

## MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, MARCH 3, 2014

A regular meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Monday, March 3, 2014, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were five members present namely Mayor Betty Fitzgerald, Deputy Mayor Douglas Robbins, Councillors Barry Randell, Reg Butler and Beverly Dyke. The meeting was presided over by the Mayor.

It was moved by Councillor Dyke and seconded by Councillor Butler that the minutes of the meeting held on February 17, 2014, be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion arose concerning the following Councillors' concerns:-

(1) Deputy Mayor Robbins' concerns:-

- A. Snow Clearing. Deputy Mayor Robbins stated that he is receiving complaints about snow plows driving fast while snow clearing. It was agreed to talk to the operators about this matter.
- B. Condition of Dept. of Transportation & Works' roads in Bonavista. It was stated that those roads are in deplorable condition and must be repaired.
- C. Brenda Hobbs erecting a shed on her property on Brown's Hill in contravention to the permit that was issued on November 13, 2013. The shed was supposed to be a minimum of four feet from adjacent property and it is not. It was agreed by Council to advise Ms. Hobbs that this shed must be moved to the required four feet from property boundaries or Council will do it and charge her accordingly.
- D. Letter from Jerry White re trouble with his neighbours. It was agreed to talk with him about this matter.

(2) Councillor Butler's concerns:-

- A. Snow Clearing. Speeding snow plow operators is a concern. It was agreed to talk to the operators about this matter.
- B. Snow Clearing problem on intersection of Red Point Road and Cape Shore Road. It was stated that the operators must be talked to about this and other snow clearing matters. The Public Works Committee will set up a meeting as soon as possible.

(3) Councillor Randell's concerns:-

- A. Clearing snow away from fire hydrants. It was agreed to get this done.

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(4) Mayor Fitzgerald's concerns:-

- A. Discovery Trail Ground Search & Rescue needing a building to store their equipment in. It was stated that Council met with them and they agreed to get a price for materials for this building. Then they will come back to Council on this matter.
- B. Urban Municipal Committee Economic Development Committee. It was agreed for the Chief Financial Officer/Town Clerk to serve on this Committee.

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

(1) Municipal Awareness Week. Councillor Butler stated that he talked with Discovery Collegiate and they agreed to have elections and a mock Council amongst Grade Nine classes for Municipal Awareness Day on May 28, 2014.

(2) Old shed belonging to Ashley Hillman on Riverstyx Road. It was stated that she will be in Bonavista this summer and we will talk to her then.

A discussion then arose concerning the following:-

(1) Accounts Payables. The Chief Financial Officer/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 Butler that these bills in the amount of \$33,917.21 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Bonavista Hostel requesting a reduction in Business Tax for 2014 since they are only open from May to September. It was moved by Councillor Butler and seconded by Deputy Mayor Robbins to reduce Business Tax for Bonavista Hostel for 2014 by 50% since they are only open seasonally. Motion carried unanimously.

(3) John Norman requesting a meeting with Council to discuss the Stewardship Meetings and the fact that we are hosting the Annual Stewardship Meeting in September 2014. It was agreed to meet with Mr. Norman at the next Council meeting re this matter.

(4) Grievance from Junior Tremblett, an employee of Council and a member of C.U.P.E. Local 1839. This Grievance wanted to know why Mr. Tremblett's rate of pay was reduced from Heavy Equipment Operator to Labourer. Council agreed to advise Mr. Tremblett that he was hired as a Snow Plow Operator for the winter months. When the winter season was over, he was kept on as a Labourer because we needed one. His position as Labourer was seasonal, not temporary. However, he still gets Heavy Equipment rate of pay when he is operating heavy equipment.

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(5) Response letter from Minister of Health & Community Services re ambulance responses. This letter stated that this matter is being analyzed for the best possible solution.

(6) Letter from Robbins By The Sea requesting a reduction in Business Tax for 2014 since they are only open from June to September. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Dyke to reduce Business Tax for Robbins By The Sea by 50% since they are only open seasonally. Motion carried unanimously.

(7) Statement of Expenses and Revenue for Cabot Stadium for February 2014.

(8) Phoenix Publishing Ltd. requesting Council to have back panel on their Town of Bonavista Map plus three smaller border inserts for \$800.00 plus tax. It was moved by Councillor Dyke and seconded by Councillor Butler to avail of this advertising for the price quoted. Motion carried unanimously.

(9) Junior Hicks increasing Garbage Collection Fee by sixty dollars per week for Bonavista and ten dollars per week for Spillars Cove effective as of March 2, 2014. It was agreed to talk to Mr. Hicks about this increase.

(10) Letter from Carolyn Stagg requesting a partial reduction in Business Tax for her Massage Therapy Clinic since she is only open one weekend per month. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Butler to reduce Business Tax for this Massage Therapy Clinic for 2014 to \$150.00 which is the minimum Business Tax. Motion carried unanimously.

Since there was no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.