

## MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, DECEMBER 10, 2012

A regular meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Monday, December 10, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were seven members present namely Mayor Betty Fitzgerald, Deputy Mayor Douglas Robbins, Councillors John Norman, Lindsay Phillips, Barry Randell, Rodney Gray & Paul Mouland. Also present at the meeting was Calvin Rolls, Town Manager. The meeting was presided over by the Mayor.

It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Mouland that the minutes of the meeting held on November 19, 2012, be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion arose concerning the following Councillors' concerns:-

(1) Mayor Fitzgerald's concerns:-

- A. Water and sewer services for Birchy Place.
- B. Christmas lights on Church Street.
- C. Parking space for Town Hall. More parking spaces are needed. Further parking spaces could be made at the back of the Town Hall.
- D. Health care. A meeting needs to be set up with Vickie Kaminski regarding this matter.
- E. Recreation for children. It was agreed to get the Recreation Committee to look at putting something such as water splashing behind the Stadium for children.
- F. Meeting with Hon. Terry French, Minister of Tourism, Culture & Recreation. A meeting is needed with him as soon as possible.
- G. Donation of ice time to Matthew Elementary School. It was agreed to donate two hours of ice time to two classes at Matthew Elementary School to reward them for fundraising done at their school and to check with Lloyd Stagg to see when time is available.
- H. Mayor Fitzgerald thanked Council and Glen Little, M.H.A., regarding the Golden Jubilee Award that she recently received.

(2) Councillor Gray's concerns:-

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- A. Complaints re Dump. We are getting complaints about the mess at the dump site and that there is nobody there.

(3) Councillor Randell's concerns:-

- A. Budget 2013. The Finance Committee of Council presented a balanced budget for 2013. In this budget the property tax rate was decreased from 8.5 mls. To 7.75 mls to help offset the approximately 24% increase in property value for 2013. All other tax rates remain unchanged with the exception of the Tax Agreement for OCI which will go from \$40,000.00 to \$46,000.00. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Norman to pass this budget for 2013 as presented by the Finance Committee. Motion carried; however, Councillor Phillips was contrary to the motion.
- B. Snow Clearing duties for Town Manager. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Gray to pay the Town Manager an extra \$10.00 per day from Dec. 1, 2012, to March 31, 2013, for his snow clearing duties. Motion carried unanimously.

(4) Councillor Norman's concerns:-

- A. Budget 2013 - New Playground Equipment. This will be done in the spring of 2013.
- B. "No Parking" signs in front of War Memorial. It was agreed for the Town Manager to contact the R.C.M.P. regarding the problem of people parking in front of the War Memorial.
- C. Needs "Dangerous Turn" signs by Paul Babineau's on Hospital Road and by J. T. Swyers Co. Ltd. on Cape Shore Road. It was stated that signs need to be placed in these areas.
- D. Light by War Memorial grounds. It was agreed for the Town Manager to contact Barry Lodge to get him to repair the light by the War Memorial grounds.
- E. Christmas Decorations on Church Street. It was suggested that we should have a Light Festival for 2013 from The Ryan Premises to J. T. Swyers Co. Ltd.

(5) Councillor Phillips' concerns:-

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- A. Taxes owing. The Town Clerk should give us a percentage of taxes owing — Poll Tax, Property Tax, Water and Sewer Tax, Business Tax.
- B. Road near Calvin Harris' on Cellar Hill. Some asphalt needs to be put on the road in this area.
- C. Boardwalk by Foodland. The boardwalk in this area will not go ahead until the spring of 2013. The Town Manager may be able to get more information in the new year regarding funding to replace this boardwalk.
- D. Chard's new building on Beaver Pond Road. A better turn-around is needed in this area.
- E. Digging up sewer to anyone not paying water and sewer taxes. The Town Manager will check on the status of this.
- F. Town Clerk doing Town Manager's work while the Town Manager was on sick leave. It was moved by Councillor Phillips and seconded by Councillor Gray to give the Town Clerk a bonus of \$1,000.00 for doing extra work while the Town Manager was off on sick leave. Motion carried unanimously.

(6) Councillor Mouland's concerns:

- A. Councillor Mouland welcomed the Town Manager back to work after undergoing surgery.
- B. Family Skating. Councillor Mouland suggested that the Town donate one hour free skating at Cabot Stadium for Family Skating during the Christmas season.
- C. Lights by Matthew Legacy Building. Would it be possible to get some for Church Street?

(7) Deputy Mayor Robbins' concerns:-

- A. Building being erected next to Bonavista Hospital on Joy's Lane. Is this building being downsized?
- B. Two old stores on Roper Street. Some of the cribbing is gone and the water is coming in across the road. It was agreed for the Town Manger to look at this area.

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- C. Old house of Doris White's (Matthew) now owed by the Bonavista Historic Townscape. Some old boards need to be taken away. It was agreed to get this cleaned up.
- D. Deputy Mayor Robbins expressed that he enjoys being on Council and is looking forward to 2013.

A discussion arose concerning the businesses arising out of the minutes.

- (1) Water for the Lench Lane area. It was stated that the installation of the water in this area would cost approximately \$11,000.00.
- (2) Tony Dunn regarding not getting any Council work on vehicles. It was agreed to share our work with all the garages in town.

A discussion then arose concerning the following:-

- (1) Accounts Payables. The Town Manager presented a list of bills for approval to pay. A copy of this list of bills I attached. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Norman that these bills in the amount of \$141,487.83 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.
- (2) Wastewater System Effluent Regulations. These regulations were made in July and if we are to comply we will need financial support from the Federal Government. Upon the advice of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities it was agreed to write our Member of Parliament to request funding so that we can comply with these Wastewater System Effluent Regulations.
- (3) Town of Elliston requesting Town of Bonavista to give permission to occupy crown land within out planning boundary for the Klondike Trail which runs between Spillars Cove and Elliston. It was agreed to give Town of Elliston permission to occupy this crown land.
- (4) Write-off of Poll Tax for Ernest Fisher who is recently deceased. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Norman to write off this outstanding Poll Tax for Ernest Fisher who is deceased. Motion carried unanimously.
- (5) Long term plan for Municipal Infrastructure Funding. It was moved by Councillor Norman and seconded by Councillor Phillips to approve a resolution to endorse the Federation of Canadian Municipalities campaign for Long Term Infrastructure funding to meet the core needs of cities and towns in Canada. A letter should also be sent to the Minister of Transport Infrastructure and Communities re the same. Motion carried unanimously.

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(6) Statement of Revenue & Expenses for Cabot Stadium for November 2012.

(7) Letter of appeal from Daniel Butler re Butler Enterprises. It was stated that this has already gone to our lawyers for their perusal.

(8) Turkeys for Staff, Fire Department and Council for Christmas. It was agreed to do as per previous practice.

Mayor Fitzgerald thanked all of Council for their work in 2012 and looks forward to working together in 2013.

Since there was no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.