

# COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 24, 2002

#02-10

The Parrsboro Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 24<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.

## 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

## 3. RCMP REPORT

Cst. Colin Morton advised that Cpl. Oliver was attending a course and presented the following report in his stead for the past month: 4 Liquor Act charges; 22 offense tickets issued for moving traffic violations; 3 impaired drivers; 1 theft under; 1 theft over; 2 breach of probation; 1 common assault; 1 minor accident; and 3 Protection of Property Act violations.

Cst. Morton advised that the RCMP are pursuing charges under the Protection of Property Act to address the noise complaints on Main Street associated with loud parties as there are no provisions under the Criminal Code dealing with loud partying. He also advised that plans are

underway for Spookarama and thanked Council for the Town's contribution to this program; that two members of the detachment are on DARE training and that the Block Parent program is continuing this year.

Following the report Cst. Morton answered questions of Council and the Mayor thanked him for his report.

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

Carl Skidmore reported that during the months of July and August he had received 19 dog complaints and that he had investigated two unsightly premises complaints. He noted that after issuing warnings to the property owners the two unsightly premises were cleaned up and there were no charges laid.

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

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

##### **EMERGENCY CALLS**

**2 Brush Fires**

**2 Ambulance Assistance**

**1 Vehicle Accident**

##### **TRAINING/PREVENTION**

The South Cumberland High Angle Rescue Team had various training sessions including July 7<sup>th</sup> at Partridge Island, July 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at Advocate and September 1<sup>st</sup> at Jeffers Falls.

Members attended the Nova Scotia Firefighter's School on July 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Tim Jeffers and Jeremy Dunphy took Rapid Intervention Team training and Peter Greenham took Vehicle Extrication.

On September 5<sup>th</sup> the department trained on procedures relating to firefighters who get trapped, injured, etc. on the fireground. Firefighters that find themselves in these situations have very limited time to be rescued. Preplanning, a rapid intervention team and quick, concise decisions are essential in these situations.

September 8<sup>th</sup> was a full day of Rapid Intervention Team training. Participating firefighters

**practiced techniques used to quickly remove firefighters from dangerous places. Members of the Southampton Fire Department also took part in this training.**

**The night of September 12<sup>th</sup> was an orientation session for the rest of the Department on rapid intervention. Members were shown how firefighters are moved long distances, up stairs and out windows.**

**Rapid intervention training was done on September 19<sup>th</sup> using the scenario of a firefighter struck in a basement where the stairs could not be used for removal.**

**The members doing rapid intervention are being set up as a Squad much the same as Ice Rescue and Vehicle Extrication. It allows us to be able to better look after our own firefighters that are entering any area where they require SCBA. The Squad will also be available to attend scenes of our mutual aid departments in case their firefighters become injured, trapped, etc.**

**The Cumberland County Firefighters Association annual workshop was held on September 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Peter Greenham and Gregg Matthews took Pump Operations. Dean Rowe and Will Dunphy took vehicle extrication.**

## **BLOOD DONOR CLINIC**

**The Canadian Blood Donor Clinic will be held again at the Firehall on October 24<sup>th</sup>. We are hoping to be able to boost our numbers again from our previous clinics.**

## **RED CROSS DEPOT**

**The Red Cross has approved the Parrsboro Firehall becoming the new depot for emergency and non-emergency supplies for our area. Jack Campbell will be looking after the distribution of the non-emergency supplies. Emergency supplies and services will be available during such events as house fires, disasters, etc.**

## **BUILDING GENERATOR**

**We would like to thank Aliant Telecom/MTT who have allowed the Parrsboro Fire Department to remove the emergency power generator that had been previously used at the Parrsboro MTT building. This will not only allow us to almost double our current capacity but it will also mean automatic power for the building during power outages.**

## **TRUCK PROJECT FUNDRAISING**

**Truck project fundraising has continued over the summer through numerous donations, events**

and draws. The support we have seen thus far has been excellent with more to come.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**October 8, 2002, 7:00 PM - Home Fire Prevention and Fire Extinguisher Use Seminar**

**October 10, 2002, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM - Fire Prevention Week Open House**

**October 17, 2002, 7:30 PM - Maritime Wrestling Federation Show**

**October 24, 2002, 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM - Canadian Blood Services Blood Donor Clinic**

