

COUNCIL

MAY 27, 2003

#03-08

The Parrsboro Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 27th, 2003 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 Lois Smith, seconded by Councillor Lloyd Smith that the agenda be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

3. RCMP REPORT

Cpl. Phil Oliver reported activity from April 23rd to today's date: A total of 110 calls of which 60 came from within the Town of Parrsboro which are broken down into the following: 6 Assault complaints; 2 Break and Enter complaints; 2 Theft complaints; 3 Damage to Property complaints; 7 Disturbance complaints; 1 Uttering a Threat complaint; several Liquor Act Violation complaints with only 2 officially recorded in the system; 5 Abandoned 911 calls; 2 False Alarms; 7 Tickets; 7 Public Relations Activities; and 17 Admin files with the public.

Deputy Mayor Canning asked the Corporal what the difference is between abandoned 911 calls and false alarms and if an alarm system can be tied into the RCMP in this area.

Cpl. Oliver advised that a false alarm is an alarm system in a building, for example, and that 911 calls are when a person dials 911. The Corporal indicated that at present alarm systems cannot be tied into the RCMP as neither the Town or the County of Cumberland have a bylaw to cover that.

As there were no further questions Mayor Robinson thanked Cpl. Oliver for his report.

4. BYLAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Carl Skidmore reported 17 complaints and a couple of warnings issued. He also noted for information that one of the complaints had to do with cats on Willow Street, and that while normally he does not respond to calls that have to do with cats, he did investigate this particular case and determined that there was not a problem.

5. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Deputy Fire Chief Jim Atkinson extended regrets on behalf of Fire Chief Arnold Wood who had a prior commitment and gave the following report for the month of May 2003:

EMERGENCY CALLS

**1 tree on fire on corner of Templar and Jenks
1 brush fire New Prospect
1 grass fire Partridge Island**

TRAINING

**May 1 - Equipment checks - work night
May 8 - Hose lays, drafting nozzles (Aboiteau)
May 15 - Work night
May 22 - Meeting**

UPCOMING TRAINING

**May 24 & 25 - SCBA course in Oxford (CCFA)
June - Pump training and waste shuttle**

The department would like to welcome Joey Babineau as our newest firefighter

Mayor Robinson asked if there was a full complement of firefighters in the department.

The Deputy Chief indicated that there are between 18 and 19 on the roster and that the department is permitted a total of 22.

Councillor Lloyd Smith asked if the department had made contact with the Town regarding this year's budget.

The Clerk noted that he has asked the Chief for a budget and Mr. Atkinson noted the understanding that there would be a meeting on the budget in the near future.

Deputy Mayor Canning asked if the blood donor clinic was still scheduled to take place.

The Deputy Chief advised that it is indeed scheduled for June 18th and that there are posters around town advertising the clinic.

6. APPROVAL OF CHEQUE SHEET

Moved by Councillor Lyle Yorke, seconded by Councillor Lois Smith that the General Cheque Sheet in the amount of \$220,834.96 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 April 22, 2003 - #03-07.

Hearing none he declared the minutes approved as circulated.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

MAY 2003

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

- Water service restored to cottages at First and Second Beaches, and water turned on for seasonal residents in various parts of town

- Benches, waste cans and picnic tables placed at the Town Hall, ball fields, beaches and on Main Street

- Water line leak repaired on Spring Street

- The lion head fountain on the Town Hall grounds has been straightened up
- Started mowing at the Town Hall, ball fields, playgrounds, etc.
- Gravel roads have been graded, gravelled and dust control applied
- Parking lot behind Post Office has been graded and the parking signs reinstalled
- Clean up week was held on May 20th, 21st and 22nd and was very successful again this year with several tons of debris taken to the Little Forks Landfill
- A couple of days were spent at Glooscap Park taking away brush and levelling gravel on camp sites
- Models repaired and repainted for placing back in the Aboiteau
- regular maintenance of vehicles and equipment
- Ron and Chris attended a gas chlorinator course in April

Moved by Councillor Lloyd Smith, seconded by Councillor Lois Smith that the Public Works Report be accepted. Motion carried.

