

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, JUNE 15, 2015

A regular meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Monday, June 15, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were seven members present namely Mayor Betty Fitzgerald, Deputy Mayor Douglas Robbins, Councillors Rodney Gray, Barry Randell, 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 Gray that the minutes of the meeting held on May 25, 2015, be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion arose concerning the following Councillors' concerns:-

(1) Mayor Fitzgerald's concerns:-

- A. Partial loss of Heavy Equipment Operator Course at Bonavista Campus of College of North Atlantic. The College proposed classroom training in Bonavista and practical training in Stephenville. The Mayor stated she would like Council's support to write the Premier and request a meeting to discuss this matter further because we do not want to lose any courses at the Bonavista Campus. Talks with Management of Campus and the Minister responsible have done no good. It was agreed unanimously to write the Premier regarding this matter.
- B. Complaints about poor condition of a piece of equipment on the Playground. It was agreed to have this piece of equipment removed.
- C. Water problem near Carolyn and Scott Waye's on The Meade. Mayor Fitzgerald stated that Mr. and Mrs. Waye complained about a water problem in this area.

(2) Councillor Randell's concerns:-

- A. Historic Properties Investment Program (HPIP). At the March 9th. Council meeting it was agreed to invest \$25,000.00 into the HPIP Program if five houses qualified for a grant. There were eleven applications of which nine qualified. The HPIP Committee have received the applications, reviewed and ranked them. Council then commenced to select five to be awarded grants as follows:-

- Wilfred Hicks' House - Power's Lane
- Jeff Cuff's House - Ryan's Hill
- Dennis & Julie Faulkner's House - Canon Bayley Road
- Glen Little's House - Ryan's Hill
- Rick Elliott's House - Church Street

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It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Deputy Mayor Robbins to approve HPIP Grants for the five houses listed above. Motion carried unanimously.

(3) Councillor Dyke's concerns:-

- A. Water and Sewer facilities for Route 235. Councillor Dyke stated that we should meet with residents of Route 235 to explain where we stand with respect to water and sewer facilities in this area. It was agreed to set up this meeting.
- B. Animal Control Constable to investigate complaints about animal cruelty. It was agreed for Councillor Dyke to get a copy of the new Provincial Animal Cruelty Act.

(4) Councillor Mouland's concerns:-

- A. Work done on Softball Field. Councillor Mouland stated he would like to see work done on the Softball Field as soon as possible.
- B. Splash Pad. Councillor Mouland stated it will cost approximately \$100,000.00 to install this Splash Pad. Planning is being put in place to look for funding for this Splash Pad.
- C. Painting Stadium. It was agreed for the Stadium Manager to call tenders for this work.

(5) Deputy Mayor Robbins' concerns:-

- A. Fishermen's Memorial at Cape Bonavista. The Deputy Mayor asked whose names should be included on this monument. It was agreed to get more information for the next Council meeting.

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

(1) Matthew Legacy Inc. The Mayor gave an update on what is happening at The Matthew Legacy Site.

A discussion then arose concerning the following:-

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(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 Randell and seconded by Councillor Dyke that these bills in the amount of \$104,851.90 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Statement of Income and Expenses for Cabot Stadium for May 2015.

(3) Letter from Connie Street, Little Dairy King, requesting a reduction in Business Tax for 2015 since that business is only open six months each year. It was moved by Councillor Butler and seconded by Councillor Gray to reduce Business Tax for Little Dairy King for 2015 by 50% since they are only open half the year. Motion carried unanimously.

(4) Letter from Neil Shah, Neil's Yard, requesting reduction in Business Tax and Property Tax for 2015 since they are only open seasonally. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Dyke to reduce Business Tax for Neil's Yard for 2015 to \$150.00 since they are only open seasonally. As for property tax, they are billed because they occupy a Provincial Government building and since the Provincial Government doesn't pay Property Tax they will be required to pay the full Property Tax for 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

(5) Letter from Kim Boyce-Durdle requesting the lane which connects Lawrence Lane and Ackerman's Lane to be used by pedestrians and bicycles only — no vehicular traffic and no parking. It was agreed to advise Ms. Boyce-Durdle that we agree this lane should be closed to vehicular traffic and we will erect signs to accommodate this decision.

(6) Rance Abbott requesting permission to erect a cabin on his property on Lance Cove Road. It was agreed to advise Mr. Abbott that this area is zoned "Rural" and not recommended for development at this time.

(7) C. & M. Nfld. Inc. per John Norman requesting to build a utility building resembling a barn on his property on Russelltown Road. It was agreed to have Council look at this matter for the next Council meeting.

(8) Municipal Plan and Development Regulations 2014-2024. It was moved by Councillor Gray and seconded by Councillor Butler to adopt the 2014-2024 Municipal Plan and Development Regulations as written by D. W. Knight Associates Ltd. and reviewed and accepted by Provincial Planning Office of Dept. Of Municipal & Intergovernmental Affairs. Motion carried unanimously. At this time it was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Moulard to appoint Greg Pittman of Mills Pittman Twyne Law Offices as our Commissioner for a Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously. At this time it was agreed to set up the Public Hearing for residents to review the Town Plan and voice objections if they have any. The Public Hearing is to be held on July 8, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

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(9) Therapy Works in Clarendville requesting if they set up a Satellite Office in Bonavista would there be any incentives from Council. It was agreed to advise them that they will be given a pro-rated Business Tax if they are only open part-time to a minimum of \$150.00 which is our minimum Business Tax.

(10) Eric Abbott requesting the path behind his house on 140 Red Point Road closed to vehicular traffic because it is unsafe. It was agreed to advise Mr. Abbott that since people in the area use this trail regularly it will remain open to vehicular traffic. However, we will erect a sign "Use At Own Risk" on this trail.

(11) Nicole Kielly requesting if the Town of Bonavista would be interested in her setting up a Satellite Hygienist Office in Bonavista. It was agreed to advise Ms. Kielly that she can explore the possibility of setting up an Hygienist Office in Bonavista. However, she should be aware that we have a Dentist Office in Bonavista now complete with an Hygienist.

(12) Bonavista Environmental Stewardship Committee requesting a meeting with Council. It was agreed to meet with them at the next Council meeting.

Since there was no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.