

COUNCIL

MARCH 25, 2003

#03-06

The Parrsboro Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers with Mayor Doug Robinson presiding.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Gleneida Canning
Councillor Lloyd Smith
Councillor Lois Smith
Councillor Lyle Yorke
A.D. Brown, Town Clerk
Kevin Yorke, Secretary

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Lloyd Smith, seconded by Councillor Lois Smith that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried.

3. RCMP REPORT

Cst. Colin Morton reported the following activity over the past month:

1 Break and Enter reported; 2 Dog Act complaints; 2 Liquor Act charges; 1 parking violation; 4 Damage to Property; 1 Theft; 1 Assault with a weapon; 6 Traffic Violations; 2 Non-injury Vehicle Accidents; under Other Criminal Code a noise complaint on Lower Main Street looked after. Police/Community Relations: Tickets on sale at the RCMP office for doll house to raise funds for the Safe Grad Program; the Block Parent program is progressing with the assistance of Lisa Ward, a meeting is set up for the end of March and a program for seniors is also being considered; the DARE drug awareness program is ongoing. Cst. Morton also noted that the RCMP would be stepping up patrols on Main Street with the summer coming on and an increased presence of young people on the street.

4. BYLAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Skidmore was not present. No report.

5. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Arnold Wood presented the following report for March 2003:

EMERGENCY CALLS

1 Air Ambulance

TRAINING

March 3 - Air compressor serviced up to CSA standard

March 6 - Positive Pressure Ventilation - John Dunbar

March 13 - Work night

March 20 - Ice Rescue Practice

March 27 - Monthly Meeting

UPCOMING TRAINING

April 2 - Recertification course with Jack Campbell (Red Cross)

April 12 & 13 - Driver Course with Gerald Cane of Halifax

April 12 & 13 - Fire Behaviour and Ventilation in Oxford (CCFA)

6. APPROVAL OF CHEQUE SHEET

Moved by Councillor Lois Smith, seconded by Councillor Lyle Yorke that the General Cheque Sheet in the amount of \$173,440.15 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 February 25th, 2003 - #03-03; Special Council minutes of February 28, 2003 - #03-04; and Special Council minutes of March 6th, 2003 - #03-05 respectively.

Hearing none he declared the minutes approved as presented.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(8.1) Finance - Report given by Deputy Mayor Gleneida Canning.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MARCH 2003

(a) Tax Exemptions - The Committee reviewed the 10 applications for the municipal tax exemption that had been submitted by the March 13th deadline. During the review it was determined that all but one of the applicants met the eligibility requirements. Therefore, the Committee recommends the approval of the nine applications that satisfy the requirements of the tax exemption.

(b) Student Summer Career Placement Program - Applications for the Federal Student Summer Career Placement Program are in the process of being filled out and submitted to HRDC for approval. It was agreed that applications should be submitted for Glooscap Park and the Summer Recreation Program on the same basis as last year.

(c) Dog Bylaw - The Committee has been looking at model Dog Bylaws with the intent of recommending the adoption of a new, updated bylaw in the near future. It was agreed that a separate meeting be scheduled to discuss the matter in more detail.

(d) Taxi License - An application for a taxi license has been submitted by Thomas Skidmore. As the Clerk advised that the applicant meets all requirements of the taxi license the Committee recommends approval of the application.

(e) Flowers for Main Street - The Committee has been reviewing requirements flowers for Main Street and the Town Hall property. It is recommended that quotes for these items be requested from local suppliers.

(f) Appointment RE: Chair of CJSMA - As per the Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority Agreement the Chair of the Board is on a rotating basis among the five municipal units in Cumberland and it is once again the Town of Parrsboro's turn to chair the Authority Board. The Committee is recommending the appointment of Mayor Doug Robinson as Chair of the Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority Board for 2003/2004.

(g) Canadian Coast Guard - For information the Committee was advised of correspondence from the Canadian Coast Guard regarding Consultation in Advance of a Proposed Province-wide Shoreline Speed Restriction. Public consultation meetings are scheduled for March 17th in

Baddeck, March 18th in New Glasgow, March 19th in Bridgewater and March 26th in Dartmouth.

All public meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m.

(h) Regional UNSM - The Committee was advised for information that the Mayor and Clerk would be attending a regional meeting of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities at which one of the main agenda items would be the Police Act.

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

(8.2) Public Works - Report given by Councillor Lloyd Smith.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

MARCH 2003

(a) Superintendent's Report - John Henwood reported the following activity over the past month:

- majority of time spent on snow removal and related work**
- a couple of water services turned off or on at request of property owners**
- there were a few frozen water lines on Main Street that have been taken care of, however, efforts are continuing to thaw the water line to the MTT building**
- ditches, catch basins and culverts in various parts of town were opened up to allow water to flow during recent rains**
- ice and snow built up along the sidewalks is being removed**
- pot holes being patched with cold mix**
- the Aboiteau gates have been opened to accommodate ice and snow melt off**
- the new truck is working out very well with some changes being made to the body to suit their applications and regular maintenance of vehicles is ongoing**
- garbage bins for the Town Hall property and Main Street are being rebuilt and repainted**

- some damaged street signs and hydrant markers are being replaced

- Ron Ellis and Chris Clarke have been registered for a chlorination course next month in Halifax

Moved by Councillor Lloyd Smith, seconded by Councillor Lois Smith that the Public Works report and recommendations contained therein be accepted. Motion carried.

(8.3) Recreation - Report given by Deputy Mayor Gleneida Canning.

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

MARCH 2003

(a) Provincial Volunteer Recognition Awards - The Recreation Committee have reviewed nominations submitted from the local area and have selected Elmer Ling as 2003 Representative Volunteer for the Town of Parrsboro and Faith Anderson as Youth Volunteer. Faith Anderson's name will be submitted to the Provincial Volunteer Awards Committee that will select one recipient from all nominations received to be recognized as Youth Volunteer of the Year. The Provincial Volunteer Day Awards Ceremony will be held in Halifax on April 23rd.

(b) Skateboard Park Workshop - Correspondence has been received regarding a Skateboard Park Workshop in Sackville, Nova Scotia on April 12th. Agenda items will include what to consider when designing a skateboard park, building a backyard skate park, and insurance and liability issues.

After a discussion it was recommended that Councillor Lois Smith, Deputy Mayor Gleneida Canning and a couple of students from the Youth Town Council attend this workshop.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Gleneida Canning, seconded by Councillor Lyle Yorke that the Recreation report and recommendations contained therein be accepted. Motion carried.

Councillor Lloyd Smith commented that there is a large number of people in the community who volunteer, however, every year there are fewer people being nominated for the Volunteer of the Year awards. He felt it is puzzling why people are not being recognized by their organizations for these awards.

Councillor Lois Smith suggested that more interest may be generated if the awards were held less frequently, perhaps every 4 or 5 years.

Mayor Robinson suggested bringing the matter up at the local volunteer awards ceremonies when they take place.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

(9.1) RCMP - For information the Clerk noted correspondence indicating that a 4.9% increase in the RCMP budget is anticipated for fiscal 2003/2004. He noted that this correspondence would be placed on file for further discussions when the budget is being debated.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Councillor Lloyd Smith the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.