

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, DECEMBER 8, 2014

A regular meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Monday, December 8, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were six members present namely Mayor Betty Fitzgerald, Deputy Mayor Douglas Robbins, Councillors Barry Randell, Reg Butler, Beverly Dyke and Paul Moulard. Also present at the meeting were Town Manager Calvin Rolls and Robert Giannou and Bill Abbott from Targa. The meeting was presided over by the Mayor.

A discussion arose with Mr. Giannou and Mr. Abbott concerning Targa and whether or not the town will host an event in 2015. An agreement between the Town of Bonavista and Nfld. International Motorsports Ltd. (TARGA) was presented for discussion. The duration of this agreement is three years which is the present Council's term of office. Mr. Giannou stated that he would prefer a three year contract but would accept a one year contract to be negotiated each year.

At 7:30 p.m. Mr. Giannou and Mr. Abbott departed from the meeting.

After further discussion on this matter, it was agreed to postpone the decision on whether or not to host this event until after the new year.

At this time it was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Butler that the minutes of the meeting held on November 25, 2014, be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

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

(1) Councillor Randell's concerns:-

- A. Budget 2015. The Finance Committee of Council under the Chairmanship of Councillor Randell presented a balanced budget for 2015 with the recommendation that this Budget be approved. The only increase in the Budget was Councillor remuneration which went up by \$50.00 per month. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Deputy Mayor Robbins to adopt this 2015 Budget as presented and to forward it to Dept. Of Municipal & Intergovernmental Affairs. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Councillor Butler's concerns:-

- A. Dilapidated condition of house formerly owned by Sterling Little on Canaille Road. It was stated that siding is blowing off this house and is dangerous. It was agreed to get Council Staff to check this matter out and secure it, if necessary.

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(3) Councillor Dyke's concerns:-

- A. Ambulance Service in Bonavista needing improvements. Councillor Dyke requests that a committee should be established to deal with this matter. It was agreed to have Councillor Dyke establish this committee of townspeople in the new year.
- B. Water and Sewer Service for Shawn Tremblett on Sexton's Hill. The cost to cut the pavement on Marshfield's Hill to do this service is \$960.00. It was agreed that this pavement cut cost must be paid before Mr. Tremblett's water can be turned on.

(4) Deputy Mayor Robbins' concerns:-

- A. Street light on Rolls' Hill near Bill Cullimore's and Paul Rolls' It was moved by Deputy Mayor Robbins' and seconded by Councillor Randell to have Nfld. Power install a street light in this area. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Golden Heights Manor changing from Eastlink to Bell Aliant thus losing a lot of their TV channels including the local channel. It was agreed to investigate this matter further.

(5) Mayor Fitzgerald's concerns:-

- A. Don White requesting permission to place a trailer on Water Tower land. It was agreed for Mr. White to contact Town staff re this matter.

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

(1) Sexton's Hill and where Junior Tremblett's boundaries are. It was stated that this is being dealt with.

(2) Rat infested property at 48 Rolling Cove Road. It was stated that the property owners are advising Council not to enter the property.

(3) Bulldog Contracting Ltd. storing stone and other aggregates on their property on Confederation Drive. A letter from Jamie Swyers asked Council to provide the regulations we are using to order him to remove the aggregates from the property in question and he will seek legal counsel on the matter.

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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 Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Mouland that these bills in the amount of \$50,997.01 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Discovery Shooting Club Inc. requesting a donation for the Great War Living History Project. This project will do re-enactments of First World War activities. To do so they will need uniforms, equipment, etc. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Butler to donate \$500.00 to this cause. Motion carried unanimously.

(3) Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for Cabot Stadium for November 2014.

(4) Letter from Roger Keel re update on BARDA building on Station Road. This letter stated they are searching for a deed for this property at Registry of Deeds. They are hoping to locate it early in the new year and will let us know as soon as they find it.

Since there was no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.