MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, FEBRUARY 16, 2015

A regular meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Monday, February 16, 2015, at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were six members present namely 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 Deputy Mayor.

It was moved by Councillor Butler and seconded by Councillor Gray that the minutes of the meeting held on January 28, 2015, be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

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

(1) Councillor Dyke's concerns:-

- A. Committee to discuss ambulance services in the Bonavista Area. It was stated that a meeting will take place next week on this matter.
- B. Health Care on the Bonavista Peninsula. Councillor Dyke gave a report that was given her by the Mayor since the Mayor is sick and cannot attend the meeting. The Mayor had a telephone conversation with the CEO of Eastern Health. Topics of discussion were doctors, Dialysis Unit, Alzheimer's Unit and Chief of Staff. It was agreed for the Deputy Mayor to arrange a meeting with Chief of Staff in Clarenville to discuss health care in Bonavista.
- (2) Deputy Mayor Robbins' concerns:-
 - A. Dialysis on the Bonavista Peninsula. The Dialysis Suite will be set up on a temporary basis as early as April or May.
 - B. Funding for water and sewer on Route 235. It was stated that this is still being discussed by Dept. of Municipal Affairs.
 - C. Silver Wings Figure Skating club winning a gold medal in synchronized skating in Clarenville last weekend. The winning team consists of Klaire Hayward, Madison Elliott, Patricia Maloney, Natalee Chaulk, Jennifer Hiscock, Sarah Boyce, Bailey Hayward, Jordyn Piercey, Hailey Maloney, Emma Butler, Michaela Butler and Coach Brittany Baril. It was agreed to place an ad on cable congratulating them on their achievements.

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

(1) Street light on intersection of Coster Street and Confederation Drive. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Gray to have a street light installed in this area. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Meeting with OCI re future of plant in Bonavista. Councillor Randell agreed to try and arrange this meeting as soon as possible.

(3) Golden Heights Manor changing from East Link to Bell Aliant thus losing local TV channels. It was agreed to push to have these channels restored.

(4) BARDA building on Station Road. It was stated that we are still waiting on Roger Keel to give a report.

A discussion then arose concerning the following:-

(1) Accounts Payable. 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 \$35,142.39 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Statement of Revenue and Expenses for Cabot Stadium for January 2015.

(3) Canada Post Corporation reducing hours of work at the Bonavista Post Office by eliminating a 4 hour part-time position which would see the Post Office closed on Saturdays. It was moved by Councillor Gray and seconded by Councillor Dyke to oppose any reduction of services proposed by the Canada Post Corporation for our Post Office and to write Canada Post and advise them accordingly with a copy of a Resolution re same. Copies of this letter and Resolution should be sent to Canadian Postmasters and Assistants Association and our M.P. Motion carried unanimously.

(4) Discovery Regional Joint Council Memorandum of Understanding, Constitution and By-Laws. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Gray for the Mayor to sign this Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the Town of Bonavista. Motion carried unanimously.

(5) Johanna Ryan Guy requesting permission to have a used car lot on her property at 20 - 42 Dwyer Street. It was agreed to issue approval for this request; however, if complaints are received they will have to be dealt with accordingly.

(6) Abbott's Cape Shore Bed & Breakfast requesting a reduction in Business Tax for 2015 since they are only open five months of the year. It was moved by Councillor Butler and seconded by Councillor Dyke to reduce Business Tax for Abbott's Cape Shore Bed & Breakfast by 50% since they are only open seasonally. Motion carried unanimously.

(7) Firemen's Ball. This event takes place on March 28, 2015, and all Councillors should now have their written invitations.

Since there was no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.