

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING, JUNE 3, 2016

A special meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Friday, June 3, 2016, at 2:05 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were five members present namely Mayor Betty Fitzgerald, Councillors Beverly Dyke, Reg Butler, Barry Randell and Rodney Gray. Also present at the meeting was Town Manager Calvin Rolls. The meeting was presided over by the Mayor.

A discussion arose concerning the following:-

(1) Letter from Hon. Eddie Joyce, M.H.A., re Municipal Capital Works Program, Project No. 17-MCW-15-00050, Water Tank Upgrading/Replacement. It was moved by Councillor Butler and seconded by Councillor Gray for the Mayor and Town Clerk to sign and enter into this agreement on behalf of Council. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Letter from Hon. Eddie Joyce, M.H.A., re New Building Canada Fund, Small Communities Fund, Project No. 17 - SCF - 00001, Water Tank Replacement. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Dyke for the Mayor and Town Clerk to sign and enter into this agreement on behalf of Council. Motion carried unanimously.

(3) Letter from Sandy Hounsell re Clean Water and Wastewater Fund.

At 2:30 p.m. Neil King, M.H.A., and his Constituency Assistant, Wanda Tremblett, arrived at the meeting.

A discussion arose with Mr. King regarding the following concerns of Council:

(1) Closure of the Lab and X-Ray services after 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. each day at the Bonavista Hospital and also the laundry services being cut, resulting in laundry being transferred to St. John's. At this time the Mayor informed Mr. King that she was disgusted at the way she was treated during a recent meeting with the Minister of Health at St. John's. Mr. King told her that he would pass along her comments to the Minister of Health. Mr. King also stated that these services are being analyzed and he will inform Council of any further developments in this situation.

(2) Condition of roads under the jurisdiction of the Provincial Government in the Town of Bonavista. Councillor Randell stated that the worst roads in town are not the roads under the jurisdiction of the town but the ones under the jurisdiction of the Provincial Government.

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(3) AES Office in Bonavista being moved to Clarenville. It was stated that four employees at the AES Office in Bonavista were transferred to Clarenville and three more employees were laid off. Since the four employees in Bonavista were transferred, the other three employees have been rehired at the Clarenville Office. Why couldn't their office be relocated to the College of the North Atlantic where there is room available instead of relocating the employees concerned to the Clarenville AES Office?

(4) Municipal Operating Grants. It was stated that the Municipal Operating Grants for the Town of Bonavista have remained unchanged for 2016.

(5) New Building Canada Fund. A discussion arose concerning the Water Tower for the Town of Bonavista. Mr. King stated that this is waiting for Government approval.

(6) Water and Sewer for Birchy Place. Mr. King said that he will check into this matter for us.

(7) The Matthew. The Mayor informed Mr. King that the Matthew Legacy Committee had met with Nancy Robbins from ACOA and Dennis Sullivan, Regional Director of Dept. Of Business, Tourism, Culture & Rural Development to discuss putting together a package to draw people to the site. She also stated that since 2012 there has been an increase in tourists. She informed Mr. King that he will be invited to the next committee meeting of The Matthew.

The Mayor thanked Mr. King for attending the meeting to discuss the various concerns of Council and at 3:15 p.m. it was moved by Councillor Butler that the meeting be adjourned.