



## September 16, 2024 - 4:00 PM

### Call meeting to order/adoption of agenda: -

A regular meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Monday, September 16, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were seven members present; Mayor John Norman, Deputy Mayor Reg Butler, and Councillors Nicole Abbott, David Hiscock, Lindsay Phillips, Barry Randell and Colleen Tinkham were present in the Chambers. CAO Stephanie Lodge, ECHO Crystal Fudge, DEO Kirk Way and Youth Representative Noah Butt were also present.

The meeting was presided over by the Mayor.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Butler and seconded by Councillor Hiscock that the agenda of the meeting held on September 16, 2024, be adopted as read with an amendment to include the approval of the Ultimate Recipient Administrative Agreement 2024-2034. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Delegations/Proclamations/Presentations:** - None

#### Adoption of minutes: -

It was moved by Councillor Tinkham and seconded by Councillor Phillips that the minutes of the meeting held on August 12, 2024, and the special meeting held on August 27, 2024 be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Business arising from the minutes: -

- > CAO gave an update of the meeting held with Minister Hutton regarding the repair of provincial roads and the removal of the water tower.
- The auction for the tax sales of 8 properties is scheduled for September 20, 1:00 pm at the Garrick Theatre.
- Mayor Norman gave an update on the continuing harassing behavior of the public towards Council and Staff which has resulted in serious, negative impacts for the Town. The circulation of misinformation, delays in internal reporting, increased staffing costs, mental health concerns, and significant spending on legal fees are some of the challenges that the Town has been dealing with as a result of public behavior. This will be a topic at the upcoming MNL conference, and The Town of Bonavista has offered to speak during the discussion.
- > Recycling of cardboard DEO is exploring options for this project.
- > Illegal dumping Councillor Tinkham suggested we place trail cameras around popular dumping sites. Councillor Abbott suggested we make another Facebook post regarding the issue.

#### Committee Reports: - None

### **Administrative Notes:** -



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- MNL Conference 2024: It was moved by Deputy Mayor Buter and seconded by Councillor Randell to appoint Mayor Norman and Councillor Hiscock to be voting delegates for the Town of Bonavista at the 2024 MNL conference. Motion carried unanimously.
- ➤ New fire truck Deputy Mayor Butler gave an update. The new fire truck will be at the Fire Convention in Clarenville on September 28 and will arrive in Bonavista on September 29. There will be a private event for the Fire Department and Council upon its arrival. Details for the main public event will be announced soon.
- ➤ Fire Department responding to medical calls It has been confirmed that fire fighters are protected under the Town's general liability policy when responding to Emergency-Non Medical and Emergency Medical Calls when acting as a First Responder. Responding to these types of calls is a decision between the Town and the Fire Department. A meeting will be arranged with the Department to discuss.
- ➤ Ultimate Recipient Canada Community-Building Fund Administrative Agreement 2024 -2034: It was moved by Councillor Hiscock and seconded by Councillor Tinkham to approve the Ultimate Recipient Canada Community-Building Fund Administrative Agreement 2024 -2034. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Finances: -

- 1. A list of bills for approval to pay was presented. A copy of this list of bills is attached. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Tinkham that these bills in the amount of \$158,403.66 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2. The Cabot Stadium Statements of Income and Expenses for August were reviewed, and no issues were noted.

#### Permits:-

A summary of permits was presented for information/review purposes.

#### Correspondence:-

| From                          | Date               | Regarding                                   | Action/Resolution   |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|---|---|
| Eliza Swyers                  | August 15, 2024    | Parking for novice drivers                  | This area will be available until renovations to the Town Hall begin.                                     |
| Dan Butler                    | August 20, 2024    | Reduction in taxes due to w/s line          | This issue is being reviewed by legal counsel.  |
| Residents of Sharpe's<br>Lane | September 8, 2024  | Funding for w/s service to<br>Sharpe's Lane | Project will be included on the capital works application this year.                                      |
| Cathy Bishop                  | September 12, 2024 | Update                                      | Individual requests should be addressed to Council in the form of correspondence as members of the public |



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|  |  |  | cannot add items to the agenda. The updates requested will be addressed in Councillor concerns. |
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#### **Notice of Motions:**

