

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

A regular meeting of the newly elected Bonavista Town Council was held on Monday, September 30, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were seven members present namely Mayor Betty Fitzgerald, Councillors Douglas Robbins, Paul Mouland, Beverly Dyke, Reg Butler, Barry Randell and Rodney Gray. Also present at the meeting was the Town Manager Calvin Rolls. The meeting was presided over by the Mayor.

At this time the town Clerk proceeded to swear in all the newly elected members of Council after which he congratulated them and welcomed them to the Council Chambers.

At this time the position of Deputy Mayor needed to be filled. Since Douglas Robbins had the most votes amongst Councillors and since it is traditional to offer the position to the Councillor with the most votes, then the position was offered to Councillor Douglas Robbins who had been the Deputy Mayor for the past four years. Councillor Robbins accepted the position of Deputy Mayor and was congratulated by all present.

At this time it was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Mouland that the minutes of the meeting held on September 9, 2013, be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

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

(1) Councillor Gray's concerns:-

A. Hidden intersection on Tremblett's Hill. It was agreed to erect signs "Hidden Driveway" in this area.

(2) Councillor Randell's concerns:-

A. Paving Project #12281. Councillor Randell stresses that we need to get our paving done this year. Also, we need to get Wells' Road and Spruce Grove Road paved.

B. Council road repairs with recycled asphalt. It was stated that work needs to continue on this.

C. Curb and Gutter work for the Meade. It was stated that Dept. of Transportation and Works have provided a grant of \$50,000.00 to complete this work. It was agreed to do this work with Town forces.

D. Various sites around town that need to be looked at by the engineers. It was stated that engineers will be in Bonavista next week to look at these areas.

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- E. Shortage of doctors in Bonavista Hospital. Councillor Randell reported on a meeting which was held on September 18, 2013, re this matter with Eastern Health. The results of this meeting was that Bonavista should expect a new doctor in October and another in November which will bring the total to five.

(3) Councillor Butler's concerns:-

- A. Dirty town water. It was stated that this is an ongoing concern from time to time and we are constantly trying to correct the problem.
- B. Dentist for Bonavista. Councillor Butler asked if we are trying to recruit a new dentist for this area.

(4) Councillor Dyke's concerns:-

- A. Water problem on Roper Street near Marilyn Randell's. It was agreed to look into this matter.

(5) Councillor Mouland's concerns:-

- A. Bridges over O'Connell's Brook that were washed out by Hurricane Igor. It was stated that the tender is awarded for these bridges to Bulldog Construction Ltd. pending approval by Dept. of Fisheries & Oceans.
- B. Improvements to Old Catalina Road that has several washed out areas. It was agreed for the Town Manager to check out this matter.
- C. Jim Sexton's old house that needs to be secured on Riverstyx Road. It was agreed to contact the owners re this matter.

(6) Deputy Mayor Robbins' concerns:-

- A. Old house that needs to be removed belonging to Roy Hampton. It was agreed to check out this matter.
- B. Parking problem on Beaver Pond Road.

(7) Mayor Fitzgerald's concerns:-

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- A. CEEP Projects. They should start around October 15, 2013.
- B. Skateboard Park. Mayor Fitzgerald asked if Council can consider a skateboard park for next year.
- C. Twinning Cape Bonavista Lighthouse and Ireland. It was stated that this might be in the works for 2014.
- D. Multi-Purpose Trail Committee. The Mayor stated that this Committee is trying to get the Old Railway Bed improved for skidoos, ATV's, etc. The goal this year is to get the railway bed improved to Port Rexton.

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

(1) Speed Signs near Discovery Collegiate. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Butler to purchase two speed signs for this area at a cost of approximately \$3,000.00 each. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Calvin Butler requesting an increase in Janitor fees at the Town Hall from \$350.00/month to \$400.00/month. It was moved by Deputy Mayor Robbins and seconded by Councillor Dyke to give Mr. Butler \$400.00/month effective October 1, 2013, for janitorial services at the Town Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

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 Mouland that these bills in the amount of \$88,454.47 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Letter from Greg Pittman of Mills Pittman & Twyne requesting Council to make a motion to order Daniel Butler to remove and tear down the garage built on his property and restore the site to its original state because he changed the use of the garage from private garage to a commercial garage in a residential zone without a permit from Council. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Gray to order Daniel Butler to remove the garage from his property at 50-52 Red Point Road by November 30, 2013, because he changed the use without permission from Council. Motion carried unanimously.

(3) Bonavista Hostel requesting a reduction in Business Tax for 2013 because they are only open six months of the year. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Dyke that Bonavista Hostel be given a Business Tax reduction for 2013 of 50% since they are only open half of the year. Motion carried unanimously.

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(4) Client/Consultant Agreements for Water Transmission Main upgrade Phase 2, Project #14024. It was moved by Councillor Gray and seconded by Councillor Butler to sign these agreements and return them to the engineers office for distribution. Motion carried unanimously.

(5) Nominations for Eastern Regional Director, Municipal Assessment Agency.

(6) Letter from Hon. Paul Davis, Minister of Transportation & Works, advising that they will supply a grant of \$50,000.00 to the town to use to correct a drainage problem on Route 235 in the area commonly known as The Meade.

(7) Client/Consultant Agreement for 2013 Road Improvements & Paving Project #12281. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Gray to sign these agreements and return them to the engineers' office for distribution. Motion carried unanimously.

(8) Meeting with Dennis Knight re Town Plan. It was agreed to meet with Mr. Knight on October 17, 2013, at 1:30 p.m. re this matter.

Since there was no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.