

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, AUGUST 24, 2015

A regular meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Monday, August 24, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were six members present namely Mayor Betty Fitzgerald, Deputy Mayor Douglas Robbins, Councillors Rodney Gray, Reg Butler, Beverly Dyke and Paul Mouland. 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 Butler that the minutes of the meeting held on August 10, 2015, be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion arose concerning the following Councillors' concerns:-

(1) Mayor Fitzgerald's concerns:-

- A. College of the North Atlantic curriculum for 2015. Mayor Fitzgerald reported on a meeting Council had with the Minister of Advanced Education and Skills on Friday at St. John's re this matter.
- B. Holes in pavement. The Mayor asked that those holes be repaired as soon as possible.
- C. Problems near Playground. Residents near the Playground are complaining about balls hitting their houses from people playing Ball Hockey. It was agreed to place signs on the Playground "No Ball Hockey Permitted." It was also agreed to put up the second tennis court net.
- D. Speed bump near Playground. It was agreed that a speed bump is not recommended at this time.

(2) Councillor Butler's concerns:-

- A. Bricks in sidewalk along Church Street. It was agreed to raise these bricks.
- B. B.A.R.D.A. building on Station Road. It was agreed to wait until the next meeting and a decision will be made after we get a report from B.A.R.D.A.

(3) Councillor Mouland's concerns:-

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- A. Fishermen's Memorial. It was agreed for a committee of Council to look out to this Memorial since the original committee is disbanded. The Mayor appointed Councillors Reg Butler, Rodney Gray and Paul Mouland to act on this committee with Councillor Butler as Chairperson.

(4) Deputy Mayor Robbins' concerns:-

- A. Water problem on The Meade. It was stated that this problem will be rectified as soon as we get the necessary permit from the Dept. Of Transportation & Works to do the necessary remedial work.
- B. Minutes on website. It was agreed to make sure that all adopted minutes are put on our website.
- C. Pictures that Ross Abbott is putting on internet. Deputy Mayor Robbins stated that he is getting a lot of positive remarks about this.

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

(1) Brenda Hobbs' shed on Brown's Hill. It was agreed to ask our Municipal Assessor his opinion on if this shed is depreciating the value of the neighbour's property.

(2) Blind intersections on Route 235. It was stated that a letter is gone to Dept. Of Transportation & Works about this matter but so far we have no response.

(3) Meeting with Route 235 group re Water and Sewer for their area. It was agreed to meet with them after Labour Day.

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 this list of bills is attached. It was moved by Councillor Butler and seconded by Councillor Dyke that these bills in the amount of \$43,796.01 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Bonavista Heritage Home requesting a reduction in Business Tax for 2015 since they are only open from May to September. It was moved by Councillor Mouland and seconded by Councillor Gray to reduce Business Tax for Bonavista Heritage Home for 2015 by 50% since they are only open seasonally. Motion carried unanimously.

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(3) Harrison Street requesting refund for overpayment of Poll Tax ever since he worked at the Fish Plant in Bonavista from 1993 to 2013. He owes Garbage Collection Fee of \$100.00 per year and Poll Tax for each year since he works in Bonavista for more than ninety days each year.

The Municipalities Act states because he works in Bonavista for more than ninety days he should pay the full Poll Tax. He feels that he should only pay for the time he works in Bonavista on a prorated basis. It was agreed that Council cannot reimburse him for any taxes since he is required to pay the full tax each year.

(4) Donna Shirran of Bonavista Hostel requesting a reduction in Business Tax for 2015 because they are only open six months a year. It was moved by Deputy Mayor Robbins and seconded by Councillor Dyke to give Bonavista Hostel a 50% reduction in Business Tax for 2015 since they are only open six month of the year. Motion carried unanimously.

(5) Tenders for supply of a 2016 3500 Series Pickup. Tenders were received as follows:-

Terra Nova Motors	\$39,394.46
Royal Garage Ltd.	\$38,406.44

It was moved by Councillor Gray and seconded by Councillor Mouland to award the tender for the supply of a 2016 Pickup to Royal Garage Ltd. for the amount of \$38,406.44, tax included. Motion carried unanimously.

Since there was no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.