

## MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, JULY 23, 2012

A regular meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Monday, July 23, 2012, at 7:10 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were six members present namely Mayor Betty Fitzgerald, Deputy Mayor Douglas Robbins, Councillors Lindsay Phillips, John Norman, Barry Randell and Rodney Gray. Also present at the meeting was Town Manager Calvin Rolls. The meeting was presided over by the Mayor.

At this time it was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Phillips that the minutes of the meeting held on June 26, 2012, be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

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

(1) Councillor Randell's concerns:-

- A. Matthew Legacy Site. It was stated that tourism numbers are really down this year at the site. The Town Manager stated that numbers are also down at the Museum and other places around town. It was agreed that new members are needed on the Matthew Legacy Board and people need to be approached to see if they are interested in serving on this board.
- B. Gerald Bashforth on behalf of the Bonavista Historic Townscape Foundation wanting his committee to meet with a committee of Council to discuss the demolition of old houses in Bonavista. The Town Manager was instructed to contact Mr. Bashforth regarding this matter.

(2) Councillor Norman's concerns:-

- A. Flowerbeds, etc. around town. Councillor Norman stated that "Congratulation" are to be given to the Bonavista Horticultural Society on a job well done with respect to the work they did on the various flowerbeds, etc. around town.
- B. Stewardship Site at O'Dea's Pond.
- C. Railing along canal fence down in Mockbeggar.
- D. BARDA building on Station Road. The Town Manager stated that he will contact Neville Samson regarding this matter.
- E. Breakfast On The Wharf on Friday, July 27, 2012. This is being hosted by the Bonavista Peninsula Dialysis Committee and is included in the Bonavista Days activities.

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- F. Sod cutting at the Cape. Are people allowed to cut sods at the Cape?
- G. Old post at the driving range on Cape Shore Road. The Town Manager said that he would speak to Connie Street regarding this matter.
- H. Old house behind Hart's Haven. It was stated that there is an old house and a mess around it behind Hart's Haven.
- I. Cleaning out of curb and gutters. The Town Manager will check with Dept. of Transportation & Works regarding this matter.
- J. Tip A Vista Wellness Foundation regarding a potential tenant to provide a Child Care Center in the former United Church Elementary School on Coster Street. It was agreed by all present to support this idea.

(3) Councillor Phillips' concerns:-

- A. Available land around town that could be developed for future use.
- B. Road by the Matthew building being closed to traffic. The Town Manager stated that this road is now open again.
- C. Boardwalk around Beaver Pond. It was agreed to have our MHA check into this matter.
- D. Building lots at Strathie's Road. It was agreed to place an ad on cable advising people that we still have two building lots available.

(4) Deputy Mayor Robbins' concerns:-

- A. Paving on Wells' Road.
- B. Population of Bonavista. It was stated that there are approximately 3,800 people in Bonavista according to Statistics Canada's latest census.
- C. Dumping Station for trailers. There is a dumping station at First Stop Gas Station.
- D. Bridge in Canaille at turn of the brook. The Town Manager said that he will talk to Steve Bartlett regarding this matter.

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- E. Signs for John Cabot Drive. People are driving very fast on John Cabot Drive. It was agreed to check with Dept. of Transportation & Works regarding this matter.

(5) Mayor Fitzgerald's concerns:-

- A. Old shed on corner of Folley Hill and John Cabot Drive. This old shed is in a dilapidated condition.
- B. Long Beach. This is a good site to place some picnic tables. Maybe the town can look at doing something with this beach next year.
- C. Michael Ryder fundraiser.
- D. Hon. Peter Peneshue. Mr. Peneshue is supposed to be coming to Bonavista some time this year for a visit.
- E. Canada Day. The Mayor thanked all employees for their help during Canada Day activities.
- F. Sods in front of the Stadium. The Mayor said that a great job is being done in this area.
- G. Scott Way's area re curb and gutter.

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

(1) Right-of-way from Coster Street to O'Connell's Brook. It was agreed to upgrade the lane by Jerry Hussey's as an alternate route from Coster Street to O'Connell's Brook.