**October 26, 2002, 9:00 PM - 1:00 AM - Halloween Ball and Freefall**

**October 30, 2002, 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM - Public Health Influenza Immunization Clinic**

**December 31, 2002, 9:00 PM - 3:00 AM - New Year's Bash with Spectrum**

**Tickets will be available November 23, 2002**

**Bingo Every Friday night**

**Bonanza starts at 7:00 PM**

**Regular games start at 7:30 PM**

**Station Tours Every Thursday 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM**

**After answering few questions from Council the Fire Chief was thanked for his report.**

### **6. APPROVAL OF CHEQUE SHEET**

**Moved by Councillor Lois Smith, seconded by Councillor Gleneida Canning that the Cheque Sheet in the amount of \$460,681.92 be approved as presented. Motion carried.**

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

**Mayor Robinson asked if there were any errors or omissions noted in the Council minutes of June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2002 being #02-09. Hearing none he declared the minutes approved as circulated.**

### **8. 1<sup>st</sup> READING OF THE SOLID WASTE BYLAW**

**For clarification, Mayor Robinson noted that this is the first reading of the Solid Waste Bylaw**

which simply means that the title of the bylaw is read and it also means that those interested in receiving a copy of the bylaw can pick one up. At this point the Mayor asked the Clerk to review the process for adopting the bylaw.

The Clerk advised that there are two readings of the bylaw, the first of which is the reading of the title. The second and final reading will probably be on the agenda at the next regular Council meeting and as required by the Municipal Government Act this will be advertised 14 days in advance. The advertisement will also indicate that anyone interested in reviewing the bylaw will have access to copies at the Town Office and they will have an opportunity to voice their concerns to Council either in writing or verbally at the second reading when the Mayor will invite questions from the floor. Any concerns expressed by the public will be taken into consideration. Council may, in fact, approve the bylaw that particular night if they feel the bylaw covers off the points in the explanation or they may have to go back and do some additional work.

There was a motion by Councillor Gleneida Canning to move the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the Town of Parrsboro Solid Waste Bylaw. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith. Voting in favour of the motion - Councillors Gleneida Canning, Lois Smith and Lloyd Smith. Voting against the motion - Councillor Lyle Yorke. Motion carried.

## **9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**JULY, AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2002**

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**(a) Taxi License - The Finance Committee with the exception of Councillor Lyle Yorke who declared a conflict of interest, reviewed an application for a taxi license submitted by Tim Yorke. After the review it was determined that Mr. Yorke met all requirements of the bylaw and it was recommended that he be approved for the taxi license.**

**(b) Vacuum for Town Hall - It was brought to the Committee's attention that the vacuum cleaner used by the janitor at the Town Hall was getting old and should be replaced.**

**It was recommended that the Clerk be given the authority to investigate a replacement vacuum including a central vac system and to make the purchase based on the best available option and price.**

**(c) Trees on Town Hall Property and on Main Street - Discussions have been ongoing regarding**

**the need to replace and prune some trees on Main Street and to remove and replace a number of trees on the Town Hall property. The Clerk has been in contact with the Department of Natural Resources and Nova Scotia Power for some advice on the type of replacement trees to purchase and has requested a couple of quotes for the removal of dying and diseased trees at the Town Hall.**

**The Committee recommends that the Clerk be given the authority to commence with the tree replacement program based on these discussions.**

**(d) Municipal Elections Act Review - Copies of a discussion paper on the Municipal Elections Act Review were circulated to all members. This report which was done with the support of the UNSM and Association of Municipal Administrators has been forwarded to all municipal units for their review and opinions by November 1, 2002.**

**(e) Emergency Measures - It was reported to the Committee that Bob Foley has completed an EMO course that was recently held in Dartmouth and will be asked to attend an EMC course scheduled to take place in Arnprior from September 30<sup>th</sup> to October 3<sup>rd</sup>. A meeting was scheduled for September 18<sup>th</sup> between Oxford, Parrsboro and Springhill to discuss setting up a committee for common liaison relating to emergency measures issues.**

