

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, JANUARY 12, 2015

A regular meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Monday, January 12, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were six members present namely Mayor Betty Fitzgerald, Deputy Mayor Douglas Robbins, Councillors Reg Butler, Beverly Dyke, Barry Randell and Paul Mouland. Also present at the meeting was Chief Financial Officer/Town Clerk David Hiscock. The meeting was presided over by the Mayor.

It was moved by Councillor Butler and seconded by Councillor Randell that the minutes of the meeting held on December 8, 2014, be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

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

(1) Councillor Butler's concerns:-

A. Dialysis Unit at Bonavista Hospital. It was stated that plans are being made regarding this unit and the expectation is that the unit should be ready by May of this year.

(2) Councillor Dyke's concerns:-

A. Sign entering Bonavista for businesses to avail of for advertising purposes — a sort of billboard. It was agreed to discuss this matter further at the next Council meeting.

(3) Councillor Mouland's concerns:-

A. Waste Management. The Discovery Regional Services Board expect garbage collection under their board to start April 1, 2015.

(4) Mayor Fitzgerald's concerns:-

A. Presentations made by M.H.A. Glen Little to Mayor Fitzgerald regarding the Town's 50th. Anniversary and the Prince of Wales Heritage Award.

B. Parking problem at the end of the road on Tom Paul's Hill. It was agreed for Councillors to look at this area before the next Council meeting.

C. Dean Little Memorial Tournament. This Tournament took place this past weekend at Cabot Stadium and was a huge success. It was agreed for the Mayor to recognize Gina Little and her family for the efforts they put into making this Tournament a success.

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

(1) Ambulance Service in Bonavista and the need for improvements. Councillor Dyke reported that she is working on getting concerned residents to form the committee to investigate this matter.

(2) Golden Heights Manor changing from Eastlink to Bell Aliant thus losing a lot of TV channels including the local channel. It was agreed for the Mayor to check out this matter further with Eastern Health.

(3) BARDA building on Station Road. It was stated that Roger Keel will report to Council on this matter within a month.

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 Butler that these bills in the amount of \$74,378.55 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Letter from Bonavista Fire Department to Mayor stating that they were upset about the fact that they were not invited to the Town's 50th. Anniversary Supper. It was agreed to write the Fire Department explaining the situation and why they were not invited.

(3) Kayla Mills requesting to work for Council for an eight week work term in Occupational Health & Safety. It was agreed to have Ms. Mills on for an eight week work term if she still needs it.

(4) Copy of a letter from Rev. Shaun O'Connor to M.H.A. Glen Little regarding recycling and waste reduction.

(5) Proposed Newsletter to be included with the 2015 Tax Bills. It was agreed to send out this Newsletter as a flyer.

(6) Copy of engineers estimates on water pipe upgrading needed within the Town of Bonavista. They were as follows:-

Cape Shore Area	\$ 423,980.59
Mockbeggar Area	\$ 613,279.27
Red Point Area	\$2,109,288.10
Sebastian Drive Area	\$1,272,595.15

It was agreed that they must be addressed in future Capital Works Projects.

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(7) Copy of Expenses and Revenues for Cabot Stadium for December 2014.

(8) Elizabeth Mifflin, owner of Mifflin's Tea Room and Mifflin's Heritage Inn requesting a reduction in taxes for both businesses for 2015 since they are only open seasonally from June 1 to September 30. It was moved by Deputy Mayor Robbins and seconded by Councillor Dyke to reduce Business Tax for these two businesses — 50% for the Heritage Inn and to \$150.00 which is the minimum for the Tea Room since they are only open seasonally. Motion carried unanimously.

(9) Todd Robbins, Robbins By The Sea, requesting a reduction in Business Tax for 2015 sine they are only open June to September. It was moved by Councillor Butler and seconded by Councillor Moulard to give Robbins By The Sea a 50% reduction in Business Tax for 2015 since they are only open seasonally. Motion carried unanimously.

(10) Targa 2015. It was agreed to discuss this matter when all Council is present.

Since there was no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.