

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, OCTOBER 31, 2017

A regular meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Tuesday, October 31, 2017, at 7:03 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were six members present namely Mayor John Norman, Deputy Mayor Stephen Chard, Councillors Lindsay Phillips, Calvin Rolls, Barry Randell and Reg Butler. Also present at the meeting was Town Manager/Clerk David Hiscock and Harvey Hayley. The meeting was presided over by the Mayor.

Mr. Hayley attended the meeting to discuss with Council the problems that he has had with the new water tower being erected in his neighborhood. He has had damage done to his two vehicles, the siding on his house and also to his windows. A lengthy discussion continued regarding this matter. Council keeps back a 10% holdback on the progress payments until such time they are satisfied with the work done by the contractors. The Town will ensure that Mr. Hayley receives compensation for repairs which need to be done to his vehicles and his property before this 10% holdback is paid.

At 7:20 p.m. Mr. Hayley retired from the meeting.

At this time it was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Butler that the minutes of the meeting held on October 9, 2017, be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

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

(1) Councillors Rolls' concerns:-

- A. Speed signs around town. It seems that there are no speed signs on Station Road, Hospital Road or Coster Street. It was stated that a letter should be written to the Minister of Transportation & Works requesting that they send someone to this area to check out speed signs in their jurisdiction.
- B. Electronic Speed Signs on Confederation Drive. These signs are presently showing the speed in miles and not in kilometers and need to be fixed.
- C. Fences on Church Street. The Town Manager/Clerk stated that he had been talking to Neil King, M.H.A., this afternoon and he informed the Town Manager/Clerk that there is funding approved for seventeen workers for the Town of Bonavista Fisheries Project. This Project is to be administered by the Town.

(2) Councillor Randell's concerns:-

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- A. Complaint from Rick and Valerie Snook regarding water running from Rick Elliott's property down to their property on Old Days Road. The Town Manager/Clerk was advised to contact Mr. Elliott concerning this matter.
- B. Street light in the area of Rick and Valerie Snook's. It was agreed for the Town Manager/Clerk to check with Eric Stephenson of Nfld. Power regarding the placement of new street lights.

(3) Councillor Butler's concerns:-

- A. No street sign near Strathie's Funeral Home. Councillor Rolls stated that this street sign may be in the Town Hall basement as there used to be a sign there at one time.
- B. Bonnie Maidment re water problem in her area. The Town Manager/Clerk stated that we are waiting on the pipe for this area.
- C. George Combden requesting a water and sewer service to extend 95 feet from the road to his residence. This request comes about as a result of a letter he received from Council dated July 12, 1989, which stated that "when Town water and sewer facilities become available in the area that you will only be serviced to a maximum of 95 feet from the main highway." This letter was written because in order for Mr. Combden to get a permit for a house his subsurface sewer disposal system had to be installed in front of his house thus driving his house back approximately 200 feet from the road. Since that letter was written, regulations have changed and water and sewer servicing by the town can only go to property boundaries and not to within five feet from the house like it was then. Our lawyers advise we cannot be held liable for a decision made by Council 28 years ago especially since provincial regulations have changed. After much discussion it was agreed to discuss this at the next Council meeting.

(4) Councillor Phillips' concerns:-

- A. Pipe in road up by Alexander Martin's. It was agreed for this to be checked out.
- B. Area by Clement Abbott's house on Red Point Road. It was agreed for the Town Manager/Clerk to check with Bill Cullimore regarding this matter.
- C. Old well owned by Calvin Harris on Cellar Hill. It was agreed that Council forces would fill in this old well as it is a danger to the area.

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- D. Gerald Linthorne regarding access to his property on Bon Moor Road. It was stated that he can get access to his property off Heath Lane.

(5) Deputy Mayor Chard's concerns:-

- A. Marlene Butler complaining about people dumping old moose carcasses near her property on Riverstyx Road. The Town Manager/Clerk stated that he had also had complaints from Douglas Little regarding dumping on Old Catalina Road. At this time it was agreed to have an ad put on cable informing people that it is illegal to dump in non-designated areas and asking residents to report such dumping if they see it being done.
- B. Path by Garry Russell's on Coster Street. This path goes from Coster Street down to the brook on The Neck. It was stated that this would be an ideal CEEP Project.
- C. Keith Strickland complaining about old vehicles in front of his house. It was stated that a letter should be written to Basil Durdle regarding this as this is his property.

