

# COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 26, 2002

#02-02

The Parrsboro Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers with Mayor Doug Robinson presiding.

**PRESENT:** Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith

Councillor Gleneida Canning

Councillor Lois Smith

Councillor Lyle Yorke

A.D. Brown, Town Clerk

Kevin Yorke, Secretary

## 1. **CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

Mayor Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all those in attendance. The Mayor noted that due to a commitment to attend a service for the late Cyril "Bud" Johnson, an honoured citizen who had done a lot for the town, he would be leaving at 7:20 p.m. and Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith would be taking the chair.

## 2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith, seconded by Councillor Lois Smith that the Agenda be approved as circulated. **Motion carried.**

## 3. **RCMP REPORT**

Corporal Phil Oliver reported that over the past month the RCMP had received 64 complaints, or an average of five complaints per member, with 27 files being created in the town. Overall there were 5 criminal complaints with two charges laid for causing a disturbance and obstructing a police officer; 5 charges laid under the Motor Vehicle Act; the remainder were assistance related calls, i.e. property checks, criminal code checks for people applying for jobs, etc. Cst. Scott

**MacRae is continuing with the DARE program every Wednesday at the schools.**

**After giving the RCMP report, Cpl. Oliver was excused to attend to his duties.**

**Later in the meeting Cst. Clarke, the new member for Advocate who will also be doing some duties in this area, arrived and introduced himself to the members of Council. Mayor Robinson welcomed Cst. Clarke on behalf of the Town.**

#### **4. BYLAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT**

**The Clerk advised that Mr. Skidmore had extended his regrets for not attending to give his report due to a prior commitment to attend this evenings services for Mr. Johnson at the funeral home.**

#### **5. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

**Fire Chief Jeremy Dunphy gave the following report for the month of February 2002:**

##### **EMERGENCY CALLS**

**1 Flue Fire**

**1 Air Ambulance Assist**

##### **TRAINING**

**On January 31<sup>st</sup> the department responded to a mock propane emergency at Parrsboro Metal Fabricators. A debriefing was held to discuss how the response was handled.**

**February 7<sup>th</sup> was a tour of MTT phone facilities and operations in Parrsboro. This was performed by Bevon Dixon of MTT.**

**Terry Canning, Nova Scotia fire service liaison of the Trunked Mobile Radio system and Deputy Chief of the Brookfield Fire Department, was in on February 14<sup>th</sup>. He gave instruction on the new provincial radio system and its use in the fire service.**

**On February 21<sup>st</sup> members attended a training session in ice rescue at the Aboiteau. One and two rescuer scenarios were practiced on thick ice conditions.**

**Aubrey Fenton, Larry Orr and Peter Greenham attended a one day ice rescue course at the Nova Scotia Firefighters School. This was instructed by members of the Ottawa (Ontario) Fire Department.**

We would like to recognize that fire officers and firefighters from Southampton, Five Islands and Joggins also participated in the training sessions we held this month.

## **OTHER EVENTS**

The department is working on a training evening that would see participants receive their Pleasure Craft Operators card. Currently all operators born after April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1983 are required to have the card. All operators of watercraft under 4m in length, including personal watercraft (seadoos), are required to have the card by September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2002. We will be doing advertising once the date, etc. is confirmed.

After concluding his report the Fire Chief noted the passing of Cyril Johnson who was a former fire chief and honorary member of the Parrsboro Volunteer Fire Department. He indicated that Mr. Johnson was always there when asked to help out and will be sadly missed by the fire department.

### **6. CHEQUE SHEET**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith, seconded by Councillor Lois Smith that the Cheque Sheet in the amount of \$81,004.75 be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

### **7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Robinson asked if there were any errors or omissions noted in the Council minutes of January 30, 2002 - #02-01. Hearing none he declared the minutes approved as circulated.

### **8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

(8.1) Finance - Report given by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith:

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

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(a) Tax Exemption - The Committee discussed the tax exemption for the year 2002 and recommend that the amount of the exemption remain at \$90.00, however, that the maximum income level increase from \$10,000 to \$11,500.

**(b) Policing** - Correspondence advises that 2002/2003 RCMP service costs under the Provincial Policing Agreement will increase by 7.8% equating to an increase in the per capita rate from \$83,979 to \$90,543. The Department of Justice has indicated that this is not the approved rate that the province will be using for billing purposes and that there will be meetings arranged with the UNSM Police Advisory Committee to further discuss policing costs and other policing issues of importance to the municipal areas serviced under the agreement.

**(c) Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority** -

**(1) Borrowing Resolution** - A letter from Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations has confirmed that the Minister has approved the Borrowing Resolution passed by Council on November 27, 2001 with respect to the Town's portion of financing for the bulldozer at the Little Forks Landfill.

**(2) Deficit** - The Committee supports the recommendation of the Cumberland Joint Services Management Board that the 2000/2001 deficit of the CJSMA be amortized over the 2002/2003 and 2003/2004 fiscal years and that the inter-municipal agreement be amended to permit this.

**(d) Kidney Foundation** - The Kidney Foundation of Canada has submitted a written request for permission to canvas door-to-door in the Town of Parrsboro from March 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>. The Committee recommends that this request be approved.

