

MINUTES OF MEETING, JANUARY 29, 2018

A meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Monday, January 29, 2018 at 11:05 a.m. in the Council Chambers. There were five members present namely Mayor John Norman, Deputy Mayor Stephen Chard, Councillors Barry Randell, Calvin Rolls and Paul Mouland.. Also present at the meeting was Neil King, M.H.A. Bonavista South. The meeting was presided over by the Mayor.

The Mayor thanked Mr. King for attending the meeting with Council to discuss various matters related to the town.

The following items were discussed:-

(1) Roads belonging to Dept. Of Transportation & Works in the Town of Bonavista. Some of their roads are in very bad condition. Confederation Drive starting from the Stadium out to the intersection of Confederation Drive and Church Street is badly in need of repairs and Coster Street is also in need of repairs. Curb and gutter is greatly needed in the area known as B.A. Hill to help solve the water problems in this area. Another road that needs to be upgraded is the Dungeon Road as a lot of tourists visit the Dungeon. It was also stated that the lines don't be painted on the roads for the tourist season but are put on the roads late in the summer or early fall. This is rather too late for tourists and can be very confusing for them if there are no markings on the roads. Another item of discussion was the speed signs around town. Speed signs were requested last year and the previous year but were not put up by Dept. Of Transportation & Works. Mr. King said that he will be back in St. John's on February 12, 2018, to attend caucus meetings and will try to arrange a meeting with the Minister of Transportation and Works to discuss Council's concerns regarding roads under the jurisdiction of Transportation and Works.

(2) Capital Works. A lengthy discussion followed concerning Capital Works for the Town. After much discussion Mr. King advised Council that they should also get in touch with Churence Rogers, M.P. Bonavista-Burin-Trinity regarding Capital Works for the town. Council's first priority is to do Phase II of Water and Sewer Route 235 in 2018.

(3) Work on the Bonavista Court House. This building is much in need of repairs and needs to be upgraded.

(4) CEEP Programs and JCP Programs. Mr. King informed Council that there is more funding available for JCP Programs than for CEEP Programs and for Council to apply for whatever JCP Programs they could in addition to applying for CEEP Programs.

(5) Campbell Street Project. The next phase of the Campbell Street Project is from Harbour Pond to the Bridge House.

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(6) Waste Management. The Garbage Contract with the Town of Bonavista and JR's Sanitation has been expired for a number of years. Councillor Mouland said that he has not spoken with Jim Miller who is involved with the Waste Management Committee for about a year. Councillor Rolls said that we are soon running out of space at our Town Dump. Mr. King said that he will send an e-mail to Jamie Chippett, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment, to get an update on this matter.

(7) Replacement of Government workers who are up for retirement. Will there be anyone replacing Government workers who are retiring? Mr. King said that Government hopes to fill these positions.

(8) Ambulance Service in the Bonavista area. A discussion arose concerning the wait times people have to wait to avail of the ambulance service. Sometimes a person who is only seven minutes away from the hospital may have to wait forty-seven minutes because the ambulance driver may have to pick up an attendant before picking up the patient. A dispatch center was supposed to have been built on Confederation Drive but has not yet been started.

Since there was no further information to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.