vehicle since the damage was caused by a repair to our waterline. Motion carried unanimously.

(7) Lancaster Bed and Breakfast requesting a reduction in Business Tax for 2013 and 2014 since the majority of their business is done in the summer months. It was moved by Councillor Dyke and seconded by Councillor Gray that the Business Tax for Lancaster Bed and Breakfast be reduced by 50% since the majority of their business is done during the summer months. Motion carried unanimously.

(8) Collective Agreement between Town of Bonavista and C.U.P.E. Local 1839 for the period July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2017. It was moved by councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Butler to approve the Collective Agreement as negotiated between C.U.P.E. and the negotiating committee of Council with all changes as stated agreed to and proof read including a wage package as follows:

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July 1, 2013	3%
July 1, 2014	2.5%
July 1, 2015	3%
July 1, 2016	2.5%

and a signing bonus of \$300.00 for all employees. Motion carried unanimously.

(9) Generator for Town Hall. Estimated cost as presented by SW Energy is \$18,327.47 for the generator plus upgraded electrical approximately \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00. It was agreed for the Town Manager to check with the Public Tendering Board re this matter.

(10) MNL Regional Meeting at Clarendville February 7 and 8, 2014. It was agreed for Councillors to let the Town Clerk know by Friday if they want to go to this meeting.

(11) Town Clerk requesting his title changed from Town Clerk to Chief Financial Officer/Town Clerk to reflect the work he is doing and an increase in salary to reflect the new position. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Deputy Mayor Robbins to give the Town Clerk 3% increase in salary from July 1, 2013, to December 31, 2013 and then increase his salary to \$60,000.00 per annum plus a signing bonus of \$300.00. This increase is brought about because the title was changed from Town Clerk to Chief Financial Officer/Town Clerk effective January 1, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

Also at this time it was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Gray to give the Town Manager, Confidential Secretary and Stadium Manager the same increase as was given to C.U.P.E. Local 1839. Motion carried unanimously.

Since there was no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.