

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, FEBRUARY 17, 2014

A regular meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Monday, February 17, 2014, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were six members present namely Mayor Betty Fitzgerald, Deputy Mayor Douglas Robbins, Councillors Barry Randell, Reg Butler, Beverly Dyke and Paul Moulard. Also present at the meeting were Town Manager Calvin Rolls and Junior Tremblett. The meeting was presided over by the Mayor.

A discussion arose with Mr. Tremblett concerning his rate of pay. He was hired on as a Snow Plow Operator; however, since we do not need operators in the summer, Mr. Tremblett was paid labour rate. Mr. Tremblett is not satisfied with this reduction in pay and feels he is being discriminated against and will put in a grievance re same. After much discussion Mr. Tremblett retired from the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

At this time it was moved by Deputy Mayor Robbins and seconded by Councillor Butler that the minutes of the meeting held on January 27, 2014, be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion arose concerning the following Councillors' concerns:-

(1) Mayor Fitzgerald's concerns:

(A) Salting slippery roads. The Town Manager stated that our roads are salted when necessary and at our earliest convenience.

(B) Snow Clearing around town. Mayor Fitzgerald stated that we have received complaints about snow clearing. The Town Manager stated that these complaints are being dealt with.

(2) Councillor Randell's concerns:-

(A) Contact numbers for Management in case of emergencies, especially nighttime and weekends. It was agreed that Council should have contact numbers for management.

(3) Councillor Butler's concerns:-

(A) Street light on Confederation Drive near Parts Place. It was agreed that this will be reviewed again.

(B) Municipal Awareness Week. Councillor Butler suggests that we have a "Mock Council" elected from Discovery Collegiate students for Municipal Awareness Day May 28, 2014.

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(4) Councillor Dyke's concerns:-

(A) Rance Abbott's concern about access to Red Head. It was stated that the decision has been made on this matter.

(B) Old shed belonging to Ashley Hillman on Riverstyx Road. It was stated that this shed is dilapidated and must be repaired or removed.

(C) Bonavista Days 2014 - Entertainment for Bonavista Day Dance at Cabot Stadium. It was agreed to have local entertainment this year.

(D) Lapel Pin designed for Town of Bonavista for our 50th. Anniversary. The Bonavista Day Committee would like to do this and Council agreed.

(5) Councillor Mouland's concerns:-

(A) Dinner for past Mayor and Councillors to commemorate our 50th. Anniversary. It was agreed to discuss this matter at a later meeting.

(B) Upholding decisions of Council. It was stated that once a decision is made by majority vote, then all should agree that this decision is final and should abide by it whether you supported it or not.

A discussion then arose concerning the business arising out of the minutes.

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 Dyke that these bills in the amount of \$201,293.17 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Letter from K.S.A.B. Construction Ltd., re mini home sub-divisions and if there is any track of municipal or crown land available for such a development in Bonavista. It was agreed to talk with those people to get more information on this matter.

(3) Advertising on the back cover of the Discovery Trail Guide for 2014. Prices are very close to last year (\$2,705.22 taxes included). It was moved by Councillor Mouland and seconded by Councillor Butler to advertise on the back cover of the Discovery Trail Guide 2014 for the price indicated. Motion carried unanimously.

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(4) Statement of Income and Expenses for Cabot Stadium for January 2014.

(5) Navy League of Canada, Catalina Branch, requesting a donation to help offset a trip to Halifax in 2015 for cadet training. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Deputy Mayor Robbins to donate \$300.00 to this cause. Motion carried unanimously.

(6) Angie Ford requesting an exemption from paying water and sewer tax for her basement apartment since it is occupied by her aunt - rent free - because she is their live-in babysitter. It was agreed not to bill Ms. Ford for this second water and sewer tax.

(7) Michelle Froding doing her on-the-job training at the Town Office for the past six weeks. It was stated that she did well in her on-the-job training and benefitted us greatly. It was moved by Councillor Dyke and seconded by Councillor Butler to give Ms. Froding \$500.00 as a token of our appreciation for her services over the past six weeks. Motion carried unanimously.

(8) BioMaxx Wastewater Solutions Inc. proposing to lease us three flow meter units to measure the waste water flow in each of our sewer outfalls. The cost to lease these units are \$500.00 plus tax for each unit. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Moulard to lease these three flow meters for \$500.00 each plus tax for a period of one year. Motion carried unanimously. This is being done in order to satisfy the Federal Government's Waste Water Systems effluent Regulations.

(9) Letter from Roebathan McKay Marshall re Edgar Marsh's concern about the possibility of water damage to his property because of work done on The Meade this fall. This letter wants Council to assume responsibility for this potential water damage. Council agreed that we cannot assume responsibility for this.

(10) Town Brochures. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Deputy Mayor Robbins to order 5,000 brochures this year from Transcontinental for approximately \$5,490.00 plus tax. Motion carried unanimously.

(11) No Tractor Trailers Allowed on Hospital Road. It was agreed to investigate this matter again.

(12) Fireworks for Bonavista Days 2014. It was moved by Councillor Dyke and seconded by Councillor Butler to order fireworks for Bonavista Day 2014 for \$15,000.00 tax included. Motion carried unanimously.

Since there was no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.