

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, NOVEMBER 14, 2011

A regular meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Monday, November 14, 2011, at 5:35 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were five members present namely Mayor Betty Fitzgerald, Deputy Mayor Douglas Robbins, Councillors Barry Randell, John Norman and Paul Mouland. Also present at the meeting were the Town Manager Calvin Rolls and David Bradley from Bonavista Historic Townscape Foundation. The meeting was presided over by the Mayor.

A discussion arose with Mr. Bradley concerning the Bonavista Historic Townscape Foundation and its current projects — The Harbour Front Development, Garrick Theatre and Campbell Street development. A general discussion arose about the Historic Townscape Foundation's involvement in the future.

At 6:30 p.m. Councillor Phillips arrived at the meeting.

At 7:00 p.m. Mr. Bradley retired from the meeting.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Robbins and seconded by Councillor Norman that the minutes of the meeting held on October 24, 2011, be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

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

(1) Councillor Randell's concerns:-

A. Town Plan Review. A lengthy discussion arose concerning this review. Our Planner, D. W. Knight, will meet with Council to discuss this matter further in the near future.

At this time a potential conflict of interest situation arose with Councillor Norman and Councillor Mouland as it relates to developing Strathie's Road Sub-Division

At 7:50 p.m. Councillor Norman and Councillor Mouland retired from the meeting.

After a further discussion it was agreed to get more information from Dept. of Municipal Affairs on this matter before a decision is made.

B. Snow Clearing duties for Town Manager. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Phillips to pay the Town Manager an extra \$10.00 per day from Dec. 1, 2011, to March 31, 2012, for his snow clearing duties. Motion carried unanimously.

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(2) Councillor Norman's concerns:-

- A. Dog Run. The Town Manager stated that the land for this dog run will be filled in by the spring and he will apply for a project to complete the fencing, etc. at this time.
- B. Welcome signs entering Bonavista. It was agreed to check these signs to see if they need to be replaced and if so with what kind of sign.
- C. Anthony Insurance Office moving to Clarendville. It was agreed to write Anthony Insurance to express our disappointment in their not keeping an office in Bonavista.
- D. Christmas Decorations. It was agreed to check out prices for Christmas street decorations for Church Street.
- E. Bonavista Automotive in dilapidated condition. It was agreed to secure this property and send the owners the bill.
- F. Budget 2012. It was agreed to have a Finance Committee meeting on Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. to discuss this matter.

(3) Councillor Phillips' concerns:-

- A. Tax Rates for vacant houses Councillor Phillips suggests that the minimum tax rates should be increased on these properties and the minimum tax in general should be increased. It was agreed to discuss this matter at the Finance Committee meeting on Wednesday night.
- B. Training Gary Fleming in heavy equipment operation. It was agreed he can use our equipment to learn this trade.

(4) Councillor Mouland's concerns:-

- A. Minor Ballfield to be absorbed by the playground for outdoor adult exercise equipment and tennis courts. It was agreed to size up this area before the next Council meeting.

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- B. Cabots hosting Bishop Falls to two hockey games on November 25 and 26 to commemorate the 25th. Year of the Cabots' winning the Central Beothuck League. It was agreed for the town to honor this event with two banners at a cost of approximately \$300.00. It was agreed to get a price for these banners for the next Council meeting.

(5) Deputy Mayor Robbins' concerns:-

- A. People placing signs around town to advertise events and not removing them after the events. It was agreed to place an ad on cable advising people that these signs must be removed after events or Council will do it and they will be charged.
- B. Spring Clean-Ups. It was agreed to discuss this matter at the Finance Committee on Wednesday night.

(6) Mayor Fitzgerald's concerns:-

- A. R.C.M.P. Leadership Workshop next Tuesday at Clarendville. It was agreed for the Mayor and a Councillor to attend this workshop.
- B. A video of Bonavista to advertise the town. The Tourism Committee suggests that we get prices to do this video for sale to tourists.

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

(1) Shoulder washouts on The Meade. It was agreed to write the Minister of Transportation and Works and request that the infrastructure to remedy these washouts be included in their 2012 Capital Works Program.

(2) Keith Parly requesting Heavy Equipment rate when he is using the excavator at the dump. It was agreed to pay him three hours per day at the Heavy Equipment rate at the dump.

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 Norman that these bills in the amount of \$78,321.33 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for Cabot Stadium for October 2011.

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(3) Request from Craig Pollett, MNL, re municipal leaders willing to sit on a Fisheries Advisory Committee.

(4) Letter from Hon. Felix Collins, Minister of Justice, stating that there is no plan to discontinue the Circuit Court in Bonavista.

(5) Tenders received for Main Pumphouse Upgrading. Tenders were received as follows:-

A.	H. & B. Construction Ltd.	\$177,975.00
B.	Hann's Electric Ltd.	\$272,895.00
C.	Southern Construction Ltd.	\$285,890.00
D.	R. & D. Construction Ltd.	\$339,000.00
E.	Goodyear's Electrical Ltd.	\$372,900.00

Upon the advice of our engineers, it was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Phillips to award this contract to H. & B. Construction Ltd. for the amount of \$177,975.00. Motion carried unanimously.

(6) Municipal Fire Dept. Assessment Report for Bonavista as prepared by Tony Rose, Fire & Emergency Services.

(7) Auditor's Report for Town of Bonavista for year ended December 31, 2010. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Phillips to accept this report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

(8) Bonavista Lions Club Annual Christmas Tree Program. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Deputy Mayor Robbins to donate \$150.00 to this worthy cause. Motion carried unanimously.

(9) Turkeys for Christmas. It was agreed to order turkeys for Council, Staff and Fire Department for Christmas.

(10) Matthew Elementary School requesting a portion of Shelley's Road to be made a one-way street. It was agreed for Council to look at this matter before a decision is made.

(11) Land on the left side of Roper Street from Walkham's Bridge to the Matthew Building. It was agreed to advise the Bonavista Historic Townscape Foundation that this property belongs to Council.

(12) Council representative on the Harbour Authority. It was agreed for Councillor Randell to serve on this Committee.

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(13) Crosswalk light by crosswalk at intersection of Confederation Drive and Hospital Road. It was stated that this crosswalk light will cost approximately \$20,000.00 to install.

Since there was no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.