

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING, MARCH 16, 2020

A regular meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Monday, March 16, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were seven members present namely Mayor John Norman, Deputy Mayor Stephen Chard, Councillors Calvin Rolls, Lindsay Phillips, Reg Butler, Barry Randell 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 Rolls and seconded by Councillor Butler that the minutes of the meeting held on February 26, 2020, be adopted as read.

At this time a discussion arose concerning the COVID 19 Pandemic. A lengthy discussion continued concerning this matter and the following was decided:

- Shut down Stadium immediately
- Shut down Theatre immediately
- Shut down Gymnasium immediately

A discussion carried on about the effect of this Pandemic on the fishery, tourism, and tax paying at the Town Hall because all these will be affected negatively.

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

(1) Mayor Norman's concerns:-

- (A) Mayor Norman stated that the Culinary School course and the Personal Care Attendant course will be offered at the College of the North Atlantic for next year.
- (B) Staffing at the Museum. The Museum Association of Newfoundland and Labrador (MANL) wants cataloging of inventory, etc. done at the Museum. It was agreed to meet with the Museum Staff and Crystal Fudge, our Archivist, re this matter.
- (C) Meeting with R.C.M.P. re Bonavista Detachment. It was agreed to invite them to a meeting as soon as possible to discuss this matter further.
- (D) Streets that are in deplorable condition and which are under Dept. of Transportation & Works' jurisdiction in Bonavista. It was agreed to check on this matter.

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(2) Councillor Rolls' concerns:-

(A) Fire Hydrants being snowed in. It was agreed to arrange to get these hydrants dug out as soon as possible.

(3) Councillor Randell's concerns:-

(A) Capital Works for 2020. Councillor Randell stated that there is some concern about approval for Capital Works for this year. It was agreed to meet with our M.H.A. and the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Environment to discuss this matter further.

(B) Damaged Pasture Fence at Cape Bonavista. It was stated that Dept. of Transportation & Works are aware of this. However, more damage was done this weekend.

(C) Employment Insurance for delayed plants opening. It was agreed to write our M.P. re this matter.

(4) Councillor Butler's concerns: -

(A) Potholes in roads. It was agreed to get these repairs done as soon as possible.

(B) Fireworks for Bonavista Days 2020. It was moved by Councillor Rolls and seconded by Councillor Randell to order \$20,000.00 of Fireworks for Bonavista Days 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

(5) Councillor Phillips' concerns: -

(A) Plowing Town Hall Parking Lot. Councillor Phillips wanted to know why our parking lot is not plowed before the Town Hall opens. It was agreed to make arrangements to have this done.

(B) Councillor Phillips stated that he is not opposed to paying bills --- just the bill to pay Darrin Hicks for Consulting Services since he is on sick leave from the Town. Councillor Phillips stated that this is illegal and must stop. It was moved by Councillor Phillips and seconded by Councillor Rolls that if a person is contrary to approval to pay bills because of one bill then an explanation should be given what that bill is. Motion carried unanimously.

(C) Councillor Phillips wanted to know why Saltwater Community Association was refused a letter of support for Day Care Center at Matthew Elementary even though it was approved by Dept. of Education. It was agreed to investigate this matter further.

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(D) Councillor Phillips wants to know why the Gym is getting financial support from Council and not other not-for-profit organizations.

(6) Deputy Mayor Chard's concerns:-

(A) Removal of train from Bonavista. It was stated that Grand Falls-Windsor was interested in our train. It was stated that no decision has been made on this matter.

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

(1) Salvation Army seeking funding to purchase a generator for their Youth Center so that they can host a warming station for the Town when the power is off. It was stated that the Town supports this project. However, financially we cannot be of assistance.

(2) Trouble with new phone system. It was agreed to have this system fixed within two weeks or get rid of it.

A discussion then arose concerning the following:-

(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 Moulard and seconded by Councillor Butler that these bills in the amount of \$74,974.71 be paid. Motion carried; however, Councillor Phillips was contrary to the motion because he does not approve #15 – Consulting Fees for Darrin Hicks.

(2) Gas Tax Audit for year ended December 31, 2019. Our Auditor, Richard Power, presented this Audit. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Butler to approve this Audit as presented and to sign it accordingly. Motion carried unanimously.