(6) Mayor Norman's concerns:-

- A. Meeting with ACOA regarding splashpad. He stated that this project is supposed to be finished by December 31. If the money is not spent, they will take it back. It was agreed to check with Nancy Robbins to find out the closing date and to check with Lloyd Stagg also on this matter.
- B. Lucy Mouland regarding curb and gutter near her property on John Cabot Drive. At this time it was agreed that Council needs to meet with Neil King, M.H.A. regarding the condition of the roads in town.
- C. Old moose carcasses down Cape in area of the Dungeon. It seems that taxpayers monies will have to be used to clean up this mess.
- D. Town Hall. Mayor Norman stated that the Town Hall needs interior maintenance done on it. It was agreed by all present that renovations need to be done to improve the appearance of the Town Hall.

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A discussion then arose concerning the following:-

(1) Accounts Payable. The Town Manager/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 Phillips that these bills in the amount of \$87,735.44 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Letter of congratulations to Mayor John Norman and the new Council from Paul Davis, M.H.A., Leader of The Opposition.

(3) Capital Works Funding Programs for 2018/2019. Deadline for submission is November 30, 2017. After some discussion it was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Butler to apply for Capital Works for 2018/2019 as follows:-

- A. \$1,250,000.00 - Phase II, Water & Sewer - Route 235 to include (paving not done in Phase I) 4 houses on Rocky Drung and Birchy Place
- B. \$1,000,000.00 - Removal of Old Water Tower.

Motion carried unanimously.

(4) Write-off of Poll Tax for John Abbott in the amount of \$750.00 since he has been responsible for property tax for 72 Roper Street during the same period. It was moved by Deputy Mayor Chard and seconded by Councillor Phillips to write off poll tax for John Abbott in the amount of \$750.00 since he is responsible for property tax for the same period. Motion carried unanimously.

(5) Letter from Rev. Shaun O'Connor requesting a sidewalk on Canon Bayley Avenue. It was agreed to write Rev. O'Connor a letter telling him that this will be taken into consideration.

(6) Bonavista Peninsula Branch Line Association requesting a representative on their Association. It was agreed that Councillor Butler would serve as a representative of Council on this Association.

(8) Bonavista Vacation Homes requesting a tax reduction for their two seasonal businesses since they are only open six months each year. It was moved by Councillor Butler and seconded by Councillor Randell to reduce Business Tax for Bonavista Vacation Homes by 50% for 2017 since they are only open six months each year. Motion carried unanimously.

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(9) Sewer Line Easement Agreement between R.C.M.P. and Town of Bonavista for the sewer line crossing R.C.M.P. property on 27-33 Rutherford Crescent in the Town of Bonavista. It was moved by Councillor Butler and seconded by Deputy Mayor Chard for the Town Manager/Clerk to sign this agreement on behalf of Council and forward it to Barry Hoyles of Public Works & Government Services Canada. Motion carried unanimously. This agreement gives the municipality permission to enter on R.C.M.P. land to make repairs to this sewer line provided it is restored to its original condition afterwards.

(10) R.C.M.P. Children's Wish Tree Lighting to be held November 15, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. It was moved by Councillor Rolls and seconded by Councillor Randell to donate \$150.00 to this cause. Motion carried unanimously.

(11) Representative on the Matthew Legacy Corp. Inc. It was agreed to leave this matter until a later meeting.

A discussion arose concerning the business arising from the minutes:-

(1) Union Negotiations between C.U.P.E. Local 1839 and the Town of Bonavista. The Town Manager/Clerk stated that he had been talking with Brian Farewell, C.U.P.E. Representative, and proposals are being prepared and will be sent out when they are complete.

(2) College of the North Atlantic.

(3) Street Lights near O.C.I. It was stated that some street lights can be removed since the new lights on the Boardwalk near there are providing plenty of light.

(4) John Winsor having water damage done to his property.

(5) Old vehicle belonging to Douglas Randell on Council property behind Bonavista Lions Club.

(6) Lift Station on Neck Road.

(7) Web Site for Town. The Mayor stated that he has been in contact with A.C.O.A. to see about funding for our web site.

(8) R.C.M.P. It was agreed by all present to request a meeting with the R.C.M.P. some time next week.

A discussion then arose concerning the following:-

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(1) Letter from Dolores Harvey, Program Coordinator-Bizpal,

(2) Budget for 2018. The Finance Committee need to get together with the Town Manager/Clerk to discuss the Budget before it is brought in to a Council meeting.

