

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 9, 2013

A regular meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Monday, September 9, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were five members present namely Mayor Betty Fitzgerald, Deputy Mayor Douglas Robbins, Councillors Lindsay Phillips, Barry Randell and Rodney Gray. Also present at the meeting was the Town Manager, Calvin Rolls.

The meeting was presided over by the Mayor.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Robbins and seconded by Councillor Randell that the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 12, 2013 and the special meeting held on August 23, 2013 be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion arose concerning the following Councillors' concerns:-

1. Councillor Gray's concerns:-

- a) Children playing on mound of gravel on Neck that might be dangerous to them.
- b) Speed indicator to warn drivers if they are exceeding speed limit. It was agreed to investigate this for a later meeting.

2. Councillor Randell's concerns:-

- a) Ditching near Harvey Hayley's in the event of overflow of water tower. It was agreed for our Engineers to check this matter out.
- b) Parking on Beaver Pond Road near Chard's Cottages. It was agreed to check this matter out.

3. Councillor Phillips' concerns:-

- a) People needing at least 20 hours work to qualify for CEEP. It was agreed to discuss this matter after the election.

4. Deputy Mayor Robbins' concerns:-

- a) "No Exit" sign for Mifflin's Lane. It was agreed to erect one there.
- b) Salaries for Doctors. It was stated that Doctors in Clarendville earn more than Doctors in Bonavista who do equivalent jobs. It was agreed to meet with Eastern Health re this matter.

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- c) **Edward Chard requesting a turn around at the end of Abbott's Lane and pavement recapped.**
- d) **Coyotes on Country Estates. It was agreed to check with Dept. Of Natural Resources re this matter.**

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

- 1. **Paving around Town. It was stated that invitations for quotations for Engineering closes Friday, Sept. 13, 2013. Engineering should be done shortly after that.**
- 2. **Barry Durdle's land on John Cabot Drive needing to be cleaned up. It was agreed for the Town Manager to call Mr. Durdle re this matter.**
- 3. **Sale of land at 21 Mockbeggar Road. Bids were received as follows:**

Kenneth Abbott	\$ 500.00
Bonavista Historic Townscape Foundation	\$1,525.00

It was agreed to sell the land to the highest bidder.

A discussion then arose concerning the following:-

- 1. **Accounts Payables. The Town Clerk presented a list of bills for approval to pay as attached. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Gray that these bills in the amount of \$48,091.20 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.**
- 2. **June & Randy Abbott, Abbott's Wildlife Museum & Craftshop requesting a reduction in Business Tax for 2006-2013 since they were only open four months each year. It was moved by Deputy Mayor Robbins and seconded by Councillor Gray to give Abbott's Wildlife Museum & Craftshop a 50% reduction in Business Tax for the years indicated since they were only open four months each year. Motion carried unanimously.**
- 3. **Upgrading & Paving Project #12281. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Phillips to authorize the Mayor & Town Clerk to enter into an agreement between Dept. Of Municipal Affairs and the Town in order to receive funds for road upgrading and paving under Project #12281. Motion carried unanimously.**

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4. **Rates of pay for Returning Officer, Alternate Returning Officer, Deputy Returning Officers and Poll Clerks for the upcoming election which will be held on September 24, 2013. It was moved by Councillor Phillips and seconded by Councillor Gray to pay the Returning Officer \$250.00 per day for Nomination Day and Election Day; to pay the Alternate Returning Officer \$200.00 per day for Nomination Day and Election Day; to pay the Deputy Returning Officers \$200.00 for Election Day and the Poll Clerks \$175.00 for Election Day and to pay \$150.00 for poll booths. Motion carried unanimously.**
5. **White's Bed & Breakfast requesting a reduction in Business Tax for 2013 since they were closed for renovations for eight months. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Gray to reduce White's Bed & Breakfast Business Tax by 50% since they were closed for renovations. Motion carried unanimously.**
6. **Neil's Yard requesting a deduction in Business Tax for 2013 since their business is only open April to Sept. 30, 2013. It was moved by Councillor Phillips and seconded by Deputy Mayor Robbins to reduce Business Tax for Neil's Yard by 50% since they are only open six months of the year. Motion carried unanimously.**
7. **Dorman's Manor, c/o Karen & Kevin Jenkins requesting a reduction in Business Tax for 2013 because business is limited in the winter months. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Phillips to reduce Business Tax for Dorman's Manor by 50% since business is limited in the winter months. Motion carried unanimously.**
8. **Statement of Revenue & Expenditures for Cabot Stadium for August 2013.**
9. **Rick Elliott requesting the road near his new apartments called "Jasmine Crescent". It is a private road; however, we need a name so that the apartments can have civic addresses. It was agreed to call this road Jasmine Crescent and to advise Mr. Elliott accordingly.**
10. **Ronald McDonald House seeking donations. This is their first anniversary. It was moved by Councillor Gray and seconded by Deputy Mayor Robbins to donate \$500.00 to Ronald McDonald House. Motion carried unanimously.**
11. **Keith Pardy requesting heavy equipment operator pay, an extra \$100.00 per month for expenses for being Fire Chief, one day a week for doing inspections etc. for the Fire Department and continued Health Insurance when he finishes work at the Dump. Mr. Pardy advises he will resign as Fire Chief on Sept. 23, 2013 if these requests are not met. It was agreed that these request cannot be met at this time.**

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12. **Statement of Revenue & Expenditures for Bonavista Day Celebrations 2013.**
13. **Calvin Butler, Janitor, Town Hall requesting an increase in his fee from \$350.00 per month to \$400.00 per month effective October 1, 2013. It was agreed to discuss this matter at a later meeting.**
14. **Meeting with OCI on September 13, 2013 - 11:00 a.m. at their office on Topsail Road in St. John's. It was agreed for all Councillors who can attend to do so.**

Since there was no more business to be discussed it was agreed that the meeting be adjourned at 5:55 p.m.