

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, JANUARY 28, 2015

A regular meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Wednesday, January 28, 2015, at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were seven members present namely Mayor Betty Fitzgerald, Deputy Mayor Douglas Robbins, Councillors Reg Butler, Beverly Dyke, Barry Randell, Rodney Gray 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 Deputy Mayor Robbins and seconded by Councillor Mouland that the minutes of the meeting held on January 12, 2015, be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

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

(1) Councillor Butler's concerns:-

- A. Street Light near Sherri Abbott's on Red Point Road. It was agreed for the Street Lighting Committee to look at this area before a decision is made.
- B. Street Light near Lions Club. It was agreed for Council to take over this street light.

(2) Councillor Randell's concerns:-

- A. Storage shed belonging to Brenda Hobbs on 37 Brown's Hill being built closer to neighbour's property than the required four feet. Several letters were written to Ms. Hobbs regarding this matter. It was agreed for the Public Works Committee to arrange a meeting with Ms. Hobbs to discuss this matter further as soon as possible.
- B. Targa 2015. A lengthy discussion arose on whether or not Targa should be permitted in Bonavista in 2015. After this discussion it was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Gray to allow Targa in to Bonavista for 2015 and to sign the agreement accordingly. Motion carried; however, Councillor Dyke and Deputy Mayor Robbins were contrary to the motion.

(3) Councillor Dyke's concerns:-

- A. Councillor Dyke reported on the efforts she is making to set up a committee to discuss ambulance services in the Bonavista area.

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- B. Street light for intersection of Confederation Drive and Coster Street. It was agreed for the Street Lighting Committee to look at this area before a decision is made.

(4) Councillor Mouland's concerns:-

- A. Dialysis Unit at Bonavista Hospital. It was stated that this unit is on schedule to open in May 2015.
- B. Meeting with OCI re future of plant in Bonavista. It was agreed to arrange this meeting in the near future.

(5) Deputy Mayor Robbins' concerns:-

- A. Snow Clearing on sidewalks. Deputy Mayor Robbins expressed concerns about clearing sidewalks of snow and what a machine would cost to do this work.
- B. Weather reports given by VOCM Radio. Deputy Mayor Robbins expressed concerns about the fact that no reference is made to Bonavista on the weather news.

(6) Mayor Fitzgerald's concerns:-

- A. MNL Regional Meeting in February 2015. Municipalities Nfld. & Labrador urges all Councillors to attend.

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

(1) Billboard sign for businesses to advertise on. It was agreed to investigate this matter further.

(2) Golden Heights Manor changing from Eastlink to Bell Aliant thus losing local TV Channels. It was agreed to check into this matter.

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 \$48,928.07 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

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(2) C. & M. Newfoundland Inc. requesting a Business Tax reduction for Jubilee House Bed & Breakfast, 135 Coster Street, for 2015, since they are only open five months each year. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Mouland to give Jubilee House Bed & Breakfast a 50% reduction in Business Tax for 2015 since they are only open seasonally. Motion carried unanimously.

(3) Calvin Ryder, Lancaster Inn Bed & Breakfast requesting a Business Tax reduction for 2015 since 90% of his business is done between April and September each year. It was moved by Councillor Butler and seconded by Councillor Dyke to reduce Business Tax for Lancaster Bed & Breakfast by 50% since the majority of their business is done in the summer months. Motion carried unanimously.

(4) Quote on new furnace for Town Hall from C. & C. Distributors Ltd. It was agreed to get prices from other dealers for the supply of this furnace before a decision is made.

(5) Dorman's Manor Vacation Home requesting a reduction in Business Tax for 2015 since the majority of their business is done in the summer months. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Deputy Mayor Robbins to give Dorman's Manor Vacation home a 50% reduction on Business Tax for 2015 since they are for the most part a seasonal business. Motion carried unanimously.

(6) Ken Sooley, Cape Race Adventures, requesting a reduction in Business Tax for 2015 since they are a seasonal business from July to September. It was moved by Councillor Gray and seconded by Councillor Dyke to reduce Business Tax for Cape Race Adventures by 50% since they are only open seasonally. Motion carried unanimously.

(7) Joe Hart of Hart's Haven requesting a reduction in Business Tax for 2015 since they are only open seasonally. It was moved by Councillor Butler and seconded by Deputy Mayor Robbins to reduce Business Tax for Hart's Haven for 2015 by 50% since they are only open seasonally. Motion carried unanimously.

(8) Letter from JR's Sanitation advising Council that he will be raising weekly garbage collection rate by \$300.00 plus tax effective February 1, 2015. It was agreed to investigate alternatives.

(9) Brochures for 2015. Cost is \$4,997.00 plus tax for 5,000. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Gray to purchase these brochures for the price stated. Motion carried unanimously.

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(10) Town of Bonavista Maps. It was stated that we can have advertising on the back page of the Discovery Trail Brochure and map for \$1,000.00 plus tax. It was moved by Councillor Dyke and seconded by Councillor Butler to have this advertising for the price quoted. Motion carried unanimously.

Since there was no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.