

## MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, MAY 26, 2014

A regular meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Monday, May 26, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were seven members present namely Mayor Betty Fitzgerald, Deputy Mayor Douglas Robbins, Councillors Barry Randell, Reg Butler, Rodney Gray, Beverly Dyke and Paul Mouland. Also present at the meeting was the Town Manager Calvin Rolls. The meeting was presided over by the Mayor.

It was moved by Councillor Butler and seconded by Councillor Mouland that the minutes of the meeting held on May 12, 2014, be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

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

(1) Councillor Randell's concerns:-

- A. Condition of Adam Mouland House in Mockbeggar. It was stated that the owner, Mr. Smith, was written and advised that we are going to have to secure this house and charge the cost to him since the property is becoming a danger to neighbouring properties.

(2) Councillor Butler's concerns:-

- A. Sewer services for Mrs. Alma Chard on Chard's Place since she is having trouble with her sewer. It was moved by Deputy Mayor Robbins and seconded by Councillor Butler to install a lift station in this area to facilitate Mrs. Chard with town sewer. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Gerald Linthorne requesting a meeting with Council concerning a lane that gives him access to his property off Bon Moor Road. This lane is closed and Mr. Linthorne wants it re-opened. It was agreed that the decision is made and another meeting won't change that.

(3) Deputy Mayor Robbins' concerns:-

- A. Speed signs near Matthew Elementary School on Route 230. It was agreed to look at this matter before the next school year.

(4) Mayor Fitzgerald's concerns:-

- A. Staff at Council helping to set up booths at Mockbeggar Plantation for Canada Day.

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- B. Dept. of Transportation & Works' roads in Bonavista. Mayor Fitzgerald stated that she was talking to Paul Goodman on this matter.
- C. Targa. Mayor Fitzgerald stated that Targa Nfld. wants to come to Bonavista on September 18, 2014. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Gray to allow Targa in to Bonavista for one year to see how it works out. Motion carried; however, Councillor Dyke was contrary to this motion.
- D. HMCS Run The Rock coming to Bonavista on June 27, 2014, and requesting the Town to sponsor a "Meet and Greet" while they are in Bonavista. It was agreed for the Mayor to look out to this matter.

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

(1) Generator for Town Hall. The Town Manager stated that our Engineers have reported that a generator for the Town Hall will cost approximately \$48,000.00 plus tax installed. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Deputy Mayor Robbins to call tenders for this generator. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Cleaning sand off sidewalks on Church Street. It was agreed to check with Bulldog Construction to see how much it will cost to do this cleaning.

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 \$32,129.94 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Properties owned by C. & M. Nfld. Inc. that they purchased from the Bonavista Historic Townscape Foundation. It was stated that when these properties were owned by the Townscape Foundation, we collected no tax. Now C. & M. Nfld. Inc. would like a partial exemption of the taxes until such time as the houses are fully renovated. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Gray to give C. & M. Nfld. Inc. a 50% reduction in taxes for properties that they have purchased from the Townscape Foundation until such time as they are fully renovated and ready for use. Motion carried unanimously.

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(3) Letter from Wilma Norman, Chair, Church Street Festival Committee, requesting financial support from Council to host a barbeque at the Town Hall at the end of the Mummers' Parade and be a main supporter of the Church Street Festival 5K/10K Fun Run by allowing them to display our logo on their promotional materials. It was moved by Deputy Mayor Robbins and seconded by Councillor Moulard to donate \$1,000.00 to the Church Street Festival, to host a barbeque at the end of the Mummers' Parade and to support the 5K/10K Fun Run. Motion carried unanimously.

(4) H. & R. Block requesting a reduction in Business Tax for 2014 since they are only open three months per year. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Butler to reduce Business Tax for H. & R. Block to the minimum of \$150.00 for 2014 since they are only open three months each year. Motion carried unanimously.

(5) Bonavista Historic Townscape Foundation requesting Council to remove old house belonging to the Estate of Annie Tilley from the property on Bland's Lane since they own the property now and this old house is an eyesore and needs to be removed. It was agreed to look at this matter and do it if we can.

(6) Little Dairy King requesting a reduction in Business Tax for 2013 and 2014 since they are only open six months a year. It was moved by Councillor Butler and seconded by Councillor Dyke to reduce Business Tax for Little Dairy King for 2013 and 2014 by 50% since they are only open six months each year. Motion carried unanimously.

(7) Adam Moulard House being in poor condition and needing repairs. It was stated that we should write the current owner and advise him that we are going to secure the house and charge him with the cost.

(8) Roger and Sally Ball requesting either a reduction in taxes for 2014 or replacement of 1,500 sq. ft. of lawn because of extensive damage done to their existing lawn by a powerful sea surge in March of this year. The rock seawall built by Council held up but the partially rotten wooden sea fence caved in to the pressure of the sea. It was agreed to advise Mr. & Mrs. Ball that we cannot honor the request because this is a force of nature that we cannot control.

(9) Funding for Municipal Capital Works Program Project #12281 Road Upgrading & Paving Amendment #1 in the amount of \$44,152.00. It was moved by Councillor Gray and seconded by Councillor Dyke to authorize the Mayor and Town Clerk to sign this amendment on behalf of Council. Motion carried unanimously.

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(10) Wanda Mercer requesting permission to open a used car lot on her premises on 47 - 49 Hospital Road. It was agreed to issue an Occupancy permit for this business.

(11) Membership on the Hike Discovery Organization. Currently the Mayor is the Council member and Lora Swyers is the Trail Committee Representative. It was moved by Councillor Mouland and seconded by Councillor Butler to confirm these representative on Hike Discovery Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

(12) 2015 Tourism Guide for Hike Discovery Inc. It was agreed to put Cape Shore Trail in this Guide.

Since there was no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.