

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, MAY 22, 2012

A regular meeting of the Bonavista Town Council took place on Tuesday, May 22, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were four members present namely Mayor Betty Fitzgerald, Deputy Mayor Douglas Robbins, Councillors John Norman and Paul Mouland. Also present at the meeting were the Town Manager Calvin Rolls and Stadium Manager Lloyd Stagg. The meeting was presided over by the Mayor.

A discussion arose with Mr. Stagg concerning:

- (1) The need for a new ice resurfacer for Cabot Stadium. Mr. Stagg stated that the old ice resurfacer is twenty years old and needs a lot of work done on it - approximately \$15,000.00. A new ice resurfacer will cost \$122,718.00. It was agreed to write the Minister of Municipal Affairs requesting funding to purchase this ice resurfacer on a 80/20 cost shared basis.
- (2) Need for work done on the roof of the Stadium to prevent leaks. It was stated that the bolts need to be tightened. It was agreed for Council Staff to try and do this work.
- (3) Work on Softball Field that needs to be done. It was agreed to inspect this field to see what needs to be done.
- (4) Snow stop for Stadium roof to prevent snow from sliding off the roof onto vehicles and people. The snow stop is \$6,468.75 plus tax and plus installation. It was agreed for the Stadium Manager to get a price to have this equipment installed on the Stadium roof.
- (5) Statement of Expenses and Income for Cabot Stadium Canteen from January to May 20, 2012. During this period, the Canteen lost \$3,150.51. It was agreed to make a decision on the Canteen for next season later in the fall before the ice goes on.
- (6) Summer Program for kids at the Stadium. Mr. Stagg stated that he has eight students for this program for a seven week period commencing July 2, 2012.

At 7:40 p.m. Councillor Phillips arrived at the meeting.

At 7:45 p.m. Mr. Stagg departed from the meeting.

At this time Mr. Rick Elliott arrived at the meeting.

A discussion arose with Mr. Elliott concerning the cost of water and sewer servicing for a proposed apartment complex on Bland's Lane. The cost of this servicing according to the engineers is \$106,760.14. After a lengthy discussion Mr. Elliott agreed to get an actual price from a contractor. When this is done, Council will discuss it further — possibly considering tax concessions to help with installation cost.

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At 8:30 p.m. Mr. Elliott departed from the meeting.

It was moved by Councillor Norman and seconded by Councillor Mouland that the minutes of the meeting held on May 7, 2012, be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion arose concerning the following Councillors' concerns:-

(1) Mayor Fitzgerald's concerns:-

- A. Old house belonging to Ernest Sharpe that needs to be taken down. It was agreed to contact Bonavista Historic Townscape Foundation re this matter.
- B. Changes to E.I. Potential changes to E.I. could mean financial catastrophe for Newfoundland and Labrador. Mayor Fitzgerald suggested that a letter campaign should be started protesting against these changes.
- C. Matthew Legacy Inc. need for funding to do ship repairs. Puddister Shipping wants to meet the Mayor regarding financial support for The Matthew.

(2) Deputy Mayor Robbins' concerns:-

- A. Right-of-way off Coster Street leading to O'Connell's Brook. It was stated that someone has this right-of-way blocked. It was agreed to investigate this matter further.
- B. Tip-A-Vista Wellness Foundation requesting a meeting with Council to give an update on the Wellness Center. It was agreed to meet with them at the next Council meeting.

(3) Councillor Mouland's concerns:-

- A. The passing of our oldest resident, Capt. John Russell, at 105 years old. A minute of silence was held in his honour at this time.
- B. Land usage on Route 235. Councillor Mouland wants to know what the situation is on this matter.
- C. Cleaning up outfall of canal in Mockbeggar. The Town Manager agreed to check into this matter.

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- D. Sherry Fitzgerald-Piercey's house on Bakeapple Marsh Road needing work done on it. It was agreed to write Ms. Fitzgerald-Piercey regarding this matter.

(4) Councillor Phillips' concerns:-

- A. Dredging of Harbour Pond because of silt as a result of Hurricane Igor. The Town Manager agreed to contact the Harbour Authority re this matter.

(5) Councillor Norman's concerns:-

- A. Road where Shannon Drake lives. It was moved by Councillor Norman and seconded by Councillor Moulard to name this street "Spruce Grove Road." Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Potential disbanding of Regional Economical Development Boards because of a lack of funding by ACOA effective May 2013.
- C. Future land use on Route 235 — Industrial versus Residential.
- D. Old house belonging to Estate of Hedley Abbott on Rutherford Crescent. It was agreed to investigate this matter to see what the owners intend to do with this house.

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 Deputy Mayor Robbins and seconded by Councillor Norman that these bills in the amount of \$31876.41 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Letter from Steele Communications re V.O.C.M. weather reports.

(3) Request from Don Mifflin for 120 feet of fence on Old Days Pond Road that was broken by our snow plows over the years. It was agreed to erect this 120 feet of fence on Old Days Pond Road as per Mr. Mifflin's request.

(4) Letter from Robert Anstey, the town's lawyer, stating that he will no longer be working for the town after June 2012. It was agreed to ask Mills Pittman to represent us henceforth.

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(5) Donation to Fire Dept. for the annual Firemen's Ball. It was moved by Councillor Norman and seconded by Councillors Phillips to pay for the entertainment for the Firemen's Ball - \$350.00. Motion carried unanimously.

(6) Garbage being torn open by birds. It was agreed to place an ad on cable advising people to cover their garbage adequately so as to prevent this from happening.

(7) Corey Whiffen, a member of Bonavista Fire Department, being in hospital for an extended time. It was moved by Councillor Moulard and seconded by Councillor Norman to donate \$100.00 to Mr. Whiffen. Motion carried unanimously.

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