

# COUNCIL

MAY 28, 2002

#02-07

The Parrsboro Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 28<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, C.A.O.

Kevin Yorke, Secretary

## 1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Robinson welcomed all those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

## 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. PRESENTATION OF RECOGNITION AWARD TO JIM ATKINSON

At this point Mayor Robinson invited James (Jim) Atkinson to come forward to receive three awards recognizing an act of bravery performed in 1984 when as a volunteer fireman he had saved the life of a 15 year old girl from her burning home. Also in attendance for the presentations was Mr. Atkinson's wife, Betty Atkinson, retired Fireman Dave (Pidge) Morris, Fireman Gregg Matthews, Fire Chief Jeremy Dunphy and retired RCMP Officer Ron Forbes. The first award presented was on behalf of the Province of Nova Scotia and signed by Premier Dr. John F. Hamm

which states "In recognition of your outstanding act of heroism in successfully rescuing a 15 year old girl from a burning mobile home on December 4, 1984. Your act of bravery was exemplary and your efforts greatly appreciated". The second award was presented on behalf of the Honourable Murray Scott, our local MLA and Speaker of the House, which states " Presented to James Leroy Atkinson on behalf of the Speaker of the Nova Scotia House of Assembly in recognition of your heroic efforts which led to saving the life of a young girl from a mobile home fire on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 1984. You placed her safety ahead of your own." Mr. Atkinson was also presented with a pin from the Speaker of the House. The third award was presented on behalf of the Town of Parrsboro stating "Presented to James Leroy Atkinson in recognition of your outstanding act of bravery in rescuing a 15 year old girl from her burning home on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 1984. Your selfless act of heroism will never be forgotten." Following the presentations Mayor Robinson congratulated Mr. Atkinson and noted that one risking his or her own life to save another is a very distinctive element of firefighters in general and in particular of the individual being recognized this evening. The Mayor noted that it was unfortunate that the date was 1984 and that had things progressed sooner Mr. Atkinson should have received a medal of bravery from the Governor General. Mayor Robinson also thanked Ron Forbes and the firemen for attending and noted that Dave Morris was instrumental in getting Mr. Atkinson's act of bravery recognized and the foregoing presentations made.

Ron Forbes asked to say a few words indicating that he was the investigating officer at the time. Mr. Forbes confirmed that the young person would have died had it not been for the heroic efforts of Jim Atkinson and noted as a point of interest that she had been the guest speaker for the graduating class at the High School last year. He also indicated that during his tenure as an RCMP Officer he had investigated numerous medals of bravery, some of which were worthy of the award while others had received the award but were not worthy, however, in this particular instance he had no doubt that Mr. Atkinson would have received the medal of bravery from the Governor General.

#### **4. RCMP REPORT**

Cst. Scott MacRae presented the following report of the Parrsboro Office activity for the period covering the end of April to May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2002.

**Total calls for service: 216**

<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumberland County</b>	<b>Parrsboro</b>
	<b>146</b>	<b>70</b>

**Provincial Acts:**

<b>MVA Violations</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>29</b>
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<b>Warnings</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Charges</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Moving (speeding)</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Non-Moving</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Liquor Control Act</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Criminal Code</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Impaired</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2 (2 charges)</b>	<b>3 (3 charges)</b>
<b>Assault</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2 (1 charge)</b>	<b>3 (2 charges)</b>
<b>Property Damage</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5 (2 charges)</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5 (1 charge)</b>	<b>5 (3 charges)</b>

**Bike Patrol - Started May 24<sup>th</sup> - Resulted in one charge/LCA.**

**DARE Program is coming to an end. Graduation June 16<sup>th</sup>. Well received program.**

**5. BYLAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

**No report.**

**6. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

**Fire Chief Jeremy Dunphy presented the following report for May 2002:**

**EMERGENCY CALLS**

**2 Flue Fires**

**1 Vehicle Accident**

**TRAINING/PREVENTION**

**On April 26<sup>th</sup> the Department was part of EHS's P.A.R.T.Y. program for the students of PRHS which included a mock response to a vehicle collision.**

