

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, AUGUST 11, 2014

A regular meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Monday, August 11, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were five members present namely Mayor Betty Fitzgerald, Councillors Reg Butler, Beverly Dyke, Rodney Gray and Paul Mouland. Also present at the meeting was Town Manager Calvin Rolls. The meeting was presided over by the Mayor.

It was moved by Councillor Butler and seconded by Councillor Dyke that the minutes of the meeting held on July 21, 2014, be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion arose concerning the following Councillors' concerns:-

(1) Councillor Gray's concerns:-

- A. Firemen getting letters advising them that if they don't attend practices and fires more regularly, then they will be dismissed from the Department. It was agreed to meet with the Fire Chief on this matter tonight.

(2) Councillor Butler's concerns:-

- A. Cuts in Staff for R.C.M.P. Bonavista Detachment. It was agreed for the Mayor to arrange a meeting with the R.C.M.P. to discuss this matter. This meeting should include representations from all towns on the Bonavista Peninsula.

(3) Councillor Dyke's concerns:-

- A. Dementia Cottages. Councillor Dyke wanted to know when this cottage will be opened.
- B. Demonstrations by Staff of Golden Heights Manor because the building needs air conditioning. The Mayor stated that the Staff are meeting with Eastern Health re this matter and hopefully the problem will be rectified.

(4) Councillor Mouland's concerns:-

- A. Painting Stadium. Councillor Mouland wanted to know if a CEEP Program can be applied for to paint the Stadium.
- B. Councillor Mouland stated that he received a cheque for \$7,500.00 towards basketball nets, etc. This cheque came from Dept. Of Tourism Culture & Recreation.

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(5) Mayor Fitzgerald's concerns:-

A. Back of sign entering town stating "Please Come Again."

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

(1) Lindsay Phillips filling in his land on Phillips' Lane to build a house on. There was some concern as to if Mr. Phillips fills in his land, will it flood Mr. Bradley's property? It was agreed by all present to ditch the area near Mr. Bradley's to try to alleviate any potential water problem. As for water and sewer servicing, this will be discussed at a later meeting.

(2) Grace Pentecostal Church requesting a waiver of permit cost for renovations they are doing to their Church. It was agreed to wait until the next Council meeting before a decision is made on this matter.

At 8:00 p.m. Fire Chief Keith Pardy arrived at the meeting. A discussion arose with Chief Pardy concerning Fire Department members and their attendance at practices and meetings. Recently letters went out to firemen who had poor attendance advising them that they must pick up their attendance or disciplinary action will be taken.

Chief Pardy explained that all firemen were advised of this protocol when they joined the Department so failure to attend practices and fires result in disciplinary action that they should have been aware was coming.

At 8:50 p.m. Chief Pardy retired from the meeting.

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 the list of bills is attached. It was moved by Councillor Dyke and seconded by Councillor Butler that these bills in the amount of \$35,206.43 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Letter from Herbert Butler requesting a reduction in water and sewer rates for 2013, 2014 and 2015 because they are out of the province six months of the year. It was agreed to advise Mr. Butler that if he wants a reduction in water bills he will have to turn off the water while he is away and it must be off for at least four months for him to qualify for rate reduction. Mr. Butler also asked for a Business Tax reduction for Butler's By The Sea for 2012, 2013 and 2014 since they are only open four to five months each year. It was moved by Councillor Butler and seconded by Councillor Gray to reduce Business Tax for Butler's By The Sea by 50% for 2012, 2013 and 2014 since they are only open seasonally. Motion carried unanimously.

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(3) Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for Cabot Stadium for July 2014.

(4) Mifflin’s Tea Room and Mifflin’s Heritage Inn Bed & Breakfast requesting a reduction in Business Tax for 2014 since they are only open from June 1 to October 30, 2014. It was moved by Councillor Moulard and seconded by Councillor Dyke to reduce Business Tax for Mifflin’s Tea Room and Mifflin’s Heritage Inn Bed & Breakfast by 50% for 2014 to a minimum of \$150.00 for each since they are only open seasonally. Motion carried unanimously.

(5) Bonavista Historical Society requesting Council to pay for legal fees regarding the purchase of the Federal Building in Bonavista. These fees are \$10,380.26. It was agreed that we cannot pay these fees at this time.

(6) Capital Works 2015-2016. It was moved by Councillor Dyke and seconded by Councillor Gray to apply for Capital Works Funding for 2015-2016 as follows:-

Priority	1) Water Tower Replacement	\$1,250,000.00
Priority	2) W & S Route 235	\$1,000,000.00
Priority	3) Garage	\$1,000,000.00

Motion carried unanimously.

(7) Brenda Hobbs building a two storey shed on her property on Brown’s Hill in contravention to the permit that was issued. It was agreed to have Mrs. Hobbs attend a meeting to discuss this matter further.

Since there was no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.