

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, OCTOBER 15, 2012

A meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Monday, October 15, 2012, at 7:05 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were six members present namely Deputy Mayor Douglas Robbins, Councillors Barry Randell, John Norman, Rodney Gray, Lindsay Phillips and Paul Moulard. Also present at the meeting was the Town Clerk David Hiscock. The meeting was presided over by the Deputy Mayor.

It was moved by Councillor Norman and seconded by Councillor Randell that the minutes of the meeting held on September 17, 2012, be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion arose concerning the following Councillors' concerns:-

(1) Councillor Gray's concerns:-

- A. Street light requested by Gary Fleming near his house on Confederation Drive. The Street Lighting Committee will be checking on several areas of town to see where new lights need to be placed.
- B. Butler's By The Sea sign at intersection of Cape Shore Road and Red Point Road. It was stated that this sign is causing some problems for people at this intersection and may need to be moved.

(2) Councillor Randell's concerns:-

- A. John and Katie Abbott requesting water and sewer service to their residence on Red Point Road. After much discussion on this matter it was agreed for the Town Clerk to check around with various contractors to see if this service can be done for Mr. and Mrs. Abbott.
- B. Section on Strathie's Road that needs to be paved. It was agreed for the Town Clerk to check with J-1 Contracting to see if they can do this work when they pave Michael Ryder Place.
- C. Taxes for 2013. It was stated that assessments have gone up by approximately 24% right across the island and Council needs to have a look at the tax rates when they have a Budget meeting.

(3) Councillor Norman's concerns:-

- A. Old shed on intersection of Ryan's Hill and Folley Hill. The Town Clerk was instructed to contact Douglas Little about this old shed.

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- B. Stewardship Sites in Bonavista. There will be three sites and they are: Old Day's Pond; Town watershed all the way to Beaver Pond; and the Cape island next to the Cape Bonavista Lighthouse.
- C. Signage in town. People are concerned where signs are being put up in town.
- D. Healthy Food Event. Councillor Norman was wondering if a Healthy Food Event could be organized some time in the future.
- E. Finance Committee Meeting. At this time the Town Clerk stated that the Capital Works needs to be done and sent in by the last of November.
- F. Sale of Federal Building. The Town Clerk stated that he had been talking to Barry Hoyles, Public Works, regarding this matter. Mr. Hoyles will get in touch with him again when he has further information regarding the sale of the building.
- G. Health care concerns. It was agreed for the Town Clerk to contact Vickie Kaminski, President and CEO of Eastern Health, to request a meeting with her regarding the health care concerns in our area.
- H. New town signage. Councillor Norman said that he and Crystal Fudge are working on new signage for the town. Council agreed that this project should continue.

(4) Councillor Phillips' concerns:-

- A. Alma Keel experiencing flooding in her house on Coster Street. It was agreed for the Town Clerk to check with the Town Manager who is more familiar with this problem to see what needs to be done in the area.
- B. Rance Abbott's lawn being damaged and needing repairs.

(5) Councillor Mouland's concerns:-

- A. Tennis Court for Bonavista. It was stated that the proper place for a Tennis Court for the town is to be over on the playground area.
- B. Matthew Legacy Inc. A financial statement has been prepared and will be distributed to all Councillors for the next meeting.

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- C. Guard rails at the Stadium.
- D. Zamboni for the Stadium. The cost of a new zamboni is in the area of \$130,000.00.
- E. Refereeing games at Cabot Stadium.
- F. Melvin Cooper re old house on Canon Bayley Road. It was agreed that Council cannot take down this old house as requested by Mr. Cooper.

(6) Deputy Mayor Robbins' concerns:-

- A. Newsletter to the public. It was agreed that a newsletter should be done up and sent out to the public informing them of the work that Council has been undertaking in town.
- B. Chemotherapy. This matter will be dealt with at the meeting with Eastern Health when it is arranged.

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

(1) Right-of-way on Bon Moore Road. At this time a letter was read from Maxine Chard requesting that any Councillors who have relatives involved in this situation refrain from any discussions on this matter. It was agreed to leave this matter as is since there is another way to get to their gardens.

(2) Ocean Choice Int'l Ltd. erecting a new plant. It was agreed for the Town Clerk to contact Blaine Sullivan regarding this matter.

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 \$23,673.92 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Letter from Jerry Russell, The Russell House, requesting a reduction in Business Tax for 2012 since they are only open approximately six months of the year. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Gray to reduce the Business Tax for The Russell House for 2012 by 50% since they are only open six months of the year. Motion carried unanimously.

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(3) Letter from Freeman Dunford re water and sewer services for John Cabot Drive - Birchy Place area.

(4) Agreement between Dept. of Municipal Affairs and Town of Bonavista for Project #11051 Water Transmission Main Upgrade. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Phillips to authorize the Mayor and Town Clerk to sign this agreement on behalf of Council. Motion carried unanimously.

(5) Daniel Butler continuing to operate a commercial garage on his property at 50 - 52 Red Point Road even though the lawyers wrote him and advised him he must stop. It was moved by Councillor Gray and seconded by Councillor Moulard to have our lawyers issue a Stop Work Order against Mr. Butler for this commercial garage. Motion carried unanimously.

(6) Municipal Capital Works Program 2013/2014.

(7) Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for Cabot Stadium for September 2012.

(8) Letter from Sign Factory, Glovertown, requesting permission to construct a Community Board advertising local businesses on our rest stop near Cabot Stadium. It was agreed to discuss this at the next Council meeting.

(9) Client/Consultant Agreement between Town of Bonavista and Nfld. Design Associates Ltd. for Refurbishing Water Tank. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Moulard to sign this Agreement and return it to Nfld. Design Associates Ltd. Motion carried unanimously.

(10) Letter from Elizabeth Mifflin, Mifflin's Tea Room, requesting a reduction in Business Tax for 2012 since she was only open for four months. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Phillips to reduce Business Tax for Mifflin's Tea Room by 50% since they are only open seasonally. Motion carried unanimously.

(11) Ashley Pardy, Vista Construction Ltd., requesting a reduction in Business Tax for 2012 since they are only open five months of the year. It was agreed not to grant an exemption at this time. In future, effective January 1, 2013, anyone requesting a reduction in Business Tax will only be awarded a reduction that takes them to the minimum amount of \$150.00 — anything less than that will not be given.

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(12) Adoption of Town of Bonavista Emergency Management Plan 2012. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Gray to adopt the Town of Bonavista Emergency Plan 2012 as written since this Plan has been approved by Fire & Emergency Services NL. Motion carried unanimously.

(13) Old Fire Equipment Carrier. It was agreed to let Fire & Emergency Services take this vehicle since we have a new one at the Fire Hall. It was moved by Councillor Gray and seconded by Councillor Norman to do this. Motion carried unanimously.

Since there was no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.