(3) Bonavista Historic Townscape Foundation requesting Council to secure a loan for \$80,000.00 so that the Foundation can meet its 10% contribution when it applies to ACOA for funding toward Phase II of the Campbell Street Project --- Harbour Pond --- which includes restoration of the Bridge House. This loan commitment, if needed, would not be until 2021. It was moved by Councillor Randell and seconded by Councillor Moulard to seek an approval to borrow from the Dept. of Municipal Affairs & Environment in 2020 for this loan and to budget accordingly. Motion carried; however, Councillors Rolls and Phillips were contrary to this motion and Mayor Norman abstained because of a perceived Conflict of Interest.

(4) Shawn Warren requesting reimbursement for damage done to his vehicle by snow falling from the Stadium roof. It was agreed that there is nothing we can do on this matter.

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Since there was no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT, COUNCIL MEETING, MARCH 16, 2020

1.	Parts For Trucks – sensor – S.C.	\$ 294.48
2.	Orkin Pest Control (Legacy) – Roads	161.00
3.	J. T. Swyers Co. Ltd., materials – Roads	310.26
4.	J. T. Swyers Co. Ltd., materials – Fire	29.51
5.	Bell Aliant, phone bill – January 2020	888.16
6.	H. T. Durdle Ltd., supplies – January 2020 – Fire	44.46
7.	H. T. Durdle Ltd., supplies – January 2020 – Office (Other)	53.48
8.	Marsh’s Taxi, deliveries – S.C.	51.75
9.	Avalon Hydraulics, hose repairs – S.C.	140.16
10.	David Hiscock, trip to St. John’s – UMC Meetings	822.44
11.	John Norman, trip to St. John’s – UMC Meetings	505.48
12.	Telus, iPads & Cell Phones	449.13
13.	Allstream, phone – Fire Dept.	12.96
14.	Quadiant Leasing, mailing machine March 1 – May 31, 2020	563.50
15.	Darrin Hicks, consulting services – W & S Maint.	615.00
16.	Credit Recovery, Collection Cost – Jan. 2020	196.58
17.	Dicks & Co. Ltd., Office Supplies	140.00
18.	Xylem Water Solutions, Pump repair	1,183.99
19.	Parts For Trucks, Cable – Dump Truck, -S.C.	165.62
20.	Foodland, Office Supplies (Other)	107.00
21.	Meridian Engineering, Sea Wall estimate	5,745.45
22.	Nfld. Power, Light Bills – Jan. 2020	10,317.33
23.	Safety Source Ltd., Gloves Etc. – Fire Dept.	1,403.00
24.	Telus, Cellphones & iPads – Feb. 2020	612.52
25.	Saltwire, Ad – Office (Other)	57.50
26.	RFS Canada, Copier Lease – April 1 – June 30, 2020	408.47
27.	Nfld. Exchequer Acct., Salt & Sand – S.C.	18,119.40
28.	Parts For Trucks, Covers – Lug Nuts – S.C.	20.01
29.	Foodland, Cleaning Supplies – Office	157.29
30.	Bonavista Trinity Regional Chamber of Commerce, Membership 2020	75.00
31.	Saltwire, Tourism Brochures & Inserts	4,061.52
32.	Biomaxx, Outfall Sampling, etc. – W & S	3,668.50
33.	Royal Canadian Legion, ad – Military Service Booklet	425.00
34.	C. & C. Distributors, diesel fuel and furnace oil	6,727.11
35.	Sweetland’s Aggregates, Excavator Rental – W & S	606.63
36.	Raymond Guy & Sons Ltd., deliveries – W & S, Office (Other)	366.76
37.	Dicks & Co. Ltd., office supplies	252.98
38.	Battlefield Equipment Rentals, tools	304.65
39.	Nfld. Power, light bills – February 2020	10,242.91
40.	Blue Oceans Satellite Systems, Tracking System – March 2020	423.66
41.	Irving Oil Marketing, gas – W & S	291.26
42.	Toromont CAT, Maint. Loaders – S.C.	1,886.51
43.	Saltwire, ad Office (Other)	57.50
44.	Orkin Canada, pest control – Dump	473.80
45.	Bell Aliant, phone bills – Feb. 2020	512.30

46.	David Hiscock, trip to Clarendville re signs & supplies	108.00
47.	G. B. Signs, Stewardship Sign for Bonavista – Office (Other)	322.00
48.	GJM Enterprises Ltd., cleaning supplies – Office (Other)	39.09
49.	Marsh’s Taxi, deliveries – S.C., Fire	120.75
50.	Dicks & Co. Ltd., office supplies	435.85
		\$ 74,974.71