

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, JANUARY 18, 2017

A regular meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Wednesday, January 18, 2017, at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.. There were six members present namely Mayor Betty Fitzgerald, Deputy Mayor Douglas Robbins, Councillors Barry Randell, Beverly Dyke, Paul Mouland and Reg Butler. Also present at the meeting was Chief Financial Officer/Town Clerk David Hiscock and Mr. Jamie Best, Campus Manager, College of the North Atlantic, Bonavista. The meeting was presided over by the Mayor.

A discussion arose with Mr. Best concerning the future of the College of the North Atlantic, Bonavista Campus. Council has a meeting with the Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour, Hon. Gerry Byrne, on January 24, 2017, to discuss this matter and request information from Mr. Best.

Mr. Best commenced to give us information about the college. Courses offered now are Baking, Cooking, Plumbing, Electrical, Heavy Equipment Operator (Theory) and Advanced Plumbing. There are currently 84 seats at the school. However, we have only 32 students in pre-employment and 5 at Advanced Plumbing. There are 15 employees at the school — 8 instructors plus support staff.

Plans are being made and the request is in for new programs. Mr. Best feels confident that the College of the North Atlantic, Bonavista Campus will remain open for the foreseeable future. Mr. Best is working to see the student enrollment increase — if he can get 60 this year, he would be pleased. It will take a while to rebuild enrollment numbers.

After further discussion Mr. Best retired from the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Butler that the minutes of the meeting held on January 9, 2017, be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion arose concerning the following Councillors' concerns:-

(1) Councillor Dyke's concerns:-

- A. Washrooms at Town Hall to be more user friendly. It was agreed to check this out to see what improvements we can make.

(2) Councillor Butler's concerns:-

- A. Birthday Party for residents of Golden Heights Manor for January 2017 is January 26, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

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(3) Deputy Mayor Robbins' concerns:-

A. "The Matthew" and how the repairs are going. It was stated that repairs are being made to "The Matthew" under a CEEP Project and progress is good.

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

(1) Plaque for White Rock Monument. This plaque is in storage at the Museum.

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 Mouland that these bills in the amount of \$56,936.78 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Great War Living History Committee requesting a donation for their 2017 Great War Living History Project. It was moved by Deputy Mayor Robbins and seconded by Councillor Butler to donate \$500.00 to this project — the same as last year. Motion carried unanimously.

(3) New Building Canada Fund Project #17-SCF-17-0001 Water Tank Replacement. The original funding was for \$1,960,000.00; however, this funding has been increased by \$464,633.00. Including the \$40,000.00 approved under Project #17 MCW-15-00050, the total authorization for this project is \$2,464,633.00. It was moved by Councillor Butler and seconded by Councillor Dyke to authorize the Mayor and Town Clerk to sign the Amendment for this agreement on behalf of Council. Motion carried unanimously.

(4) Retirement of Town Manager on January 31, 2017. It was agreed that the positions of Town Manager and Chief Financial Officer/Town Clerk should be combined into one position - Town Manager/Clerk and the salary for this newly created position be adjusted accordingly. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Mouland to appoint David Hiscock as Town Manager/Town Clerk of the Town of Bonavista commencing February 1, 2017 at a salary of \$80,000.00 per annum. Motion carried unanimously.

(5) Joe Hart of Hart's Haven requesting a reduction in Business Tax for 2017 since they are only open during the summer season. It was moved by Councillor Dyke and seconded by Councillor Randell to reduce Business Tax for Hart's Haven by 50% since they are only open during the summer months. Motion carried unanimously.

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(6) Jeffrey Brooks requesting a reduction in Business Tax for 2017 for The Hampton House Vacation Home since he is only open seasonally. It was moved by Deputy Mayor Robbins and seconded by Councillor Mouland to reduce Business Tax for The Hampton House for 2017 by 50% since they are only open seasonally. Motion carried unanimously.

(7) Elizabeth Mifflin of Mifflin's Tea Room and Mifflin's B & B requesting a reduction in Business Tax for 2017 since they are only open for four months each year. It was moved by Councillor Butler and seconded by Councillor Randell to reduce Business Tax for Mifflin's Tea Room and Mifflin's B & B for 2017 by 50% since they are only open seasonally. Motion carried unanimously.

(8) Dorman's Manor requesting a reduction in Business Tax for 2017 since there is very little business in the winter. It was moved by Deputy Mayor Robbins and seconded by Councillor Dyke to reduce Business Tax for Dorman's Manor for 2017 by 50% since business is slow in the winter months. Motion carried unanimously.

(9) Abbott's Cape Shore B & B requesting a reduction in Business tax for 2017 since he is only open from May to September each year. It was moved by Councillor Mouland and seconded by Councillor Butler to reduce Business tax for Abbott's Cape Shore B & B for 2017 by 50% since they are only open seasonally. Motion carried unanimously.

Since there was no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned with a prayer at 5:00 p.m.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT, COUNCIL MEETING, JANUARY 18, 2017

1.	Foodland, Office supplies (other)	\$ 183.43
2.	Bonavista Irving, gas - Fire Dept.	50.00
3.	Bonavista Irving, propane - Roads	40.24
4.	Brenntag, chlorine - soda ash, W & S Maint.	2,285.42
5.	Toromont CAT, parts - Loaders - S.C.	2,349.02
6.	Transcontinental, ads - S.C., Office	632.25
7.	Custom Computer Center, Hardware Support -Office, Roads	7,475.00
8.	Petro Canada, gas - W & S Maint.	711.95
9.	Raymond Guy & Sons Ltd., deliveries - W & S Maint.	126.97
10.	Orkin, pest control - Sanitation	397.33
11.	C. & C. Distributors, fuel - Dump, T. K. Kelloway	725.33
12.	Ellis Gas & Convenience, fuel - Fire Dept.	75.02
13.	R. & J. Advertising, ads - Office (Other)	175.00
14.	Marsh's Take-Out, Dinner Meeting - Jan. 9/17	139.62
15.	Valero, furnace oil - Town Hall	583.05
16.	Valero, diesel fuel - Snow Clearing	3,226.80
17.	Municipal Assessment Agency, Assessment Fee 1 st . Quarter 2017	

	18,417.00
18. Crewe's Garage, repairs - Dump Truck - S.C.	771.70
19. Bell Aliant, phone bill Dec. 2016	1,049.47
20. Allstream, phone bill - Fire Dept.	9.42
21. J. T. Swyers Co. Ltd., materials - Dec. 2016	1,807.47
22. Connors Diving, supplies - Air Compressor - Fire	599.14
23. The Paint Shop, supplies - Town Hall	63.80
24. G. B. Signs Ltd., signs - Roads	155.25
25. H. T. Durdle Ltd., supplies - Fire Dept. - Dec. 2016	163.92
26. H. T. Durdle Ltd., supplies - Office (Other) - Dec. 2016	63.45
27. Ricoh, copy cost - Sept. 16 to Dec. 30, 2016	252.60
28. Air Liquide, cylinder rentals - acetylene	15.33
29. Afonso Group, flush sewer line	2,635.08
30. Valero, furnace oil - Town Hall	639.75
31. Telus Mobility, cell phones - I Pads	674.51
32. Rock Racing & Auto, repairs - pickups	369.06
33. Nfld. Exchequer Account, salt & sand - S.C.	10,039.50
34. Bonavista Cabs Ltd., deliveries - Roads	34.50

\$ 56,936.78