

COUNCIL

APRIL 23, 2002

#02-06

The Parrsboro Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 23rd, 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. **WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Robinson welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Lyle Yorke, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith that the agenda be approved as circulated. **Motion carried.**

3. **RCMP REPORT**

The Clerk noted regrets from the RCMP for not being able to attend this evening to give a report due to other commitments.

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

Bylaw Officer Carl Skidmore advised that during the past month he had received eight complaints, picked up one dog and issued two warnings.

5. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Jeremy Dunphy presented the following report for the month of April 2002:

EMERGENCY CALLS

1 Flue Fire

2 Fire Alarms

3 Grass Fires

TRAINING

Some members took their boating proficiency course on April 4th. Others, who have already obtained this course, did vehicle checks, washed hose and reworked our backup paging system.

On April 7th the South Cumberland High Angle Rescue Team did a review session on knots and held a meeting to situate the summer's events. The group will be holding a Reverse Draw fund raiser on May 11th at the Parrsboro Fire Hall. Tickets are available from Team members.

April 11th was a maintenance session. All equipment was removed from the vehicles, cleaned, checked and returned.

On April 18th firefighters practiced vehicle extrication. This included scene response, equipment setup and victim packaging and removal.

On April 16th members attended the Parrsboro Brownies for a session on fire prevention, what firefighters do and the equipment that is used.

NEW TRUCK PROJECT LAUNCH

This month saw the department launch its new truck project. A project status sign has been set up outside the firehall and a mail campaign was conducted to businesses. Response thus far has been good and we would like to thank those who have contributed. We will be conducting more fund raising activities and public awareness sessions over the summer at numerous venues.

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

The Canadian Blood Services has confirmed another blood donor clinic for June 19th. This will be held at the Parrsboro Firehall on Willow Street. Last year's went very well and we hope to have even more donors this year.

The Fire Chief added to his report that a mock vehicle accident would be taking place at the Parrsboro Regional High School on Friday, April 26th involving the school students, fire department, EHS and RCMP.

6. APPROVAL OF CHEQUE SHEET

Moved by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith, seconded by Councillor Lois Smith that the General Cheque Sheet in the amount of \$98,701.19 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Robinson asked if there were any errors or omissions noted in the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on March 26, 2002 being #02-03 and the Special Council meeting held on March 28, 2002 being #02-04.

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

APRIL 2002

(a) Presentation RE: Target Nova Scotia - Kelly Millar, Cumberland Data Researcher for the Target Nova Scotia Project sponsored by CREDA presented an overview of the project to Council on April 16th. The project is partnered by several government and corporate agencies and is basically a database and website designed to attract North American fixed investments to Nova Scotia. The website address is www.targetnovascotia.com for those who may wish to view the site.

(b) Tax Exemptions - The Clerk presented seven applications for the \$90.00 municipal tax exemption that had been submitted by the March 28th deadline. He noted that an eighth application had already been rejected as the applicant did not meet the necessary criteria. In the

discussion the Committee questioned the eligibility of one of the applicants and asked the Clerk to make the necessary contact to verify the information given.

The Committee agreed to recommend approval of the applications presented provided it is determined that all applicants qualify.

(c) Planning Services - At the last meeting the Committee had requested additional information regarding the contracting of planning services from the Town of Amherst which had been verbally offered to Parrsboro. Correspondence from Ron Patterson of the Town of Amherst advises that the municipality is prepared to provide basic planning and mapping services for the sum of \$15,000 which will provide up to 200 hours of staff time. Another letter from Jason MacDonald, Planner for the Town of Amherst outlined in more detail the planning services Amherst is prepared to provide.

After a discussion the Committee recommended that Parrsboro contract planning services from the Town of Amherst for one year for the quoted fee.

(d) Appointment to CREDA - The Cumberland Regional Economic Development Association advised by letter that the elected position held by Councillor Gleneida Canning will expire on May 31, 2002 and requested that Council address the situation prior to the term expiration.

After a discussion the Committee recommended re-appointing Councillor Canning for another term on CREDA.

(e) Concerns RE: Garbage - The Committee was advised that concerns had been expressed about the storage of garbage in and around properties in the town. The Clerk was requested to look into each individual case and take the necessary action to have the garbage cleaned up.

(f) Correspondence for Information -

(f.1) District of Queens RE: Assessment Services - A letter from Mayor Leefe of the District of Queens to the President of the UNSM outlining his council's observations on each of the sections in the UNSM Executive Sub-Committee report on Assessment Services.

(f.2) Colchester RE: UNSM - In anticipation of UNSM Spring Conference Workshop to look at the future role of the organization the County of Colchester has sent to all units a copy of their Discussion Paper on the Future Role of the UNSM identifying five areas for improvement and recommendations for each specific area.

(f.3) National Aboriginal Day - An invitation to share in the celebration of National Aboriginal Day this June 21st.

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

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

APRIL 2002

(a) Spring Clean-Up - The Public Works Committee has discussed the annual spring clean-up and recommend that it be held the week of May 20th which is after the long weekend. Specific dates and times will be left to the discretion of the Superintendent and will be advertised well in advance for those wishing to take advantage of this service.

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

(8.3) Youth Town Council - Report given by Councillor Lois Smith:

YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

APRIL 2002

(a) Presentation RE: Recreation Park - On behalf of the sub-committee of the Youth Town Council which had been formed to look at youth issues, Chairman Scott McRae presented to Council on April 16th an overview of what the Committee had accomplished so far in setting up a skateboard park on the former Scott property and their plans to expand the park to create a recreation area. Projects for the summer of 2002 include erecting signage, constructing picnic tables and sun shelters, a basketball court, BMX hills and landscaping. Plans for 2003 include construction of more skateboard and roller blade ramps and enlarging the asphalt area, construction of a beach volleyball site and sand for the beach area, enhancing walking areas and continuing to maintain the site. Scott noted that this will become a reality through community partnership, continued volunteer commitment, ongoing town support and approval, securing a corporate sponsor, government grants and lots of hard work. The Town Council was asked to consider making a commitment for the use of the former Scott property so that the committee can pursue future funding for the development of this area.

After the presentation the Council was generally supportive of the concepts put forth by the committee subject to the submission of a plot plan showing the proposed development on the property.

Moved by Councillor Lois Smith, seconded by Councillor Gleneida Canning that the Youth Town Council report be accepted into the Council minutes.

On the question,

Deputy Mayor Smith noted that he supports the concept of what the committee would like to do but as he had expressed at the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting it would be easier to vote on the motion if Council knew exactly what the committee is planning and he asked if anything further had been received regarding the plot plan.

Councillor Lois Smith advised that Kevin Harvey is working on the plot plan but that it has not been completed as yet. She also noted that motion was only to put the report in the Council notes, not to go through with the motion.

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

9. CORRESPONDENCE

(9.1) 689 Handley Page Squadron - An invitation to the Mayor and Council to attend the annual review of the 689 Handley Page Squadron being held at the Legion on Saturday, May 11th, 2002 at 2:00 p.m.

(9.2) Volunteer Awards Social - Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith advised that the local volunteer awards social will be held at the Fire Hall on May 6th, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. All volunteers are welcome and an invitation is also extended to the Mayor and Council.

Mayor Robinson expressed his regret at not being able to attend this function due to another commitment with the cadets who will be having their last parade on that date prior to the annual review.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

