

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, MARCH 24, 2014

A regular meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Monday, March 24, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were seven members present namely Mayor Betty Fitzgerald, Deputy Mayor Douglas Robbins, Councillors Beverly Dyke, Barry Randell, Paul Mouland, Reg Butler and Rodney Gray. Also present at the meeting was the Town Manager, Calvin Rolls.

The meeting was presided over by the Mayor.

It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Dyke that the minutes of the meeting held on March 3, 2014 be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion arose concerning the following Councillor concerns:-

1. Councillor Randell's concerns:-

- (a) Brenda Hobb's shed being built too close to her property boundary. It was stated that a letter was written to Ms. Hobbs re this matter and she agreed to move the shed in May when the frost is out of the ground.
- (b) Generator for Town Hall. The Town Manager stated that this will be checked out in April.
- (c) Water problem near William Short's property on Mouland's Lane. It was agreed for our Engineers to check this matter out.

2. Councillor Butler's concerns:-

- (a) Poor condition of Dept. of Transportation & Works roads within our boundaries. It was agreed to write the Minister of Transportation & Works requesting road improvements to their roads within our boundaries since they are in deplorable condition.
- (b) Street light for area near Parts Place. It was agreed to look at this area again before a decision is made.

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3. Councillor Mouland's concerns:-

- (a) **Water problem near Marjorie Marsh's property on Sebastian Drive. It was agreed to look at this area in the Spring.**

4. Deputy Mayor Robbins' concerns:-

- (a) **Meeting with Snow Plow Operators. Deputy Mayor Robbins stated that the Public Works Committee will meet with the Snow Plow Operators next week.**
- (b) **Economic Development for the Town of Bonavista. It was stated by the Deputy Mayor that we need to look at having our own Economic Development Officer for the Town.**

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

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- 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 Butler and seconded by Councillor Mouland that these bills in the amount of \$31,632.19 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.**
- 2. Silver Wings Figure Skating Club requesting a donation from Council to help offset the expenses of running their Club. It was moved by Councillor Butler and seconded by Councillor Dyke to donate 10 hours of free ice time at Cabot Stadium to the Silver Wings Figure Skating Club. Motion carried unanimously.**
- 3. R.C.M.P. doing their annual policing plan and requesting input from Council. It was agreed to meet with them at a meeting to be scheduled in the near future.**
- 4. Elizabeth J. Cottages requesting a reduction in Business Tax for 2014 since they are only open May to October. It was moved by Deputy Mayor Robbins and seconded by Councillor Randell to give Elizabeth J. Cottages a 50% reduction in business tax for 2014 since they are only open 6 months. Motion carried unanimously.**
- 5. The Elephant Shop requesting a reduction in Business Tax for 2014 since they are only open 6 months. It was moved by Councillor Gray and seconded by Councillor Dyke to reduce business tax for The Elephant Shop by 50% since they are only open 6 months. Motion carried unanimously.**

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6. **Puffin's Landing Bed & Breakfast requesting a reduction in Business Tax for 2014 since they are only open 5 months of the year. It was moved by Councillor Butler and seconded by Councillor Gray to reduce business tax for Puffin's Landing Bed & Breakfast by 50% since they are only open seasonally. Motion carried unanimously.**
7. **Municipal Awareness Day 2014. It was moved by Councillor Butler and seconded by Councillor Dyke to declare May 7, 2014 Municipal Awareness Day 2014 and for the Mayor to sign the Proclamation for same. Motion carried unanimously.**
8. **Urban Municipalities Economic Development Accord. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Gray to sign this Accord as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**
9. **Special Assistance Grant. It was stated that we have received a Special Assistance Grant of \$1,000.00 from Dept. Of Municipal & Intergovernmental Affairs to help towards our 50th. Anniversary celebrations.**
10. **Kirk Way notifying us that he is not going to do water and sewer relief work for Darrin Hicks after July if he does not get overtime for snow clearing as well as overtime while he is doing the water and sewer maintenance job. It was agreed to discuss this matter again at a later meeting.**
11. **Municipal Symposium May 1-3, 2014 in Gander. Anyone interested in going should let the Office know by Friday of this week.**

Since there was no more business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.