None

### Councillors' Concerns: -

#### Mayor Norman's concerns: -

- 1. Water study CAO stated the RFP has been issued by the Government.
- 2. Update on Health Care- Two existing physicians have re-signed one-year contracts, and another physician is reviewing a contract with hopes of signing in Bonavista. A physician in Nova Scotia is reviewing an offer letter as well. There is great pressure and competition within the health care system. It is extremely important for patients to be kind to these essential workers. Much work is being done on recruitment and retention and there are positive signs for the future of the Bonavista Hospital.
- 3. Dr. Penney's retirement Councillor Tinkham provided a summary of meetings with the Health Authority and the Department of Health where Council advocated for Dr. Penny's practice to be accommodated. Unfortunately, an understanding could not be reached. CAO will request a follow-up meeting with the Health Authority to discuss supporting residents through the loss of her practice.
- 4. Harbour Authority and Cruise Ships Mayor Norman clarified the situation due to misinformation being circulated on social media. The Town has been working to support the Harbour Authority on meeting federal regulations to allow cruise ships into Bonavista Harbour. However, The Harbour Authority did not complete the necessary training. The Town is now working with Cruise NL and DFO to hopefully sort out the issue.
- 5. Invitation for grand opening for Saltwater Community Association The Town is currently in legal dispute with the organization and therefore will not be attending.
- 6. Closure of Scotiabank The Bonavista Historic Townscape Foundation submitted a proposal in partnership with The Town to acquire the Scotiabank building. Council set up a committee to work on financial institution recruitment and through discussions, the importance of securing the building (which houses a provincially registered vault) was stressed. Another proposal was accepted by Scotiabank, and the building was donated to a local not-for-profit organization which has made the Town's efforts in recruitment much more difficult.

## Councillor Tinkham's concerns: -

- 1. Stop sign by Matthew Legacy Councillor Tinkham suggested moving this sign out and/or installing a "stop sign ahead" notice.
- 2. Rutherford Crescent Bushes are covering the stop sign by the Quintal Café.
- 3. Car wrecks around town It was stated the Town does a yearly clean up in the Spring.



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- 4. RCMP Update Two new members have been recruited to the Bonavista detachment. RCMP recruitment is starting to rise.
- 5. Harbour Fest October 5, 2024. On Wednesday, September 18 there is a Harbour Fest pre-event at the Matthew Legacy. Harbour Fest is still looking for volunteers if anyone is interested.
- 6. Bus tour The bus tour that visited and had mechanical issues this summer sent a thank you to everyone that helped at the Legion while they awaited repairs.
- 7. Councillor Tinkham expressed thanks to Councillor Abbott for organizing the Terry Fox Run for the Town.
- 8. ATV initiative Councillor Tinkham is looking at the possibility of partnering with the Trail Association on the ATV initiative. The ATV safety notices that were mailed seemed to be well received.

### Councillor Phillips' concerns: -

- 1. ATVs around the playground at night This will be communicated to the RCMP so they can add more patrol in the area.
- 2. Roll's Hill Repairs to the bottom of this road needs repairs. This will be passed to the DEO.

#### Deputy Mayor Butler's concerns: -

- 1. Stop sign on Landers Lane DEO to check if this was done.
- 2. Deputy Mayor Butler commended the Bonavista Cancer Relay on another successful event. It is a proud event for the Town as one of the largest fundraisers for Daffodil Place in the province.

#### Youth Representative Noah

- 1. Crosswalk between Discovery Collegiate and North Atlantic This has been addressed with the Department of Transportation.
- 2. Basketball court Needs repairs to pavement. This will be passed to the DEO.

### Councillor Hiscock's: -

1. Wastewater management – Councillor Hiscock asked for an update on the extension that was provided and what our current requirement is.

#### Second Councillor Randell's: -

- 1. Matthew Legacy Building Shingles need replacement on Matthew building. It was suggested to reach out to ACOA for funding options.
- 2. Mouland's Lane Complaints received regarding people living in an abandoned home. CAO to write the property owner a letter regarding a violation of the Occupancy and Maintenance Regulation.



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- 3. CNA update Mayor Norman stated that there is currently good enrollment and a number of programs are full. The introduction of the LPN program needs to be addressed again with the CNA Executive team.
- 4. Wellness Centre Tip-a-Vista has been working with the Health Authority to get the gym up and running. The goal is to open early in 2025.
- 5. New Municipal Plan The Town's Consultant will visit in October for a briefing with Council and host a public meeting.

#### Councillor Abbott's concerns: -

- 1. Cabot Stadium It was suggested to close the openings in the bleachers to prevent children from climbing.
- 2. Garbage on John Cabot Drive It was suggested to post a reminder on social media regarding covering and securing garbage when travelling to the dumpsite.

