

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, APRIL 7, 2015

A regular meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Tuesday, April 7, 2015, at 4:40 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were seven members present namely Mayor Betty Fitzgerald, Deputy Mayor Douglas Robbins, Councillors Rodney Gray, Barry Randell, Reg Butler, Beverly Dyke and Paul Mouland. Also present at the meeting were Town Manager Calvin Rolls and Brenda Hobbs. The meeting was presided over by the Mayor.

A discussion arose with Ms. Hobbs concerning a shed she built on her property at 37 Brown's Hill that was closer than four feet from her neighbours' property. The neighbours are complaining and want the shed removed. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that more thought must go into this matter before a decision is made.

At 5:00 p.m. Ms. Hobbs retired from the meeting.

It was moved by Councillor Butler and seconded by Councillor Dyke that the minutes of the meeting held on March 8, 2015, and the special meeting held on March 12, 2015, be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion then arose concerning the following Councillor concerns:-

(1) Councillor Randell's concerns:-

- A. Historic Properties Investment Program (HPIP). The Bonavista Historic Townscape Foundation are proposing grants to restore residential buildings. These grants would include \$5,000.00 from Council; \$5,000.00 from ACOA. However, the homeowner would have to contribute at least 50% (10,000.00) and the complete outside will have to be restored. It was agreed for Council to commit \$25,000.00 to this Program if and when five houses qualify. Council will have final say on who receives the grant.
- B. Generator for Town Hall. It was stated that the generator is ordered.

(2) Councillor Butler's concerns:-

- A. Meeting with R.C.M.P. It was agreed to meet with them at the next meeting.
- B. Protection around Communications Tower at Fire Hall to prevent people from climbing it. It was agreed to check on this matter.

(3) Councillor Dyke's concerns:-

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- A. Meeting with O.C.I. at St. John's on April 6, 2015. The response was good and the future of the plant in Bonavista looks good.

(4) Councillor Mouland's concerns:-

- A. Doctor situation in Bonavista. Councillor Mouland asked the current status of the doctors and the Mayor reported that some doctors are coming to Bonavista to look at the area and a firm is being hired to try and recruit more doctors for Bonavista. At the end of April we could be short doctors in this area. It was agreed to invite Dr. Singh in to a meeting to discuss this matter as soon as possible.
- B. Splash Park at Playground. Councillor Mouland stated that work is progressing on plans for this Splash Park.

(5) Deputy Mayor Robbins concerns:-

- A. Condition of Marine Center. Deputy Mayor Robbins wants to know what we can do to improve this Marine Center since it is in deplorable condition.
- B. Emergency Committee. Deputy Mayor Robbins asked what happened to this Committee—they haven't met in a couple of years.

(6) Mayor Fitzgerald's concerns:-

- A. Dangerous crosswalk near J. T. Swyers Co. Ltd. It was agreed by all present that something should be done to try and alleviate this potentially dangerous situation.
- B. Regional Heritage Fair for the schools in the Vista District May 14, 2015, in Trinity. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Dyke to donate \$50.00 towards having an award set up for this Heritage Fair. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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(1) Snow on Old Day's Pond Boardwalk. It was stated that we should consider getting a snow blower for this boardwalk.

A discussion then arose concerning the following:-

(1) Accounts Payables. 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 Dyke that these bills in the amount of \$39,896.30 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Lora Swyers requesting permission to restore their property on Cape Shore Road to be used as a summer cottage. It was moved by Councillor Butler and seconded by Councillor Mouland to issue a permit for this proposal subject to approval of government Services regarding water and sewer services and restoration to circa 1920. Motion carried unanimously.

(3) Maureen and Keith Abbott, Puffin's Landing Bed and Breakfast, requesting a reduction in Business Tax for 2015 since they are only open for six months annually. It was moved by Councillor Butler and seconded by Councillor Dyke to reduce Business Tax for Puffin's Landing Bed and Breakfast by 50% since they are only open six months annually. Motion carried unanimously.

(4) Funding for Water Tower replacement. At a special meeting of Council held on March 12, 2015, it was duly moved, seconded and carried to write the Minister of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs requesting \$650,000.00 in MCW for 2015 and \$600,000.00 in MCW for 2016 to go with the \$750,000.00 we already have so that we can have \$2,000,000.00 to replace our Water Tower as early as 2016. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Mouland to ratify this motion made in the special meeting on March 12, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

(5) John Norman, C. & M. Newfoundland Inc., requesting permission to use some of Council property next to Lisa Ricketts' property for public parking when the Linthorne building (old museum) becomes a business. It was stated that Council has no objections to this parking.

(6) Letter from Roger Keel, BARDA, re their building on Station Road and their willingness to sell it as soon as they have their paperwork in order.

(7) John Fleming requesting land at 34 Baker's Marsh Road in the Town of Bonavista be put in his name and taxes listed to Kurt Fleming which amounts to \$1,190.00 (minimum tax) for the last five years be changed to \$206.44 to reflect this name change. It was moved by Councillor Butler and seconded by Deputy Mayor Robbins to approve this name change and associated tax change. Motion carried unanimously.

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(8) Auditors for 2014. It was moved by Councillor Gray and seconded by Councillor Randell to appoint Richard Power, F.C.A., as Auditor for the Town of Bonavista for the year ended December 31, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

(9) Church Street Festival Committee requesting financial support from Council so that they can prepare for this year's festival from July 27 to August 2, 2015. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Deputy Mayor Robbins to donate \$1,000.00 to this festival. Motion carried unanimously.

(10) David Ralph requesting Council to repair his car after he claims it was damaged by ice and snow from our plow on March 29, 2015. The repairs cost \$565.00. It was agreed that we cannot pay for these repairs at this time.

(11) Statement of Income and Expenses for Cabot Stadium for March 2015.

(12) Sand and salt for Winter 2015-2016. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Gray to order 400 tons of sand and salt at \$45.50 per ton and 75 tons of salt at \$113.50 per ton. Motion carried unanimously.

(13) Crystal Fudge taking two weeks holidays commencing April 8, 2015. It was agreed to pay her for these two weeks holidays since she is considered a permanent employee even though she only came to work in November 2014. The balance of the time needed to accrue two weeks holidays will be worked when she returns from her holidays.

(14) John Best requesting financial help installing water and sewer to his proposed cabins on Cape Shore Road. He would need 1½" water line and 6" sewer line a distance of 240' which will cost approximately \$8,000.00. It was agreed that we cannot support this request at this time.

(15) Discovery Collegiate Drama Troupe travelling to the Provincial Theatre Arts Festival in Corner Brook from April 30 to May 2, 2015, and needing financial support to cover the expenses. It was moved by Councillor Butler and seconded by Councillor Dyke to donate \$500.00 to this cause. Motion carried unanimously.

(16) Fireworks for Bonavista Days 2015. It was moved by Councillor Gray and seconded by Councillor Butler to purchase \$15,000.00 worth of fireworks for Bonavista Day 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Since there was no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.