

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 21, 2015

A regular meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Monday, September 21, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were seven members present namely Mayor Betty Fitzgerald, Deputy Mayor Douglas Robbins, Councillors Barry Randell, Beverly Dyke, Rodney Gray, Reg Butler and Paul Moulard. Also present at the meeting was Town Manager Calvin Rolls. The meeting was presided over by the Mayor.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Robbins and seconded by Councillor Butler that the minutes of the meeting held on August 24, 2015, be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

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

(1) Councillor Gray's concerns:-

- A. Water problem at Edgar Marsh's property on Cape Shore Road. It was stated that Council did not create a water problem in this area.
- B. Old car wrecks around Barry Cooper's property. The Town Manager agreed to contact Paul Little about getting these old car wrecks removed.

(2) Councillor Randell's concerns:-

- A. Assessment values increased tremendously and Council questions if we can lower the mil rate to offset some of the increases. It was stated mil rates must remain the same. It was agreed to check out this matter.
- B. Shawn Chaulk having a lot of vehicles creating an eyesore around his garage on Canon Bayley Road. It was agreed to advise Mr. Chaulk that he has to clean up this area.

(3) Councillor Butler's concerns:-

- A. Unrest among employees about rates of pay, overtime, etc.
- B. Marine Center. The Marine Center is shutting down and there will be no boats lifted onto the Marine Center this winter. This is a serious concern for fishermen and it was agreed to meet with our M.H.A. about this matter immediately to see if anything can be done.

(4) Councillor Dyke's concerns:-

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- A. Pot holes in Federal Building Yard. It was agreed that these pot holes have to be repaired.
- B. Shed built against our regulations by Brenda Hobbs on Brown's Hill. It was agreed to write Ms. Hobbs and advise her that this store must be moved to the required distance of 4 feet from property boundaries by October 31, 2015, or we will do it at her expense.

(5) Councillor Mouland's concerns:

- A. Ballfield Upgrade. Councillor Mouland stated that the ballfield is being used now and is much appreciated by players. Councillor Mouland gave thanks to David Russell and Penney Anderson for organizing events at the field.
- B. The Recreation Committee met with our M.H.A. and they received a \$15,000.00 grant towards a Splash Pad. Councillor Mouland reported that we have approximately half the funds we need to complete this Splash Pad.
- C. Holes and washouts in Dept. Of Transportation & Works roads that need repairs. It was agreed for the Town Manager to check with Dept. Of Transportation & Works re this matter.

(6) Deputy Mayor Robbins' concerns:-

- A. Doctors at Bonavista Hospital. Deputy Mayor Robbins stated that people cannot get an appointment at the Hospital.
- B. Grace Rolls' house on Rolls' Hill. It was agreed to check out this matter with the Bonavista Historical Society.

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

(1) BARDA Building. Roger Keel advised Council that they should have the deeds within a month or so. It was agreed to advise Mr. Keel that he has a month to have this matter rectified. He must then advise Council of their intentions for this building. If this is not done, Council will have no choice but to remove the building.

A discussion then arose concerning the following:-

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(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 Gray that these bills in the amount of \$37,469.57 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Donation to Ronald Macdonald House. It was moved by Deputy Mayor Robbins and seconded by Councillor Butler to donate \$500.00 to Ronald Macdonald House. Motion carried unanimously.

(3) Municipal Capital Works Applications for 2015/2016. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Gray to apply for Municipal Capital Works for the Town of Bonavista for 2015-2016 as prioritized below:

- A. Route 235 \$1,000,000.00 Water & Sewer
- B. Paving \$1,000,000.00

Motion carried unanimously.

(4) Statement of Income and Expenses for Cabot Stadium for August 2015.

(5) Letter from Rev. Shaun O'Connor re lottery ticket litter in Bonavista. Rev. O'Connor suggests a regulation that these tickets be opened in the store where they are purchased or banned altogether since they are becoming a problem.

(6) Ruth Weller-Malchow requesting a reduction in Business Tax for 2014 and 2015 for The Hampton House located at 61 Canaille Road in the Town of Bonavista since it is only open seasonally. It was moved by Councillor Dyke and seconded by Councillor Butler to reduce Business Tax for The Hampton House for 2014 and 2015 by 50% since it is only open seasonally. Motion carried unanimously.

(7) Bonavista Municipal Plan & Development Regulations 2014-2024. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Gray to approve the Bonavista Municipal Plan & Development Regulations 2014-2024 as adopted on June 15, 2015, since there were no objections to the Plan as a result of a scheduled Public Hearing that was advertised in The Packet on August 27 and September 3, 2015 for September 16, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

(8) Statement of Income and Expenditures for Bonavista Days Committee 2015 Celebrations.

(9) Tristan Gray being selected to Junior Team Canada 2016 Ball Hockey Team and having to travel to England July 6 - 12, 2016, for World Hockey Championship. It was moved by Councillor Mouland and seconded by Councillor Dyke to donate \$1,000.00 to Tristan Gray for this trip. Motion carried unanimously.

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Since there was no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned with a prayer at 9:45 p.m.