**(f) Canada Pension and OAS Information Session - HRDC has requested input from the Town as to whether there is sufficient interest in Parrsboro to conduct an information session sometime in November with regard to Canada Pension and Old Age Security. The Mayor has responded indicating that Parrsboro would indeed be interested.**

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

**On the question,**

**For information the Mayor noted that Bob Foley would not be able to attend the EMC course in Arnprior due to another commitment. He also advised that the September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting did take place with the outcome that the County and Amherst will be asked if they want to join the Towns of Parrsboro, Springhill and Oxford in some form of countywide liaison similar to what they have in Colchester County.**

**Mayor Robinson also advised that Delores McCormack from HRDC had called earlier in the day to set up the CP/OAS meeting, however, that he was unavailable to get back to her before her office closed. He noted that in all likelihood the meeting will take place at the Fire Hall which he will schedule with the Fire Chief and then get back to Ms. McCormack to make the final arrangements.**

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

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

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT**

**JULY, AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2002**

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**(a) Superintendent's Report - John Henwood reported ongoing summer works including mowing, sweeping and cleaning up of Main Street, water service repairs, asphalt patching associated with water repairs and repairs to the stop barrier at the end of Packet Wharf Road. John and Phillip recently completed a Level II Water Certification Course in Halifax required by the Water Utility.**

**(b) Purchase of Equipment - In June the Superintendent was given the authority to purchase three pieces of equipment with funds from our Public Works Equipment Reserve. In August a 2002 John Deere backhoe was purchased to replace the existing 1992 backhoe which was traded in on the new unit. Also in August a used 1989 International dump truck was purchased and a new 2002 International truck was ordered with delivery expected in mid-December. These trucks will replace the two older model vehicles which are now being used for general hauling purposes and snow clearing.**

**(c) New Public Works Employee - During the summer the labourer/maintenance worker position approved in the 2002/2003 budget was advertised with several individuals submitting applications. The list of applicants was short listed for interviews after which a successful candidate was chosen by the hiring committee. The new public works employee is Gordie Strong and we would like to take this opportunity to welcome him.**

**Moved by Councillor Gleneida Canning, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith that the Public Works Committee report be accepted.**

**On the question,**

**For information the Mayor reported that earlier in the day an inspector for bridges from the Department of Transportation had come to look at the Aboiteau bridge and dam and in a meeting with the individual our concerns regarding the leakage problem were relayed to him. The inspector will monitor the situation over the winter and take a more detailed look at it next spring to see what can be done. They do understand the problem of water going underneath the whole structure and some indications of leakage within the structure. Another consideration is the level of the road which will also be monitored to see if it is dropping and what effect it may have.**

**Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith noted a concern that the DOT would be doing the monitoring in the**

winter and the spring when water levels in the Aboiteau are at their highest and that it would be more appropriate to begin the monitoring in the spring and continue it on into the fall.

Mayor Robinson agreed, however, he noted the understanding that the DOT did intend to carry out the monitoring as the Deputy Mayor had suggested beginning in the winter but carrying it through the spring and on into the year. He also noted that it is unfortunate that if DOT works on the bridge it will probably be when the water is low again for obvious reasons.

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

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

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

**JULY, AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2002**

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**(a) Building Inspector's Report - The following is a summary of all permits issued and activity of the Building Inspector's Office for the months of June, July and August 2002:**

	<u>No. of Permits</u>	<u>Value</u>
<b>New Construction &amp; Additions</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$40,000.00</b>
<b>(Residential)</b>		
<b>Garages &amp; Sheds</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>\$18,000.00</b>
<b>(Residential)</b>		
<b>Repairs &amp; Alterations</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$15,500.00</b>
<b>(Residential)</b>		
<b>Demolition</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>(Residential)</b>		
<b>Occupancy</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**(Residential)**

**Total** **7** **\$73,500.00**

**During this time 7 building inspections were done, two tap counts were performed, reviewed one final plan of consolidation and subdivision, contacted one person doing work without a permit and issued one zoning conformation letter.**

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

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

### **PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT**

**JULY, AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2002**

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**(a) Signage on Park Street - A letter addressed to the Mayor and Council from a cottage owner in the McKenzie Park area requested consideration of a "No Exit" sign at the end of the pavement on Park Street and a "Children Playing" sign further down Park Street.**