**The Special Hazards Response Unit from Truro came to the firehall on May 9<sup>th</sup>. They spoke about their group and displayed one of their units that carries mostly hazardous materials equipment.**

**May 16<sup>th</sup> was a session on drafting and pumping water at the Aboiteau. Other equipment was also checked as part of our regular maintenance program.**

**On May 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> the Parrsboro Preschool came to the firehall for a tour and session on fire prevention and fire department services.**

**Jeremy Dunphy and Peter Greenham attended a course in Advanced Rescue at the NS Firefighters School. This course was not only orientated around firefighters being able to rescue victims but also fellow firefighters who are hurt or trapped during an emergency.**

**Aubrey Fenton and John R. Henwood attended a NS Firefighters School course in Hazardous Materials Awareness. This was held at the Amherst Fire Department.**

## **BUSINESS VISITS**

**Over the month of June the Department will be visiting local businesses to look at their emergency plans, talk about any concerns they may have, and to speak to them about our services and the new truck project. The emergency planning is important so that we may update plans we already have and complete others of which we do not have.**

## **NEW MEMBER**

**We would like to welcome Will Dunphy as the newest member of the Department.**

## **BLOOD DONOR CLINIC**

**DATE CHANGE: The Canadian Blood Services has changed the date of the blood donor clinic to Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. This will be held at the Parrsboro Firehall on Willow Street and will run from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM. We hope to see you there.**

## **PARRSBORO FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION**

**We are proud to announce the formation of the Parrsboro Firefighters Association. This group has been established to promote firefighting, fire prevention and fundraising objectives. This group has a broader personnel base than the Fire Department and will also look after all functions**

and bookings at the Firehall.

## **STATION VISITS**

**Beginning in June the Fire Station on Willow Street will be open on Thursday nights from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM for anyone who wishes to tour the facility, look at equipment or ask questions.**

**After the Fire Chief answered questions of his report, Mayor Robinson indicated that Council appreciates his presentations each month and that the reports reflect that the department is doing very well.**

### **7. APPROVAL OF CHEQUE SHEET**

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith, seconded by Councillor Lois Smith that the General Cheque Sheet in the amount of \$84,448.75 be approved as presented. Motion carried.**

### **8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Mayor Robinson asked if there were any errors or omissions noted in the Special Council minutes of April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2002 being #02-05. Hearing none he declared the minutes approved as presented.**

**The Mayor asked if there were any errors or omissions note in the regular Council minutes of April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2002, being #02-06. Hearing none he declared the minutes approved as presented.**

### **9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

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**(a) UNSM Regional Meeting - The UNSM Cumberland Regional Meeting will take place in Parrsboro on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Agenda items will include discussion on the UNSM organization, whether there should be more than one regional meeting per year, and the Ministers' Panel.**

**(b) Requests from Radio Society - The Parrsboro Radio Society had previously requested permission to install a 60 ft. radio antenna tower on the Town's property next to the tourist**

bureau and as requested by Council had submitted a plot plan showing the exact location of the tower. The Committee recommended approval of this location as it meets all requirements of the Town. It was also noted that a building permit is not required for this development.

The Radio Society has also requested the financial sponsorship of the Town for their community broadcast this summer. The Committee recommends sponsorship in the amount of \$400.00 which will be acknowledged in sponsorship ads during the broadcast.

(c) Invitation from Lieutenant Governor - Correspondence addressed to Mayor Robinson from the Honourable Myra A. Freeman, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia extended an invitation to attend a Golden Jubilee Tea at Government House on June 2<sup>nd</sup> as part of year long celebrations to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith, seconded by Councillor Gleneida Canning that the Finance Committee report and recommendations contained therein be accepted.

On the question,

Mayor Robinson reminded Council that he would be unable to attend this function due to a prior commitment on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, therefore, the invitation was open to any other member who may wish to attend and represent the Town.

Being no further questions or discussion the motion was voted on and carried.

