

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, JANUARY 23, 2012

A regular meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Monday, January 23, 2012, at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were seven members present namely Mayor Betty Fitzgerald, Deputy Mayor Douglas Robbins, Councillors Rodney Gray, Barry Randell, John Norman, Lindsay Phillips and Paul Mouland. Also present at the meeting was the Town Manager Calvin Rolls. The meeting was presided over by the Mayor.

It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Gray that the minutes of the meeting held on January 9, 2012, be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

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

(1) Councillor Gray's concerns:-

A. Marginal Wharf for Bonavista Harbour. It was stated that the tenders for the new wharf have closed and R. & D. Construction Ltd. is the lowest bidder.

(2) Councillor Randell's concerns:-

A. Dementia Bungalows for Bonavista. The tender closed for this project some time ago; however, bids were over the estimates. It was agreed to write the Minister of Health requesting an update on the status of this project.

(3) Councillor Norman's concerns:-

A. Housing conditions at Bonavista Hospital Facility. It was stated that the house on the entrance to the Hospital Grounds experienced a lot of water damage due to frozen water lines. It was also stated that this house is currently being shipped out and then estimates to repair this building will be requested.

B. Tourism Committee of Council needing an inventory of its assets. It was agreed to try and get this inventory by next year.

C. Town Hall. Councillor Norman wanted to know what the status of this matter is. Do we upgrade the current building or move the Town Hall to the existing old school house on Coster Street. It was agreed to meet with the Bonavista Historic Townscape Foundation to see what their plans regarding this matter are.

D. Landscaping as a stipulation when permits are issued. It was agreed to discuss this when the Town Plan is reviewed this year.

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- E. Geopark representative for Bonavista - Councillor John Norman - making a presentation to the National Geology Convention in St. John's this spring. It was agreed to pay the travel expenses for Councillor Norman to attend this Convention.
- F. Water and Sewer Services for Rocky Drung and Birchy Place. It was agreed to discuss this matter when capital works are discussed.

(4) Councillor Phillips' concerns:-

- A. Future use of our bogs — whether they will be developed or kept as protected wetlands.
- B. Replacement of boardwalk around Beaver Pond (Hospital Road) that was destroyed by Hurricane Igor. It was stated by the Town Manager that tender should be called by the Provincial Government to replace this boardwalk this summer.
- C. Boardwalk to Sweetland's Bank. The question was asked "What is the status of this project?" Councillor Randell agreed to talk with David Bradley of the Bonavista Historic Townscape Foundation to get an update on the project.

(5) Councillor Mouland's concerns:-

- A. Snow Clearing after Friday's snowstorm. It was stated that complaints have come in that snow clearing was inadequate Friday.

(6) Deputy Mayor Robbins' concerns:-

- A. Funding for projects to qualify people for E.I. Deputy Mayor Robbins wants to know if any funding is still available.
- B. Opening Canteen at Cabot Stadium. Deputy Mayor Robbins wants the Canteen open at the Stadium six days a week for the next twelve weeks. This could be done if we hire someone 35 hours per week. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed to open the Canteen for 20 hours per week for the next twelve weeks. The times will be when the Stadium is used the most.

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(7) Mayor Fitzgerald's concerns:-

- A. Una Way requesting a solution to a water problem on her property on Groves' Lane.

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

(1) Provincial Budget Consultations. It was stated that the Town is slated to make a presentation at these consultations in support of Matthew Legacy Inc. and Dialysis for the Bonavista Peninsula.

(2) Larry Harris requesting permission to take in a lane known as Penn Lane adjacent to his property in Canaille. It was agreed to let Mr. Harris take in this lane.

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 Norman that these bills in the amount of \$45,447.15 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Letter from Hon. Tom Hedderson, Minister of Transportation & Works, re water problem on "The Meade." This letter states that this problem will be given consideration for remedial action in future Provincial Road Improvement Programs.

(3) Letter from Pat Coish-Snow, Eastern Health, explaining that new patient identification cards will be processed. The exterior signage on the Hospital is correct "Bonavista Peninsula Health Care Center."

(4) Susan Holloway, Musgravetown Denture Clinic, requesting a reduction in her 2012 Business Tax since she only operates in Bonavista one day a week. It was moved by Councillor Phillips and seconded by Councillor Randell to give Musgravetown Denture Clinic a 50% reduction in Business Tax since she is only open one day a week. Motion carried unanimously.

(5) Chartwell's requesting a reduction in Business Tax for July and August 2012 since the kitchens at Matthew Elementary and Discovery Collegiate are closed for these months. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Norman to exempt Chartwell's for Business Tax for two months during 2012 since the schools are closed at this time. Motion carried unanimously.

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(6) Supply of a new fire truck for the Town of Bonavista. The Fire Commissioner's Office is recommending that we accept the bid of ERL Enterprises Ltd. in the amount of \$196,178.17, tax included. It was moved by Councillor Gray and seconded by Councillor Mouland to accept this bid from ERL Enterprises as recommended by the Fire Commissioner and to advise the supplier immediately. Motion carried unanimously.

(7) Advertising on Discovery Trail Guide Back Cover. It was agreed to keep this advertising for 2012.

(8) Discovery Regional Services. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Gray to appoint the Town Manager to this Committee which will replace the Bonavista Regional Waste Management Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

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