

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, FEBRUARY 11, 2013

A regular meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Monday, February 11, 2013, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were six members present namely Mayor Betty Fitzgerald, Deputy Mayor Douglas Robbins, Councillors John Norman, Rodney Gray, Barry Randell and Lindsay Phillips. Also present at the meeting was Town Manager Calvin Rolls. The meeting was presided over by the Mayor.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Robbins and seconded by Councillor Gray that the minutes of the meeting held on January 21, 2013, be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

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

(1) Councillor Norman's concerns:-

- A. Complaints about snow clearing in Canaille particularly operating at high speed.
- B. College of North Atlantic requesting to do a presentation to the Town. It was agreed to have this presentation at 7:00 p.m. on February 25, 2013.
- C. Pre-budget consultations to be held on Friday February 15, 2013 at Clarendville.

(2) Deputy Mayor Robbins concerns:-

- A. Emergency Plan for Bonavista. A discussion arose concerning the need for a generator for the Town Hall in case of a power outage. It was agreed to get the specifications for this generator for the next meeting.
- B. Sidewalks near Ryan Premises. Who is responsible for snow clearing on this sidewalk? It was agreed to check this matter out.
- C. Ability Employment Corporation Job Trainer funds. It was agreed to avail of this project this year.

(3) Mayor Fitzgerald's concerns:-

- A. Old shed belonging to Ernest Martin on Folley Hill. It was agreed to check this matter out for the next Council Meeting.
- B. Water & sewer services for Birchy Place area..

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- C. Lloyd Shelley having 40 years of volunteer service with the Fire Department. It was agreed to give something - to be decided - to commemorate this 40 years of service.

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

- (1) Daniel Butler operating an Automotive Repair facility on his property on Mully's Lane without the necessary approval from Council. It was stated that a Court date of February 28, 2013 is set to hear this case in the Provincial Court in Clarendville.
- (2) Purchase of Federal Building. Engineering estimates for "Building Condition Assessment & Preliminary Cost Estimate" to have this building upgraded to our specifications is \$34,609.00. It was agreed to talk with the Engineers re this price.

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 Gray that these bills in the amount of \$31,465.00 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.
- (2) Abbott's Cape Shore Bed & Breakfast requesting a reduction in Business Tax for 2013 since their business will only open from May to September 2013. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Norman to reduce this Business Tax by 50% since it is only open five months of the year. Motion carried unanimously.
- (3) Contract documents for Emergency Water Main Repair - Mockbeggar Canal. It was moved by Councillor Gray and seconded by Councillor Phillips to sign these contract documents as presented by our Engineers, Nfld. Design Associates Ltd. Motion carried unanimously.
- (4) Statement of Income and Expenses for Cabot Stadium for January 2013.
- (5) Letter from Derrick Bragg, President Professional Municipal Administrators re their Annual Convention April 17-19, 2013 in St. John's.
- (6) Letter from a concerned citizen re our choice of words - "Dementia Bungalow" - in our Newsletter. It was stated that these words were the terminology of the Provincial Government and we used the same.
- (7) Bonavista Lions Club requesting a donation to purchase chairs for their Club. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Norman to donate \$350.00 to this cause. Motion carried unanimously.

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- (8) Emergency Repairs to Watermain at Mockbeggar. The Provincial Government has approved funding under Project #12243 in the amount of \$79,510.00 with \$60,794.00 being the Provinces share. It was moved by Councillor Phillips and seconded by Councillor Randell to authorize the Mayor and Town Clerk to sign the agreement between the Dept. of Municipal Affairs and Town of Bonavista for this project. It was also agreed that Nfld. Design Associates Ltd. be our prime consultant for this project. Motion carried unanimously.
- (9) Provincial Court schedule of 1st. Appearances in Bonavista for 2013. This schedule has only 4 appearances in Bonavista in 2013. It was agreed to write and inquire as to whether or not this schedule is adequate.
- (10) Web Site. It was stated that this site is not to Council's satisfaction. It was agreed for Councillor Norman to talk with Chris Herridge of Blue River Media re this matter.
- (11) Outstanding taxes for 2012. It was stated that last years taxes must be collected before April 30, 2013 or action will have to be taken - water cut offs, etc.
- (12) Boardwalk around Beaver Pond that was destroyed by IGOR. It was stated that our Boardwalk will not be replaced because we did not have a license to occupy the land on which this Boardwalk was built. It was agreed to apply for a License to Occupy this property.
- (13) Brochures. Brochures cost \$5,490.00 plus tax for 5,000.00. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Norman to purchase these brochures at the price quoted.. Motion carried unanimously.
- (14) Tax rate for Luxury Estates. It was moved by Councillor Phillips and seconded by Councillor Randell to charge Luxury Estates 70% of the assessed tax for 2013 for property tax and business tax. Motion carried unanimously.

Since there was no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.