

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING, MARCH 12, 2018

A special meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Monday, March 12, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were six members present namely Mayor John Norman, Councillors Paul Moulard, Lindsay Phillips, Reg Butler, Barry Randell and Calvin Rolls. Also present at the meeting were David Bradley, Chair of the Bonavista Historic Townscape Foundation and Melissa Boyce, General Manager. The meeting was presided over by the Mayor.

Mr. Bradley and Ms. Boyce met with Council to discuss various matters pertaining to the Bonavista Historic Townscape Foundation.

Mr. Bradley presented an Income Statement for 2015, 2016 and 2017 for the Public Building and Comparative Income Statements for 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 for the Garrick Theatre for Council to peruse.

The Garrick Theatre is doing quite well with movies taking place at least three times each week and live performances taking place at various times throughout the year. The summer season does really well as there are lots of tourists visiting the area who avail of these services while they are in the area. When performances are going ahead at the theatre, this also increases revenue for the restaurants in town as well.

The Public Building was taken over by the Bonavista Historic Townscape Foundation in 2014. There are repairs needed to be done to this building such as the exterior, the roof and the plumbing and heating system. They do have some tenants but are trying to get some more. They have a Maintenance Man who works at the building full time seasonal doing general maintenance work. They have a cleaner at the building who comes in on a daily basis to do cleaning. They have several tenants some of which do not pay rent for their space. However, this matter will be addressed later.

Masonic Hall. Council has been approached by Mr. Goodyear of the Masonic Lodge to see if the Town is interested in taking over the Masonic Hall — some furniture would also be included in this deal. This is a matter that needs to be discussed with the Bonavista Historic Townscape Foundation to see if they would be interested in acquiring this building for future development. Mr. Bradley agreed to take this to the Foundation for their input on the matter to see what they could use it for. This could be developed in the next phase of the Church Street Project.

Campbell Street. The next phase of the Campbell Street Project is the Bridge House, Harbour Pond and building on the Ocean Choice Int'l Inc. Property. It was stated that the building on the Ocean Choice Int'l Inc. Property could be used as the Office for the Plant (top floor) and also a demonstration area for people to see how fish was taken care of years ago (bottom floor) or it could be used as a seafood shop.

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The bottom floor of the Harris Shop will be used as a Tourist Information Center. The Garrick Box Office will also move over to that building as well. The Tourist Information Center that is already being used could be used as a rental space for a small business.

Heritage By-Laws. This matter has to be discussed by Council.

Town Map. A discussion followed with respect to getting a map ready for this coming tourist season. Mr. Bradley said that more than likely the map could be ready by April or May for the upcoming season.

At 8:00 p.m. Mayor Norman retired from the meeting.

The discussion continued with respect to the map. It was stated that the town should order enough maps for three years.