

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, MARCH 20, 2012

A regular meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Tuesday, March 20, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were seven members present namely Mayor Betty Fitzgerald, Deputy Mayor Douglas Robbins, Councillors Rodney Gray, Barry Randell, Lindsay Phillips, John Norman and Paul Mouland. Also present at the meeting were Town Manager Calvin Rolls and Monty Chard and Wayne Chard from Chard's Construction Ltd. The meeting was presided over by the Mayor.

A discussion arose with Mr. Wayne Chard and Mr. Monty Chard concerning their request for Council to extend water and sewer services off Confederation Drive to accommodate a six apartment building that they are erecting for seniors. The cost to extend the water and sewer is approximately \$5,000.00 for materials and \$5,000.00 for labour. After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Wayne Chard and Mr. Monty Chard retired from the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Robbins and seconded by Councillor Randell that the minutes of the held on February 20, 2012, be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion arose concerning the following Councillors' concerns:-

(1) Councillor Randell's concerns:-

- A. Whether or not Chard's Construction should be given an extension to the water and sewer service to his proposed building off Confederation Drive. A lengthy discussion ensued and it was moved by Councillor Gray and seconded by Deputy Mayor Robbins to supply materials up to \$5,000.00 plus engineering to have this line extended. Motion carried; however, Councillor Phillip was contrary to the motion.

Councillor Randell departed from the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

(2) Councillor Norman's concerns:-

- A. Turn around on the road leading to Beaver Pond near Chard's buildings. It was agreed to look into this matter.
- B. Turn around on Strathie's Road. It was agreed to talk with Cluny Strathie regarding this matter.

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- C. Geological Association of Canada and Mineralogical Association of Canada coming to Bonavista for a field trip May 30 and June 1, 2012. It was moved by Councillor Norman and seconded by Councillor Phillips to donate \$500.00 to help cover the cost associated with having them visit Bonavista. They will be visiting several sites in the Bonavista area while they are here.
- D. Wind development for Bonavista. Councillor Norman stated that Hon. Jerome Kennedy, Minister of Natural Resources, will meet with us in the future on this matter.
- E. Landscaping around Cabot Stadium. Councillor Norman suggested that we look into getting a project to improve the outside of the Stadium and the grounds.
- F. Improvements to government houses on Strathie's Road. It was stated that they are in need of repairs. It was agreed to write the proper authorities requesting that these properties be upgraded.

(3) Councillor Phillips' concerns:-

- A. Roper Street boardwalk Contract. It was agreed to write the Bonavista Historic Townscape Foundation and ask them for an update on this contract.
- B. Town Hall. Do we upgrade the present Town Hall or find a new location?
- C. Windmills around town. It was agreed to discuss this when our Town Plan is reviewed.
- D. Travel Claims. Councillor Phillips stated that travel claims need to be scrutinized closely. At this time some concern was stated about the number of travel claims and the cost to the Town and if indeed all this travel was required..

(4) Councillor Mouland's concerns:-

- A. Meeting with Dr. Larsen, Michelle Abbott and Mona Elliott re dialysis. It was stated that we requested a meeting with them but haven't had a response. It was agreed to write them again re a meeting.

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- B. Snow falling from roof of Stadium on vehicles causing damages. It was agreed to check into this matter to try and find preventative measures.

(5) Deputy Mayor Robbins' concerns:-

- A. Water problem on Campbell Street near OCI. It was agreed to write Dept. of Transportation and Works re this problem.

(6) Mayor Fitzgerald's concerns:-

- A. Municipal Infrastructure needing help from Provincial Government to be sustainable.
- B. Helping Cory Whiffen, a Bonavista Fire Department member, who has been in hospital for an extended period of time. It was agreed to get more information on this matter for the next Council meeting.
- C. Sewer problem at Mitzi and Sheldon Stringer's property on Strathie's Road. It was stated that the engineers are working on this matter at present.
- D. Bad condition of Provincial Government roads in Bonavista. It was agreed to ask our M.H.A. to look into this matter for us.

