

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, APRIL 27, 2015

A regular meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Monday, April 27, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were six members present namely Mayor Betty Fitzgerald, Deputy Mayor Douglas Robbins, Councillors Paul Mouland, Beverly Dyke, Reg Butler, Barry Randell, and Rodney Gray. 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 Butler that the minutes of the meeting held on April 7, 2015, be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion then arose concerning the following Councillor concerns:-

(1) Councillor Gray's concerns:-

A. Condition of wharf. Work will be started later this fall on refurbishing the finger pier adjacent to the Fish Plant and refurbishing the eastern breakwater.

(2) Councillor Randell's concerns:-

A. Condition of sidewalks in town.

(3) Councillor Butler's concerns:-

A. Complaints from people concerning Motor Registration services not being available in Bonavista as frequently as they used to.

(4) Councillor Dyke's concerns:-

A. Condition of roads around town. All roads are in deplorable condition around town.

B. Brenda Hobbs situation on Brown's Hill.

C. Ambulance Committee Meeting. Councillor Dyke said that they are hoping to get some former Ambulance Drivers in to a meeting to discuss various aspects of the ambulance situation in our area.

(5) Councillor Mouland's concerns:-

A. Hospital Pond Boardwalk. The Town Manager said that he will be sending in applications some time later this summer for funding for repairs to the boardwalk,

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B. Painting the outside of Cabot Stadium. The Town Manager will discuss this matter with the Recreation Director.

C. Road up by Bob Harris. This road is in deplorable condition.

(6) Deputy Mayor Robbins' concerns:-

A. Dialysis Unit. Deputy Mayor Robbins said that Douglas Ryder has the contract for the Dialysis Unit. This Unit is situated in the space formerly occupied by the Protective Care Unit.

(7) Mayor Fitzgerald's concerns:-

A. Fisheries Monument at Cape Bonavista. Mayor Fitzgerald said that a correction needs to be made to the spelling of one of the names on the Monument and a couple of more names need to be added.

B. Doctor situation in Bonavista Hospital. After much discussion on this matter, it was agreed that we should contact our M.H.A. Glen Little to see if an emergency meeting can be arranged with the Minister of Health regarding this very serious matter.

C. Heavy Equipment Course at College of the North Atlantic. Is this course being offered again this coming fall?

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

(1) Historic Properties Investment Program (HPIP).

(2) Generator for Town Hall. It was agreed for the Town Manger to check out this matter in the morning with Jamie Swyers.

(3) Protection around Communications Tower at Fire Hall. The Town Manager was talking to the Fire Chief concerning this matter.

(4) Splash Park at Playground. The Mayor has been in contact with Nicole Short regarding this matter since Ms. Short is very interested in helping get funding for this Splash Park at the Playground.

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(5) Condition of Marine Center. It was stated that there are rumours around town that this Marine Center is presently in the process of being sold.

(6) Letter from Roger Keel, BARDA, re their building on Station Road. Complaints have been received recently about people loitering around the building at night.

A discussion then arose concerning the following:-

(1) Accounts Payable. A list of bills was presented for approval to pay. A copy of this list of bills is attached. It was moved by Deputy Mayor Robbins and seconded by Councillor Dyke that these bills in the amount of \$156,612.89 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Elizabeth J. Zemdegs requesting reduction in Business Tax for 2015 for Elizabeth J. Cottages since they are only open seasonally from May to October. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Dyke to reduce Business Tax for Elizabeth J. Cottages by 50% for 2015 since they are only open seasonally. Motion carried unanimously.

(3) Colleen Tinkham requesting reduction in Business Tax for 2015 for Harbourview Bed & Breakfast Ltd. since they are only open seasonally from May to October. It was moved by Councillor Butler and seconded by Councillor Gray to reduce Business Tax for Harbourview Bed & Breakfast Ltd. by 50% for 2015 since they are only open seasonally. Motion carried unanimously.

(4) Diane Blackmore, Chief Administrative Officer, Nfld. & Labrador Electoral Districts Boundaries Commission, regarding Notice of Proposal and Public Sitings.

(5) E-mail from Krista Planke regarding upcoming training sessions titled "Elected Official Training ...Working Together to Improve the Property Assessment System." Sessions are being held at Deer Lake, Clarke's Beach and Grand Falls-Windsor in May.

(6) Meeting on May 7, 7:30 p.m. with Minister Darin King at The Annex. All of Council is invited to attend this meeting with Minister King at that time.

Since there was no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.