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

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT**

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(a) Superintendent's Report - John Henwood reported that since the last meeting the garbage cans, picnic tables and benches have been put out, all but two of the dinosaur lights have been repaired, flowers for Main Street have been ordered, and water service has been turned back on for the cottages. Some work on the public works schedule yet to be done includes some street and road repairs and pruning trees on Main Street and replanting those which are missing. Councillor Yorke has volunteered to repaint the tables and checker board at Gavin Park. The Committee is also recommending that two more planters be placed on the east side of Main Street.

(b) Whitehall Bridge - John has taken a look at the Whitehall Bridge following an observation by a

concerned citizen that the old bridge underneath may be caving in. John indicated that he did not see any immediate danger but he will be contacting the Department of Transportation and Public Works to investigate to see if they have a concern about it.

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

On the question,

Mayor Robinson praised the works crew for doing an excellent job during the spring clean-up and noted remarks from staff at the Little Forks Landfill about the great job they had done source separating the material and coordinating the delivery.

Councillor Lois Smith also expressed the gratitude of the Skateboard and Recreational Park Committee for the assistance of the works department in delivering an apparatus to the site and moving a pile of earth.

The Clerk noted that there was an exceptionally large amount of debris put out this year for the spring clean-up and that some people were abusing this service provided by the Town to its residents. As a result what normally had taken the works crew three days to complete had to be extended to four or five days. The Clerk recommended that the Council look at establishing firmer guidelines next year on what is permitted to be put out and the volumes that will be accepted.

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

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

## PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

MAY 2002

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(a) **Emergency Measures Organization** - Mayor Robinson reported on the Emergency Measures Organization's Annual Conference he had attended recently in Truro. During this meeting there had been a discussion regarding the requirements for a municipal emergency measures plan and the responsibilities of the municipal units in regard to this matter. The Mayor noted that he has been the acting EMO Coordinator for Parrsboro on a temporary basis and at this time he would recommend that Mr. Bob Foley be appointed as our official EMO Coordinator. Mayor Robinson indicated that Mr. Foley has the time and expertise to devote to this position and that the first order of business will be to finalize the Town's EMO plan.

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith, seconded by Councillor Gleneida Canning that the Protective Services Committee report and recommendations contained therein be accepted.**

**On the question,**

**Mayor Robinson wished to add to the report that he was recommending Bob Foley for the position of EMO Coordinator with his concurrence and that Mr. Foley will be provided with the basic EMO course.**

**As there was no further discussion the motion was voted on and carried.**

**(9.4) Planning, Development and Housing - Report given by Councillor Lyle Yorke:**

## **PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING REPORT**

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**(a) Building Inspector's Report - Pat Boyce reports that during the months of March and April 2002, one commercial development permit was issued; six inspections were done; two water tap counts performed; attended a Building Inspector Zone 1 meeting in Stellarton on March 8<sup>th</sup>; attended a Building Inspector's Seminar in Halifax from April 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>; and attended a Development Officer's Conference in White Point from April 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**(b) Town Planner - The Town of Amherst has been notified that Parrsboro is interested in contracting planning services and we are now in the position to call upon the planner if needed. One of the first projects that will require the involvement of the planner is the development of the Ground Water Management and Protection Plan.**

**(c) Recreational Park - The Skateboard Park Committee has requested the use of land on the former Scott property for expanding the recreational park to include basketball courts. The approximate size of the requested parcel of land is 150 ft. x 300 ft. The Committee recommended approval of this request with the final location to be determined following a review of the proposed development by the planner.**

**Moved by Councillor Lyle Yorke, seconded by Councillor Lois Smith that the Planning, Development and Housing Committee report and the recommendations contained therein be accepted. Motion carried.**

**(9.5) Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority - Report given by Councillor Lyle Yorke:**

# CUMBERLAND JOINT SERVICES MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY REPORT

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(a) **Tour of Landfill** - All elected and appointed officials from the Cumberland municipal units were invited to a "working site tour" of the solid waste, composting and recycling facilities at the Little Forks Landfill on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The objective of this tour is to foster a better operational understanding of the facilities in conjunction with the changes to each municipal unit's solid waste strategy dealing with the three stream collection of waste. Employees will be leading the tours so municipal officials can see and hear firsthand how they deal with the County's waste. Councillor Yorke, Mayor Robinson and Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith indicated they would be attending this tour.