(3) Public Consultation on the Budget. The Mayor asked if Council would be interested in having a Public Consultation on the Budget. It was agreed to check to see if the Lions Club would be available one night during the week of November 13 and to have the debate from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. followed by questions from the gallery.

Since there was no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned with a prayer at 9:14 p.m.

BILLS TO BE PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL TO PAY, COUNCIL MEETING, OCTOBER 31, 2017

1.	R & J Advertising, ads - Office (Other), W & S	\$ 248.00
2.	Petro Canada, gas - Roads	266.42
3.	Mercer's Marine, boots - W & S Maint.	411.46
4.	Construction Signs Ltd., signs - Fire Dept.	897.00
5.	K. & D. Pratt, chlorine pillows - W & S Maint.	1,276.50
6.	Mercer's Marine, zinc - Fire Dept.	22.77
7.	Ellis Gas & Convenience, fuel - Fire Dept.	51.30
8.	S. W. Mifflin Ltd., propane - Roads	303.35
9.	Irving Oil Ltd., gas - Roads	273.73
10.	Nfld. Power, street lighting - Sept. 2017	9,803.90
11.	GBS Mobility, hone - Mayor	287.50
12.	David Hiscock, trip to Gander for Training Forum	626.40
13.	Emco Supply, W & S Maint. Materials	3,219.59
14.	Toromont CAT, parts - loaders - Roads	433.58
15.	Orkin, pest control - Dump	421.48
16.	Rock Racing and Auto, repairs - pickups - W & S, Roads	

	917.30
17. C. & C. Distributors, fuel - San., Roads, Office (Other)	4,255.47
18. Bell Aliant, phone bills - Sept. 2017	1,017.09
19. Municipal Assessment Agency, Assessment Fees 4 th . Quarter	18,417.00
20. Raymond Guy & sons Ltd., delivery - chlorine, etc. - W & S	336.59
21. Fortis Concrete Inc., cement & stone - Playground	4,616.10
22. H. T. Durdle Ltd., supplies - Playground	1,701.79
23. Saltwire, ad - Election 2017	247.94
24. G. B. Signs, road signs	1,365.63
25. Professional Municipal Administrators, registration - training	195.50
26. Dicks & Co. Ltd., office supplies	
27. Municipalities Nfld. & Labrador, Registration - Convention - Corner Brook	3,050.00
28. Landfall Variety, flowers - Retirement Party - B. Fitzgerald	57.50
29. Xylem, repairs to pump - Lift Station - W & S Maint.	10,092.24
30. Allstream, phone bill - Fire Dept. - Sept. 2017	9.33
31. Blue River Media, website hosting, etc.	710.70
32. Connors Diving, Air Test Kit - Fire Dept.	578.45
33. The Paint Shop, brushes - Fire Hydrant Painting	16.08

34. William Cullimore, trip to Clarenville re Warranty - Pickup	26.00
35. Keith Pardy, chain & lock - Dump	27.15
36. Coastal Paving, paving Moses Point - W & S	5,773.00
37. C. & C. Distributors, 4 oil burners, etc. - Roads	5,761.64
38. David Hiscock, trip to Trinity - Legendary Coast AGM	72.00
39. Shirran's Transportation, deliveries - brochures, etc.	45.00
40. Bonavista Cabs, delivery - NDAL - W & S	23.00
41. R. & J. Advertising, ads re flushing hydrants - W & S	100.00
42. Rodway's, name plates - New Councillors	44.11
43. Telus Mobility, Ipads, cell phones, - Sept.	516.66
44. Orkin, odor control - Town Hall	196.65
45. Ricoh, copy cost - June 22 - Sept. 30, 2017	423.96
46. D.S.I., copy paper - Office	534.41
47. J. T. Swyers Co. Ltd., materials - Sept. 2017	1,178.84
48. Avalon Hydraulics, repairs - hoses - Backhoe	363.01
49. Nfld. Power, light bills - Oct. 2017	5,012.39
50. Legendary Coast of Eastern NL DMO, Membership 2017	150.00

51. Mills Pittman Twyne, legal fees - BARDA Building	575.00
52. Marsh's Taxi, delivery - Roads	40.25
53. Micmac Fire & Safety, Fire Dept. Supplies	466.21
	\$ 87,735.44