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

(1) Rod Smith's old house in Mockbeggar, Bert Little's house in Canaille and Albert Sharpe's house in Canaille. It was agreed to write and advise the people concerned that they have to do maintenance work on these properties or we will do it and charge them accordingly.

A discussion then arose concerning the following:-

(1) Accounts Payable. The Town Clerk presented a list of bills for payment. A copy of this list of bills is attached. It was moved by Councillor Norman and seconded by Councillor Phillips that these bills in the amount of \$75,206.67 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

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(2) Statement of Income and Expenses for Cabot Stadium for February 2012.

(3) Letter from President Churence Rogers, MNL, re Municipal Sustainability. This letter request that we send a letter of support promoting Municipal Sustainability to our M.H.A. A template letter was attached. It was moved by Councillor Norman and seconded by Councillor Mouland to send this letter to our M.H.A with a copy to the MNL Office. This letter requests a municipal fiscal review. Motion carried unanimously.

(4) Bonavista Historical Society requesting an exemption for water and sewer rates for the Samuel Mifflin House, 13B Church Street, since this property will be used for performers' accommodations at The Garrick Theatre and is a not for profit organization. It was moved by Councillor Norman and seconded by Deputy Mayor Robbins to give the Bonavista Historical Society this exemption as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

(5) Bonavista Trinity Minor Hockey Association requesting a donation towards the cost of hosting two Minor Hockey Tournaments at Cabot Stadium during Easter Week. It was moved by Councillor Mouland and seconded by Councillor Norman to donate twenty hours of ice time to Bonavista Trinity Minor Hockey Association for these tournaments. Motion carried unanimously.

(6) Discovery Municipal Symposium to be held March 28 and 29, 2012, at Terra Nova Golf Resort, Port Blandford. It was agreed for the Mayor and Councillor Norman to attend this Symposium.

(7) Letter from Eliza Swyers, Co-Chair, Tip-A-Vista Wellness Foundation Inc., requesting a donation from Council for meals and refreshments at a Strategic Planning day pertaining to the proposed multi-purpose facility on Coster Street. This session will be held on March 31,2012 and the meals, etc. will cost \$376.81. It was moved by Councillor Mouland and seconded by Councillor Gray to donate this amount to this cause. Motion carried unanimously.

(8) Letter from Minister of Health regarding review of Dementia Bungalow bids for. Bonavista.

(9) Letter from Herbert Butler of Butler's By-The-Sea Bed and Breakfast requesting a reduction in Business Tax for 2010, 2011 and 2012 since they are only open five months each year. It was moved by Councillor Gray and seconded by Councillor Norman to reduce Business Tax for Butler's-By-The-Sea Bed and Breakfast by 50% each year 2010, 2011, and 2012 since they are only open seasonally. Motion carried unanimously.

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(10) Tenders for supply of new pickup for the Town of Bonavista. Tenders were received as follows:-

Clarenville Ford	\$25,848.00 plus H.S.T.
Terra Nova Motors	\$23,921.11 plus H.S.T.
Royal Garage	\$25,997.00 plus H.S.T.

It was moved by Councillor Mouland and seconded by Councillor Norman to purchase a pickup from Terra Nova Motors for \$23,921.11 plus H.S.T. Motion carried unanimously.

(11) Letter from Vickie Kaminski, President and CEO, Eastern Health, re a meeting with the Dialysis Committee of Council on Monday, April 23, 2012, at 11:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

(12) J. T. Swyers Co. Ltd. requesting Council to provide water and sewer to their proposed sub-division on Bon Moor Road where they intend to develop twenty-five to thirty building lots. It was agreed to meet with them on this matter in the near future.

(13) Salt and sand for snow clearing for Winter 2012/2013. It was moved by Councillor Norman and seconded by Councillor Phillips to purchase 350 tonnes of salt and sand mixture and 100 tonnes of salt at a cost of \$44.50/tonne and \$111.00 per tonne respectively plus tax. Motion carried unanimously.

(14) Municipal Symposium Gander May 3 to 5, 2012.

Since there was no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.