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MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, JANUARY 28, 2019

A regular meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Monday, January 28, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were six members present namely Mayor John Norman, Deputy Mayor Stephen Chard, Councillors Calvin Rolls, Reg Butler, Lindsay Phillips and Paul Moulard. Also present at the meeting was Town Manager/Clerk David Hiscock. The meeting was presided over by the Mayor and opened with a prayer.

It was moved by Councillor Butler and seconded by Councillor Rolls that the minutes of the meeting held on January 7, 2019, be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

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

(1) Mayor Norman's concerns:-

- A. Recent Power Outages in Bonavista. It was agreed to write Nfld. Power requesting a meeting to discuss this serious matter. Also present at this meeting should be our MHA Neil King and the Minister responsible for Natural Resources Siobhan Coady.
- B. Condition of Dept. of Transportation & Works roads in Bonavista. It was agreed to write our MHA Neil King requesting that these roads be repaired immediately and repaved if need be this summer.
- C. Municipal Capital Works 2020. It was agreed for Council to think about what they want to do in the next Capital Works since the call for applications may be earlier this year.
- D. Advertising signs around town. It was agreed to meet with a committee of the accommodation owners (4 or 5) to discuss the placement of advertising signs around town this year.
- E. Hospital Staffing Issues. A discussion arose concerning this matter and it was agreed for the Mayor to address the issue at the next Eastern Health Regional Health Meetings.
- F. Dept. of Forestry (Wood Cutting Permits) and Motor Registration (Driver Examiner). It was suggested that both these offices should be at the College of the North Atlantic since they have space available for offices and for parking.

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(2) Councillor Rolls' concerns:-

- A. Eric Cox complaining about poor visibility for him to get out of his driveway on Tremblets' Hill because of a fence belonging to Gary Tremblett.
- B. Street Light near Marjorie Mouland's in Mockbeggar. It was moved by Councillor Rolls and seconded by Councillor Butler to take over payment of this street light provided it is turned around to light up the road leading to the Boardwalk. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Trailer belonging Donnie White parked on Red Point Road. It was stated that this is an hindrance to snow clearing and it needs to be removed.
- D. Meeting with Sergeant Dale Lewis of the RCMP. It was agreed to try and arrange this meeting for Wednesday, February 6, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. It was agreed to invite our MHA to this meeting also.

(3) Councillor Butler's concerns:-

- A. Old flake belonging to the Estate of Walter Mouland. It was stated that this needs to be repaired but the family of Walter Mouland must give it to the Historic Society before we can get funding for this work.
- B. Seafences in a state of disrepair. It was agreed for the Mayor to contact our MP re this matter.
- C. Fire Department not being able to enter a burning building because the power is on. It was agreed that this problem needs to be addressed.

(4) Councillor Phillips' concerns:-

- A. Snow removal and ice control in front of Town Hall.. It was agreed to get this matter taken care of. Also, we need to make sure that the Stadium parking lot is salted.
- B. Poor condition of house belonging to the Estate of Gordon Little. It was agreed for Councillors to look at this property before the next Council meeting.

(5) Deputy Mayor Chard's concerns:-

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- A. Snow Clearing. It was stated that we have had some complaints about snow clearing.
- B. New Ambulance Building for Bonavista. It was agreed to get an update from the Ambulance Committee on this matter.

A discussion then arose concerning the business arising out of the minutes.

- (1) Accounts Payable. The Town Manager/Clerk presented a list of bills for approval to pay. A copy of this list of bills is attached. It was moved by Councillor Butler and seconded by Deputy Mayor Chard that these bills in the amount of \$83,738.62 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.
- (2) Avalon/Eastern Regional Meeting on February 1 – 2, 2019, at Holiday Inn Express in St. John's. Anyone wishing to attend should let the Town Manager/Clerk know as soon as possible.
- (3) Statement of Revenue and Expenses for Cabot Stadium for December 2018.
- (4) Letter from Siobhan Coady, MHA, Minister of Natural Resources re Electricity Rate Increases in Nfld. & Labrador.
- (5) Cynthia White requesting an exemption from Poll Tax for 2019 since she now resides in Golden Heights Manor and they take all of her income. It was moved by Councillor Butler and seconded by Deputy Mayor Chard to exempt Ms. White from Poll Tax for 2019. Motion carried unanimously.
- (6) Dr. H. Magrabi requesting a tax break for 2019 since he is a private practice physician the same as was given to another private practice physician. It was agreed not to give Dr. Magrabi a tax break at this time.
- (7) Brian Russell's Poll Tax for 2018 in the amount of \$250.00. Mr. Russell had an accident in 2018 and has since been institutionalized because of a severe handicap and will never be able to work again. It was moved by Councillor Rolls and seconded by Deputy Mayor Chard to write off this Poll Tax given the severity of the situation. Motion carried unanimously.
- (8) Bonavista Municipal Plan Amendment Number 1, 2019. This Amendment will allow the Town, at their discretion, to permit Commercial Residential in a new zone called "Open Space Tourism." The area to be rezoned is approximately 2 hectares on the south side of Red Cove. It was moved by Councillor Phillips and seconded by Councillor Mouland to start the process to have this area rezoned. Motion carried unanimously.

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- (9) Church Street Festival Committee requesting a donation towards this year's festival. It was moved by Councillor Phillips and seconded by Councillor Rolls to donate \$2,000.00 to this cause --- the same as last year. Motion carried unanimously.

Since there was no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