Since there was no further business to be discussed, it was moved by Councillor Tinkham that the meeting be adjourned at 6:00.

Stephanie Lodge, CAO/Clerk

## Town of Bonavista Bills Presented for Approval Council Meeting September 16, 2024

|          | Vendor                               | Department        | Description                                   | Amount     |
|----------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|---|------------|
| 1        | Boyce Tech                           | Stadium           | Gas tax - new sound system                    | 10,803.44  |
| 2        | Paint Shop                           | Recreation        | Painting - John Cabot Park                    | 85.95      |
| 3        | Vardy Villa Limited                  | Sanitation        | Garbage collection for July 2024              | 21,160.00  |
| 4        | Bell Aliant                          | Museum            | Phone bill                                    | 113.62     |
| 5        | Bell Aliant                          | Fire              | Phone bill                                    | 220.88     |
| 6        | Bell Aliant                          | Office            | Phone bill                                    | 376.59     |
| 7        | Ricoh                                | Office            | Printer/Copier                                | 662.25     |
| 8        | Bonavista Cabs                       | Fire              | Package pick up                               | 23.00      |
| 9        | Fire House Service and Supply        | Fire              | Fittings and adapters                         | 1,757.46   |
| 10       | Raymond Guy & Sons Ltd.              | W&S               | W&S delivery                                  | 1,303.68   |
| 11       | GJM Enterprises Ltd.                 | Roads             | Chisel blade                                  | 37.36      |
| 12       | Quadient                             | Office            | Mail Letter lease                             | 563.50     |
| 13       | Canada Post                          | Office            | ATV safety distribution                       | 248.40     |
| 14       | GB Signs                             | Recreation        | Signs for Disc Golf, Beaver and Old Days Pond | 1,058.00   |
| 15       | Avalon Hydraulics Limited            | Roads             | Supply new hose and fittings                  | 203.31     |
| 16       | Xplore Inc.                          | Fire              | Internet                                      | 133.39     |
| 17       | Foodland                             | Office            | Supplies                                      | 555.44     |
| 18       | Bell Aliant                          | Fire              | Phone bill                                    | 100.77     |
| 19       | Mills Pittman Twyne Law Office       | Office other      | Tax Sale                                      | 2,116.30   |
| 20       | Mills Pittman Twyne Law Office       | Office other      | Tax Sale                                      | 2,010.30   |
| 21       | Mills Pittman Twyne Law Office       | Office other      | Tax Sale                                      | 2,010.30   |
| 22       | Mills Pittman Twyne Law Office       | Office other      | Tax Sale                                      | 2,010.30   |
| 23       | Mills Pittman Twyne Law Office       | Office other      | Tax Sale                                      | 2,010.30   |
| 24       | EMCO                                 | W&S               | Supplies                                      | 3,231.48   |
| 25       | Orkin                                | Sanitation        | Pest control                                  | 643.66     |
| 26       | Saltwire                             | Planning          | Public heaaring ad                            | 317.40     |
| 27       | Wolseley                             | W&S               | Supplies                                      | 6,552.13   |
| 28       | Thomas Coffey Technical Services     | Fire              | Tank nozzles                                  | 862.50     |
| 29       | NL Power                             | Various           | Light bill (July and August)                  | 13,617.88  |
| 30       | David Hiscock                        | Office other      | Travel - UMC meeting                          | 921.52     |
| 31       | Credit Recovery                      | Office other      | Collections                                   | 78.20      |
| 32       | Dept. Fisheries, Forest, Agriculture | Office other      | Lease   | 1.15       |
| 33       | Craigs Locksmithing                  | Fire              | Fix garage door, lock on main door            | 1,115.00   |
| 34       | Paint Shop                           | Recreation        | Paint   | 257.85     |
| 35       | Paint Shop                           | Rds               | Paint   | 171.09     |
| 36       | Brenntag Canada Ltd.                 | w/s               | Chlorine, soda ash                            | 16,156.97  |
| 37       | Avalon Hydraulics Limited            | rds               | Hoses/fittings                                | 105.90     |
| 38       | Dicks & Co                           | Office            | Supplies                                      | 235.73     |
| 39       | Wolseley                             | w/s               | Supplies                                      | 79.21      |
|          | Dicks & Co                           | Office            | Toner   | 235.73     |
| 40       |                                      |                   | Part for spring rider                         | 598.00     |
| 41       | Coastline Specialities               | Recreation<br>Rds | Catch Basin                                   | 1,265.00   |
| 42       | Colton Concrete                      |                   |   | - 4,600.00 |
| 43       | Brenntag Canada Ltd.                 | w/s               | Cylinder Return                               |            |
| 44       | Xylem                                | w/s               | Repairs to pump                               | 6,577.91   |
|          | JT Swyers                            | Various           | Supplies                                      | 3,066.04   |
| 45<br>46 | Telus                                | Office            | Phones - April                                | 409.02     |

