

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, JULY 14, 2015

A regular meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Tuesday, July 14, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were six members present namely Mayor Betty Fitzgerald, Deputy Mayor Douglas Robbins, Councillors Beverly Dyke, Barry Randell, Reg Butler and Paul Mouland. Also present at the meeting were John Norman, Corina Ryder and Ruth Weller from Bonavista Living/Bonavista Creative. The meeting was presided over by the Mayor.

A discussion arose with Bonavista Living/Bonavista Creative concerning what the company is doing and what their plans are. At present they have seventeen employees directly and twenty contracted personnel. Bonavista Living/Bonavista Creative own thirty-four properties in Bonavista. The company has three partners and they operate on a set budget. The partners are Marc Dickson, Chantel Dickson and John Norman. One of their goals is to attract young professionals to move to Bonavista to live.

Mr. Norman as spokesperson for the delegation asked how the enforcement of the regulations in Heritage Districts in the New Municipal Plan will be enforced. These districts are Church Street South and Mockbeggar north of the Canal.

Mr. Norman asked about the HPIP Program and who were successful based on criteria established.

At 8:00 p.m. Mr. Norman and his delegation retired from the meeting.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Robbins and seconded by Councillor Randell that the minutes of the meeting held on June 15, 2015, be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion arose concerning the following Councillors' concerns:-

(1) Councillor Randell's concerns:-

- A. C. & M. Nfld. Inc. requesting permission to erect a barn style building on Lawrence Lane in the Town of Bonavista 16½ feet from the center of the lane. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Deputy Mayor Robbins to issue a permit for this barn 16½ feet from the center of this lane because it is a heritage district. Motion carried; however, Councillors Butler and Dyke were contrary to the motion.
- B. HPIP Program in Bonavista and how the selections were made. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the decision made June 15, 2015, will stand.

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C. Repairs to sidewalks on Church Street. It was agreed to give this priority.

(2) Councillor Butler's concerns:-

A. Doctor situation in Bonavista. Mayor Fitzgerald gave an overview of what Eastern Health is doing to retain doctors for our area.

B. Curriculum at College of North Atlantic. It was agreed to write the Minister of Advanced Education & Skills requesting a meeting to discuss the future of the College in Bonavista.

(3) Councillor Dyke's concerns:-

A. Fencing hazard on Church Street near P.K.'s Restaurant. It was agreed to check this matter out and get it remedied.

B. Ads on VOCM - 75 ads on VOCM for \$1,200.00 plus tax. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Butler to avail of these ads at the price quoted. Motion carried unanimously.

(4) Councillor Mouland's concerns:-

A. Softball Field. Councillor Mouland stated that the Softball Field will soon be ready for use.

B. Holding fee to keep the prices quoted for Splash Pad until next year. It was moved by Councillor Butler and seconded by Councillor Randell to pay a \$1,000.00 holding fee to the supplier of the Splash Pad equipment so that they will keep this year's quote until next year. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Dept. Of Transportation & Works roads. It was agreed to check to see when the lines are going to be painted on their roads.

D. Dust on Adam Pardy Drive. It was agreed to get calcium for this road.

E. Update from Discovery Regional Services on waste management.

(5) Deputy Mayor Robbins concerns:-

A. Holes in pavement near entrances to Stadium. It was agreed to get this done before Bonavista Day.

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(6) Mayor Fitzgerald's concerns:-

- A. Speed bumps near Playground. It was agreed to check this matter out for the next Council meeting.
- B. Regular inspections of equipment at Playground. It was agreed that this should be done by the Recreation Director/Stadium Manager at least once a week.
- C. "Caution Children Playing" sign near Adam Tremblett's residence on Sebastian Drive. It was agreed to erect a sign there as soon as possible.

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

(1) Water problem near Carolyn & Scott Waye's residence on The Mead. It was agreed to have this matter rectified as soon as possible.

A discussion then arose concerning the following:-

(1) Accounts Payables. The Chief Financial Officer/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 \$112,748.13 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Jerry Russell of The Russell House requesting a reduction in his Business Tax for 2015 since he will be open for less than six months. It was moved by Councillor Butler and seconded by Councillor Dyke to reduce Business Tax for 2015 for The Russell House by 50% since they will only be open six months of the year. Motion carried unanimously.

(3) Robert Clarke requesting a reduction in Property Tax for 72 John Cabot Drive for The Estate of Dorothy Clarke since this property was not large enough to be used as a building lot and had no value. The tax owing is \$250.00 per year (minimum) for four years (\$1,000.00). This property is in the process of being sold and since the buyer owns adjacent property then this property has more value because it enlarges the building lot and makes it suitable to build on. It was agreed that no reduction in taxes will be made.

(4) Bonavista Living/Bonavista Creative requesting permission to open a commercial/retail space with a small kitchen area at 61 Church Street. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Moulant that a permit can be issued for this request provided it meets Services NL regulations and is approved by them: i.e. Fire and Life Safety and Accessibility. Motion carried unanimously.

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(5) Bonavista Living/Bonavista Creative requesting permission to open a general retail space at 102 Church Street. It was moved by Councillor Dyke and seconded by Deputy Mayor Robbins that a permit can be issued for this request provided it meets Services NL regulations and is approved by them. Motion carried unanimously.

(6) HMCS St. John's Run The Rock Charity Fundraiser to raise funds for children's Wish Foundation requesting a donation from Council. It was agreed not to donate at this time.

(7) Municipal Plan and Development Regulations 2014-2024. A Public Hearing was scheduled for July 8, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. in the Town Hall, Bonavista to hear objection to the Municipal Plan. No objections were received by 2:00 p.m. on Monday, July 6, 2015; therefore, the Public Hearing was cancelled. At this time it was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Moulard to approve the Municipal Plan and Development Regulations 2014-2024 as adopted in a Council meeting on June 15, 2015. Motion carried unanimously. The Municipal Plan and Development Regulations must now go to the Planning Office of the Dept. Of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs for final approval. Pending final approval by Dept. Of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs the Plan will then be sent back to Council who must have it gazetted and advertised locally. When the gazetting is complete the new Town Plan becomes a legal document.

(8) Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for Cabot Stadium for July 2015.

(9) Rodney Quinton requesting a permit to develop a Funeral home at 137-141 John Cabot Drive in the Town of Bonavista. It was agreed to advise Mr. Quinton that he must put a Variance in The Packet for two weeks to see if anyone objects to the proposal since it is a Discretionary Use in a Residential zone.

(10) Campbell Street Project and request from Dept. Of Transportation and Works regarding storm drains, curbs, sidewalks, trees, shrubs, etc. It was agreed to write the Dept. Of Transportation and Works and advise them that Council will maintain storm drains beyond the Department's right-of-way and the Department will not be responsible for damage done to curbs, sidewalks, trees, shrubs, etc. as a result of normal snow clearing operations.

Since there was no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.