



MINUTES OF MEETING

JANUARY 30, 2023 – 4:00 PM

Call meeting to order/adoption of agenda:-

A regular meeting of the Bonavista Town Council was held on Monday, January 30, 2023, at 4:05 p.m. in the Council Chambers. There were six members present; Mayor John Norman, Deputy Mayor Reg Butler and Councillors Nicole Abbott, David Hiscock, Lindsay Phillips, and Barry Randell were present in the Chambers. CAO/Clerk Stephanie Lodge and ECHO Crystal Fudge were also present. Youth Representative Noah Butt joined the meeting by telephone.

The meeting was presided over by the Mayor.

It was moved by Councillor Abbott and seconded by Councillor Phillips that the agenda of the meeting held on January 30, 2023, be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

Delegations/Proclamations/Presentations:-

Reg Hicks, Anita Lodge, and Bernice Clements of the Bonavista Lions Club attended the meeting to discuss concerns with regards to the Church Street fence blocking the view of motorists exiting the parking lot. Lions Club members did not agree with Councils' suggestion to implement a one-way entrance and exit. It was decided to investigate other options for this section of fencing before a final decision is made. Lions Club Representatives retired from the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Adoption of minutes:-

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Butler and seconded by Councillor Phillips that the minutes of the meeting held on January 16, 2023, be adopted as read. Motion carried unanimously.

Business arising from the minutes:-

College of the North Atlantic– Mayor Norman gave a summary of current programming challenges at the College. It was decided to arrange a zoom meeting with the president of CONA to discuss program development, program budget, and the future of the Bonavista Campus and to invite MHA Craig Pardy and possibly the Minister for the discussion.

Wetland infilling – It was decided that any infilling occurring on or near a wetland will require proof of ownership so that compliance with the *Water Resources Act* can be verified. Until a wetland policy is drafted and adopted, letters requesting a copy of the survey will be sent to those currently infilling on/near wetlands.

Committee Reports:-

Public Works Committee Meeting – Presented by Councillor Phillips (see attached minutes)

Right-of-Way (Benny's Road) – It was agreed not to close this right-of-way.



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Travel Trailer Air Bnb – It was agreed to approve this permit application with stipulations (no permanent w/s service to the trailers, no expansion without approval, the area is well maintained and a commercial w/s rate is applied to the residence).

All recommendations presented in the report were agreed upon by Council.

Administrative Notes:-

1. Habitat for Humanity – A discussion arose concerning a land exchange with Habitat for Humanity. It was agreed to begin the process by having the land next to the water towers surveyed.
2. Accommodations freeze: It was moved by Councillor Hiscock and seconded by Councillor Randell to temporarily suspend the review of all business permit applications for all types of accommodations until a set of formal Accommodation Regulations have been implemented. Motion carried unanimously.

Finances:-

1. A list of bills for approval to pay was presented. A copy of this list of bills is attached. It was moved by Councillor Hiscock and seconded by Councillor Randell that these bills in the amount of \$40,513.18 be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Permits:-

- A summary of permits was presented for information/review purposes.

Correspondence:-

From	Date	Regarding	Action/Resolution
Municipal Assessment Agency	Jan. 25, 2023	Manager of Assessment Operations	N/A
Tom Singer	Jan. 23, 2023	Town communication	ECHO to investigate and respond to Mr. Singer

Notice of Motions: None

Councillors' Concerns:-

Mayor Norman's concerns:-

1. Childcare – Mayor Norman provided a summary of his discussions with YMCA-NL and the Assistant Deputy Minister regarding regulated childcare. The pilot program will take place at



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Matthew Elementary and will consist of pre-kindergarten early learning and childcare spaces. The program is awaiting final approval.

2. A television show led by Ben Stiller will be filmed in March in several locations in Bonavista. Approximately 170 staff and crew will be in town for filming.
3. Health care update – Mayor Norman provided a summary of recent meetings with Physicians who have experience working at the Bonavista Hospital as well as with representatives from Eastern Health. Bonavista Hospital is closed for the majority of February. Mayor Norman will be doing interviews with the media.

Councillor Randell's concerns

1. None

Councillor Abbott's concerns:-

1. None

Deputy Mayor Butler's concerns:-

1. Manhole was struck over the weekend. It was stated that water/sewer maintenance are available after-hours for emergency calls.

Councillor Phillips' concerns:-

1. Dianne Hayley requesting a reduction/write-off of taxes. It was stated this cannot be done at this time.
2. Jim Rumbolt requesting to put a chip truck on his land (Sebastian Drive). It was stated that he must submit a business permit application and include all relevant information for review.

Councillor Hiscock's concerns:-

1. Old Days Pond Boardwalk – It was stated the main parking lot is very dark at night. It was moved by Councillor Hiscock and seconded by Councillor Randell to install a streetlight in the main parking lot of the boardwalk. Motion carried unanimously.

Youth Representative Noah Butt:-

1. None

Since there was no further business to be discussed, it was moved by Deputy Mayor Butler that the meeting be adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Stephanie Lodge, CAO/Clerk