**(e) Invitation to Open House** - Parrsboro Legion Branch #45 extended an invitation to the Mayor and Council to attend their 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary open house and buffet supper on Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>.

**(f) LA Animal Shelter** - A letter from Ruth Allen, Director of the Lillian Allbon Cumberland County Animal Shelter has requested a financial contribution from the Town.

The Committee recommends that this request be referred to the budget.

**(g) Chignecto-Central Regional School Board** - Correspondence addressed to the Clerk advised that the School Board recently contracted the former Deputy Minister of Education, Lloyd Gillis, to conduct a review of its organizational structure. The study will examine a wide range of issues including the "Family" structure and the staffing levels in Board departments. The Board Steering Committee for this project would like the Clerk and council members to have an opportunity to meet with Mr. Gillis for their input relative to the mandate and will attempt to establish meeting times and places in the very near future.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith, seconded by Councillor Lois Smith that the Finance Committee report and recommendations contained therein be approved. Motion carried.

**(8.2) Public Works - Report given by Councillor Gleneida Canning:**

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT**

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**(a) Superintendent's Report - John Henwood advised that over the past few weeks the majority of the crew's time has been spent on plowing and removing snow, salting and sanding. There has been some work undertaken to turn water on and off and basic maintenance of vehicles is ongoing. He also advised that the Water Utility is working and experiencing no problems.**

**There was a discussion regarding the frost heaves as John and the members of the Committee have noticed that in a few areas the sidewalks and curbs are starting to move a bit. It was agreed that it should be brought to everyone's attention again that it is that time of year when the sidewalks and curbs will shift with the frost which is beyond the control of the Town and to ask the public to use caution when they are travelling on our streets and sidewalks.**

**(b) Flowers for Main Street - A discussion was held regarding the placement of flowers on the power poles and other town owned buildings this summer. It was agreed to request quotes from three local suppliers of flowers being the Home Hardware, Nathan Tupper and Catherine Meredith.**

**The Committee also discussed replacing diseased and missing trees along Main Street this spring and summer. The number of trees needed will be assessed and the Clerk will contact Rhonda Kelly at CREDA regarding potential suppliers and cost estimates.**

**Moved by Councillor Gleneida Canning, seconded by Councillor Lyle Yorke that the Public Works report and recommendations contained therein be approved. Motion carried.**

**(8.3) Protective Services - Report given by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith:**

**PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT**

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**(a) Parrsboro Volunteer Fire Department - Fire Chief Jeremy Dunphy and Deputy Fire Chief Arnold Wood presented a review of the department's 20 year capital planning strategy for**

firefighting equipment to ensure the reliability of Parrsboro's fire and rescue service. The Chief will obtain some additional information requested by the Committee and it is the intention to have a joint meeting with the County of Cumberland at a future date to review the department's request for capital funding.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith, seconded by Councillor Lois Smith that the Protective Services report and recommendations contained therein be approved.

On the question,

For information the Deputy Mayor noted that the Fire Chief has passed the revised information on to him.

As there was no further discussion or question, the motion was voted on and carried.

(8.4) Recreation - Report given by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith:

## RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

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(a) Volunteer Nominations - The Recreation Committee met to discuss plans for the recognition of volunteers and to set a date for nominations to be accepted. Nominations will be accepted for:

- Volunteer of the Year
- Youth Volunteer (must be attending junior or senior high school)
- Sobeys "Family Volunteer" (awarded in recognition of a family of volunteers)

Nominations must be submitted in written form and signed by the nominator with the nominations deadline being 12:00 noon, Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2002 at the Town Hall.

Our local volunteer award ceremonies have been scheduled to be held on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Hall. Organizations will be contacted by letter to request that each send a representative to accept an award on its behalf.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith, seconded by Councillor Gleneida Canning that the Recreation report and recommendations contained therein be approved. Motion carried.

At this point Mayor Robinson was excused due to the prior commitment he had earlier noted and

**Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith assumed the chair for the duration of the meeting.**

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE**

**(9.1) Family and Children's Services - For information correspondence from Family and Children's Services of Cumberland County was read seeking expressions of interest from the general public who would like to consider a position on their volunteer board of directors. Board meetings are held on the fourth Thursday evening of each month from September to November and January to May and the various subcommittees meet once or twice each month at noon. Persons wishing more information on the board and its functions or would like to apply to become a member can do so by contacting Family and Children's Services of Cumberland County, P.O. Box 399, Amherst, N.S.**

**(9.2) Chignecto-Central Regional School Board - The Clerk noted that this was a follow up to the letter in the Finance Committee report indicating that the Chignecto-Central Regional School Board had contracted Lloyd Gillis to conduct a review of their organizational structure. The letter advised that arrangements have been made with the Municipality of Cumberland to host a meeting in the Council Chambers on Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. and that Mr. Gillis welcomes the opportunity to hear Council's views and briefs relative to the mandate.**

**(9.3) Maggie's Place - The Clerk advised that Maggie's Place, a resource centre for families in Amherst, had submitted a written request for a grant toward their operations and he recommended that it be referred to the budget.**

**Moved by Councillor Lois Smith, seconded by Councillor Gleneida Canning that the request for a grant from Maggie's Place be referred to the 2002/03 budget for consideration. Motion carried.**

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

**Upon a motion by Councillor Lois Smith the meeting adjourned.**