(2) Playground. At this time Councillor Norman stated that the price for the equipment and the work to be done is approximately \$37,000.00. It was moved by Councillor Norman and seconded by Councillor Gray to purchase this equipment and have it installed. Motion carried unanimously.

(3) Lowering of flags at Town Hall for deceased Fire Dept. members and people who live to be 100. It was agreed to talk about this at the next meeting.

(4) Letter from Derrick Dalley, Minister of Tourism, Culture & Recreation, re condition of Provincial Historic Sites in Bonavista. It was stated that we need to contact Gerry Osmond regarding this matter.

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(5) Letter from Gerald Linthorne regarding lane leading to his property on Faulkner's Hill being taken in by Stephen Tremblett and Shawn Phillips cutting off his access to his land. The Town Manager suggested that all Councillors take a look at this area again.

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 the list of bills is attached. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Norman that these bills in the amount of \$49,136.20 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Statement of Expenses and Revenues for Cabot Stadium for June 2012.

At 8:35 p.m. Councillor Phillips retired from the meeting.

(3) Letter from Rodney Phillips and Charlene Cooper requesting reimbursement of \$180.00 for water and sewer which they paid for January to June 2012 for their basement apartment because someone is living in it without paying rent. This was a part of the purchase agreement that the original owner be allowed to live in the basement apartment rent free until they completed their new house. The basement apartment will not be rented after this tenant moves out. It was moved by Deputy Mayor Robbins and seconded by Councillor Randell not to charge Mr. Phillips for this apartment. Motion carried unanimously.

At 8:40 p.m. Councillor Phillips returned to the meeting.

(4) Glen Brown, H. & R. Block requesting a reduction in Business Tax for 2012 since he is only open three months each year. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Gray to give Mr. Brown a 75% reduction of Business Tax for 2012 since he is only open three months this year. Motion carried unanimously.

(5) Letter from Hon. Peter Kent, Minister of Environment, responding to our letter to him regarding our letter to him regarding the changes at The Ryan Premises.

(6) MNL Convention on October 4 - 6, 2012, in Gander. Mayor Fitzgerald, Councillor Phillips and Councillor Norman will attend this Convention. It was agreed that Mayor Fitzgerald and Councillor Norman will be the voting delegates at this Convention.

(7) JR's Sanitation requesting a raise of \$400.00 per week plus tax for garbage collection due to the high costs of parts and repairs on an aging garbage truck. The Town Manager was instructed to speak to Mr. Hicks regarding this matter to see if a deal can be negotiated.

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(8) Backstop on the ballfield. It was moved by Councillor Norman and seconded by Councillor Randell to purchase a backstop at a cost of \$4,300.00 plus tax. Motion carried unanimously.

(9) Letter from Paul Goodman, P. Eng., Regional Director, Dept. of Transportation & Works re tractor trailer traffic on Hospital Road. He stated that two custom signs have been requested advising "No Tractor Trailer Traffic Permitted on Hospital Road." These signs will be installed at entrances to Route 230 and Route 235.

(10) Work that Steve Bartlett is doing in relation to Igor repairs. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Deputy Mayor Robbins to replace the culvert at Canaille Brook. Motion carried unanimously.

(11) Letter from Patrick Carroll, Make & Break Festival Organizing Committee, Ryan Premises NHSC, re liability insurance for the Festival to be held during the afternoon of Saturday, August 4, 2012.

(12) Cyndi Baker, Baynet, re regional games. It was moved by Deputy Mayor Robbins and seconded by Councillor Norman to donate \$500.00 towards the regional games. Motion carried unanimously.

(13) Clarke's Pond Road needing gravel. It was agreed by all present to put a bit of gravel on this road.

(14) Harvey Templeman and Melvin Cooper requesting permission to demolish an old house they required recently on John Cabot Drive. The Town Manager was advised to check further into this matter.

(15) Tenders for road improvements. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Phillips to call tenders for road improvements and paving at Michael Ryder Avenue. Motion carried unanimously.

Since there was no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.