| 48  | Eastlink                     | Office       | Internet - April                           | 356.39     |
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| 49  | Amazon                       | Office other | Membership                                 | 11.49      |
| 50  | Xplore                       | Fire         | Internet April                             | 127.64     |
| 51  | Province of NL               | Office other | Gas Tax Exemption Permit                   | 120.00     |
| 52  | SMS Radio                    | Fire         | Radio renewal                              | 422.16     |
| 53  | Clarenville Inn              | Office other | Accomodations - MNL                        | 273.70     |
| 54  | Amazon                       | w/s          | Tools                                      | 1,122.72   |
| 55  | Hotel booking service        | Rds          | Hotel for PW convention - Cancelled in May | 22.29      |
| 56  | Double tree                  | Rds          | Hotel for PW convention - Cancelled in May | 971.46     |
| 57  | Amazon                       | Office       | Supplies                                   | 22.99      |
| 58  | Event brite                  | Museum       | Course - Museum Governance & Mgmt          | 139.78     |
| 59  | Trinity Historical Society   | Office other | Symposium - Cancelled in May               | 230.00     |
| 60  | GoDaddy                      | Office       | Microsoft 365 Renewal                      | 1,117.39   |
| 61  | Cahill Technical             | w/s          | Surge protection - pumphouse               | 2,820.87   |
| 62  | Gb Signs                     | Rds          | Stop Signs                                 | 879.06     |
| 63  | Orkin                        | Office other | Monthly Orkin Aire                         | 23.00      |
| 64  | Crewe's Garage Ltd.          | Fire         | 2000 Pickup Repair                         | 613.21     |
| 65  | Ellis Gas & Convenience Ltd. | Fire         | Diesel                                     | 43.22      |
| 66  | Raymond Guy & Sons Ltd.      | w/s          | W/S Delivery                               | 702.72     |
| 67  | Villa Vardy                  | Sanitation   | Garbage collection for August 2024         | 26,565.00  |
| 68  | GB Signs                     | Recreation   | Landfill Municipal Park Signs              | 859.05     |
| 69  | Bulldog Contracting Ltd.     | Roads        | Equipment Rental - John Deere Mini         | 644.00     |
| 70  | Air Liquide Canada Inc.      | w/s          | Cylinder yearly lease                      | 1,771.53   |
| 71  | Cahill Technical             | w/s          | New UPS - Water Tower                      | 3,903.91   |
| 72  | Irving Oil Limited           | w/s          | Fuel                                       | 466.15     |
| 73  | Orkin                        | Legacy       | Monthly Pest Control - Matthew             | 217.97     |
| 7.4 | Orkin                        | Sanitation   | Monthly Pest Control - Dump                | 643.66     |
| 75  | Biomaxx                      | w/s          | Outfall sampling                           | 4,134.93   |
| 76  | Foodland                     | Office Other | Supplies                                   | 287.30     |
| 77  | Brenntag Canada Ltd.         | w/s          | Credit - defective cylinders               | - 1,871.53 |
| 78  | Paint Shop                   | Roads        | Paint                                      | 184.64     |
| 79  | C&C Distributors Limited     | Rds          | Diesel                                     | 6,190.46   |
| 80  | C&C Distributors Limited     | Dump         | Diesel                                     | 986.55     |
| 81  | Bell Aliant                  | Fire         | Phone bill                                 | 100.71     |
| 82  | Bell Aliant                  | Fire         | Phone Bill                                 | 110.44     |
| 83  | Bell Aliant                  | Museum       | Phone Bill                                 | 109.47     |
| 84  | Bell Aliant                  | Office       | Phone Bill & Internet                      | 376.59     |
| 85  | C&C Distributors Limited     | Office       | Furnace Insurance                          | 264.44     |
| 86  | Parts for Trucks             | Roads        | Parts                                      | 30.11      |

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