**After a discussion the Committee recommended approval of the request for the "No Exit" sign, however, the request for the "Children Playing" sign was not approved based on past discussions with the Traffic Authority.**

**(b) Parking at Cenotaph - Correspondence from the Legion and the Cenotaph Committee requested removal of the two parking spaces in front of the cenotaph for safety reasons and to prevent vehicles from parking there during various ceremonies.**

**Following a discussion it was the general consensus of the Committee that the degree of hazard does not warrant the removal of the parking spaces in front of the cenotaph and that the Town has an obligation to maintain an adequate number of parking spaces on Main Street. It was recommended that a letter be drafted back to the Legion explaining Council's position on this matter.**

**(c) Speeding on Two Island Road - A letter from a resident of Two Island Road noted a concern about vehicles speeding where passing is permitted within the town limits and the Council was asked to investigate a solution to this problem. It was also noted that similar concerns have been expressed by residents of Western Avenue who live in the vicinity of the passing zone.**

After a discussion the Committee recommended referring these complaints to Cpl. Phil Oliver for increased patrols in these areas.

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

## 10. CORRESPONDENCE

(10.1) Parrsboro & District Board of Trade - A letter was received from Andrew Wagstaff, Secretary of the Parrsboro & District Board of Trade expressing the concern of the Board about the low water levels in the Aboiteau. The Clerk noted that this matter had already been dealt with in this evening's Public Works report.

(10.2) Federation of Municipalities - Correspondence from the FCM urged strong leadership from the Federal Government to reduce air pollution by committing to more resources devoted to the science of how air pollution affects health; involvement of key stakeholders to help deliver and implement clean air strategies; and resources to develop municipal programming on clean air. Municipal councils were requested to pass a resolution urging action on clean air and return a copy by October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2002 . After a discussion the adoption of the following resolution was moved by Councillor Lois Smith, seconded by Councillor Gleneida Canning and passed:

### **MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS URGE ACTION ON CLEAN AIR**

**WHEREAS a high quality of life depends on healthy and sustainable communities;**

**WHEREAS air pollution threatens quality of life;**

**WHEREAS exposure to today's concentrations of fine particulate matter, a major component of smog, increases the risk of premature death, asthma attacks, breathing difficulty, lung cancer and heart attacks;**

**WHEREAS thousands of Canadians die prematurely each year from air pollution;**

**WHEREAS health costs from air pollution reaches \$1 billion dollars annually in Ontario alone, according to the Ontario Medical Association;**

**WHEREAS Canadians need to be fully informed on the state of the air they breathe;**

**WHEREAS Canadians need to better understand options for cutting air pollution;**

**WHEREAS it is known that the pollution causing smog can contribute to climate change, and that**

**taking action on clean air will help protect the climate;**

**WHEREAS municipal governments must partner with federal and provincial/territorial governments to develop and implement programs and policies to improve air quality;**

**WHEREAS the 2001 Speech from the Throne made clean air a priority for the Government of Canada;**

**WHEREAS more scientific research is needed to better understand the link between air pollution and health;**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Parrsboro call on the Government of Canada to accelerate the delivery of its Clean Air Agenda and specifically focus on the need to develop and implement a comprehensive Clean Air Action Plan that will:**

- advance scientific understanding of the link between air pollution and health;**
- provide financial resources to municipal governments for programs that cut smog and climate pollution;**
- ensure Canadians have access to accurate information on the quality of their air and on action they can take to reduce their exposure and their emissions;**
- ensure significant emission reductions from the transportation sector; and**
- partner with provincial/territorial governments to encourage stronger pollution reduction standards for industry and the electric power generation sector; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be communicated to our Member of Parliament, federal environment, health and finance ministers, provincial/territorial finance, health, environment and energy ministers, federal and provincial/territorial opposition leaders, community media and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.**

**After the motion was passed, Mayor Robinson emphasized the importance of a comment made by Councillor Yorke during the discussion to do with the burning of garbage. He noted that burning garbage is illegal and could result in a very hefty fine. The Mayor reminded the public that if they are aware of someone burning garbage the Department of Environment should be informed so that they can do a thorough investigation and lay charges where warranted.**

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

**Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.**