(b) **Appointment of Vice-Chair** - The requirement to appoint a vice-chair of the Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority was discussed followed by a recommendation that Town Council nominate Councillor Lyle Yorke for this position.

Moved by Councillor Lyle Yorke, seconded by Councillor Gleneida Canning that the Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority report be accepted.

**On the question,**

Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith noted a concern about comments made at a couple of Authority meetings and again during the tour regarding the possibility of the Authority taking over the BFI site at Little Forks and opening the cell. He noted the understanding that the reasoning behind this proposal is that there are only four years left in our current cell, therefore, it is time to look at future cell development and staff at the landfill are saying that there are 10 metres of air space left to fill in at the BFI facility. The Deputy Mayor indicated that the BFI site is completely sealed right now and there are 900 litres of leachate from that site and his concern is that if the Authority does anything to take the cell over and open it the Authority will be taking over everything that is in the ground now including the leachate and it is a well known fact through Authority budgets that leachate is not a cheap substance to look after. Deputy Mayor Smith indicated that he wanted to make Council aware that there will possibly be something coming down on this.

The Clerk and Councillor Lois Smith indicated that they shared the Deputy Mayor's concern on this issue.

Councillor Lyle Yorke advised that this is an idea that could save the Authority from building a new cell and give many additional years by piling the garbage higher, however, he emphasized

that it is only in the preliminary stages and that before any decision is made the Authority would have to get information from Vaughan Engineering. He also noted the understanding that there has been no indication that there could not be some money from BFI, however, they would not give much because of the fact they have already spent some money for the closure of the cell. Councillor Yorke expressed the personal opinion that on the surface the proposal makes good business sense, however, the Authority cannot make a decision on the information now available, that there is going to have to be a study and everyone will have to agree if it is going to proceed.

Being no further discussion the motion was voted on and carried.

## **10. CORRESPONDENCE**

**(10.1) Senior Citizens Secretariat - A memo to all Mayors and Wardens of municipalities in Nova Scotia from the Honourable Jamie Muir inviting all citizens to join in recognizing Senior Citizens' Week throughout Nova Scotia on June 16<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

**(10.2) Transportation and Public Works - The Clerk read correspondence addressed to Terry Shaw, Chairman of the Shore Drive Community Development Association, from Troy Webb Area Manager for Cumberland County, and copied to Mayor Robinson. The letter acknowledged receipt of Mr. Shaw's letter dated April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2002 to Transportation Minister, the Honourable Ronald Russell, regarding the condition of Route 209 along the Fundy Shore from Parrsboro to Brookville in Cumberland County. Mr. Webb indicates that the Department is aware of the condition of this section of highway and have identified various sections of Route 209 for future rehabilitation work. These highway sections have been placed on a priority list for consideration of repaving during the development of the current year's repaving program and are rated according to established criteria which consider pavement condition. Each identified section along Route 209 will be assessed in consideration of available funding among other repaving needs throughout Cumberland County and the Province to determine projects for inclusion in the repaving program.**

**(10.3) Councillor Smith RE: Skateboard Clinic - Councillor Lois Smith extended an invitation to the Mayor, Councillors and staff to drop by the Skateboard Park on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> during the skateboard clinic. She advised that refreshments will be served at noon on both days and prizes will be awarded between 3 and 4 p.m. on Sunday. There are 36 registered for the clinic which is slightly lower than was hoped, yet a good response considering that some communities around Parrsboro do not have skateboard parks and their youth are involved in other activities. Councillor Smith also noted that the staff of the Post Office will be raising money for the skateboard park through a hot dog sale on Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> and that Kevin and Corey Harvey recently attended a skateboard conference.**

**Mayor Robinson emphasized the importance of involving the youth in the community and having their input into what is being done for them. He congratulated the Skateboard/Recreational Park**

**Committee, the youth and all those involved in the project for the progress they have made.**

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

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