

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BELFAST
COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 7, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Paul MacDonald.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul MacDonald Derrill Shaw
 Kip Smith Garth Gillis
 Rikki Schock Frieda Billard

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Gary MacLeod

RESIDENTS AND INTERESTED FORMER RESIDENTS IN ATTENDANCE - 6

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – It was moved by Kip Smith, seconded by Frieda Billard, that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: It was moved by Kip Smith, seconded by Frieda Billard, that the minutes of Monday, March 19, 2018 be adopted. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS – FLAT RIVER PIONEER CEMETERY - A very detailed informative discussion was held about the right of way to Flat River Cemetery. In the details of the deed there is a right of way to the cemetery. However, the building is on the right of way. Councilor Kip Smith submitted a detailed fact sheet on the history of Flat River Pioneer Cemetery est. 1827, property number 492652. Mike Adam, resident of 11 Beaton Lane, has been routinely taking pictures of Graham and Nancy Gurniak denying/limited access to the Flat River Cemetery (also known as the Beaton Cemetery). The Gurniak's have routinely put up a barrier and also beware of a dog sign even though they do not own a dog. They have denied access for a furniture delivery of a Beaton ancestor and 3 elderly women who were allowed to go in by walking but they could not walk the distance. Another instance was a young woman who pulled up to the gate to take her relatives to the grave site but were given only 5 minutes. Several other instances were given.

Mike Adam read a letter submitted by Cheryl Ostrowski who owns property located at 68 and 80 Pioneer Cemetery that intersects Beaton Lane to the Cemetery. Copy attached.

Councilor Kip Smith bought 4 no trespassing signs and put them up but Mr. Gurniak said no. People who also come down to access the trail are also blocked access. Councilor Smith said the Minister of Cultural Affairs can issue that decree to honor the right of way and convince them it is serious about the public access. However, apparently the new Municipalities Act does no longer look after these situations.

RESOLUTION - It was decided the Council send a registered letter to the Gurniack's stating the very seriousness of this situation. It needs to be resolved. People have the right to visit this Flat River Pioneer Cemetery.

SERVICE – It was moved by Rikki Schock, seconded by Frieda Billard, to pay the cheques written: Belfast Rural Fire Dept. - \$10,000 Pt. Prim Lighthouse Society - \$3,000
Belfast Historical Society - \$4,000 WIADC – Wood Islands Area Dev. Society - \$4000
(\$2,000 for Lighthouse), Belfast Soccer Assoc. - \$500 and Belfast Area Watershed Group - \$3,000.

NEW BUSINESS:

Under the new MGA we are required to appoint a Municipal Electoral Officer (MEO). The CAO can be appointed as the MEO. It can't be a Councilor or we hire someone else.

RESOLUTION - It was moved by Frieda Billard, seconded by Kip Smith, that we pass a resolution to appoint Janice MacDonald, CAO as the MEO (Municipal Electoral Officer). Motion carried.

The Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission (the "Commission") received a proposal under the MGA to establish the Greater Three Rivers Area municipality (the "Proposal"). Pursuant to section 16 (1) of the Act, the Commission must provide a copy of the Proposal to each adjoining municipality and any other municipality that may be affected, among others. Discussion was held whether or not we even had to address the letter from IRAC. Janice was led to believe that we had to submit a reply. She was to check with Municipal Affairs before the deadline of May 22nd. Since we were not meeting again before the date, we would have a resolution in place, just in case. Be it resolved that the Rural Municipality of Belfast incorporated in 1972, does not object to the Notice of Proposal for the Greater Three Rivers Area Municipality.

It was moved by Garth Gillis, seconded by Frieda Billard, be it resolved that the Rural Municipality of Belfast incorporated in 1972, does not object to the Notice of Proposal for the Greater Three Rivers Area Municipality. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Frieda moved the meeting be adjourned.

Approved June 4, 2018

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Mayor - Paul MacDonald

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Administrator - Janice MacDonald