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

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

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(a) Summer Program - Once again the Town is entering into an agreement with the YMCA to provide overall supervision for the Town's summer recreation programs. The Town has applied for and has received verbal confirmation that we will receive five summer students to work for the Town to implement the overall program. Interviews to fill these positions are expected to happen within the next few days and the start date for the programs will be the first part of July.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Gleneida Canning, seconded by Councillor Lloyd Smith that the Recreation report be accepted. Motion carried.

(8.3) Park Committee - Report given by Councillor Lois Smith.

PARK COMMITTEE REPORT

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The Park officially opened for the 2003 season for the long weekend beginning May 16th. The Park has also received verbal confirmation that we will receive one worker through the Federal Summer Career Placement Program to assist in the operation of the Park. Regular maintenance is being carried out by the Superintendent to get the Park completely prepared for the summer season and some assistance is being supplied by the Town's Public Works Department.

Moved by Councillor Lois Smith, seconded by Councillor Lyle Yorke that the Park Committee report be accepted.

On the question,

Councillor Lois Smith commented that she had visited Glooscap Park in the afternoon and that the Park Superintendent and Public Works crew were working very hard to get the park

in shape and that everything looked great.

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

(8.4) Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority - Report given by Councillor Lyle Yorke.

CUMBERLAND JOINT SERVICES MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY REPORT

MAY 2003

The Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority presented their 2003/2004 budget to a joint meeting of the five municipal units on Thursday, May 8th, 2003. The budget had been reviewed in detail with the five municipal units with any questions or concerns being answered satisfactorily. The budget is proposing tipping fees as follows:

Regular garbage \$115.00/ton

C & D regular \$115.00/ton

Oily Soils \$ 55.00/ton

Source Separated Compost \$ 70.00/ton

Contaminated Compost \$115.00/ton

Recyclables No charge

I move that we accept the recommendations of the CJSMA and approve the above mentioned tipping fees for the operation of the landfill.

Moved by Councillor Lyle Yorke, seconded by Councillor Lloyd Smith that the Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority report and recommendations contained therein be accepted.

On the question,

Mayor Robinson asked Council if they realized that by passing the motion they are accepting the full budget of the Authority. The Council responded in the affirmative.

The Clerk suggested for clarification purposes that the motion could be amended to indicate that Council is approving the 2003/2004 budget of the Authority with the following tipping fees.

This was agreed to by the mover and seconder of the motion.

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

(8.5) Water Protection Advisory Committee - Report given by Councillor Lloyd Smith.

WATER PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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The Province of Nova Scotia has a comprehensive drinking water strategy administered by the Department of Environment and Labour requiring it to review and standardize all municipal water system approvals. The Town, in conjunction with some Provincial funding, hired Dillon Consulting to prepare a report reviewing all of the guidelines to go by. The report entitled the Ground Water Management and Protection Plan was completed in November, handed over to the Town and passed to the Committee. After the report was received the Town hired planning services from the Town of Amherst, Jason MacDonald and Tim Lefurgey. The Planners made a

couple of presentations and recommendations to the Committee which the Committee has rejected. At the last Committee meeting held last week the Committee made the motion to go with the existing zoning regulations in the water recharge area remaining as they exist now. Councillor Lloyd Smith indicated that at this point, being the Chair of the Water Protection Committee, he would like to make that motion to Council and that he was doing so under protest and would not be voting in favour of the Committee's recommendation.

Moved by Councillor Lloyd Smith, seconded by Deputy Mayor Gleneida Canning to go with the existing land use bylaws for the water area as they are in place right now.

On the question,

For clarification the Clerk noted that the Water Protection Advisory Committee had a mandate to come up with some zoning recommendations to protect the Town's water supply and the Planner made recommendations to the Committee that would, in fact, do that. The Committee, not unanimously but as a majority, rejected the Planner's recommendations and is recommending that the zoning in the area around the well field remain as it is which means it provides no protection. The Clerk indicated that as Chair, Councillor Lloyd Smith is bringing forth the Committee's recommendation as he is required to do, however, he is indicating that he will vote against it because it is not protecting the well field and that he is looking for Council's support to reject the Committee's recommendation.

Mayor Robinson asked for clarification as to whether the Committee's recommendation, along with the Town Council's rejection of that recommendation, would be forwarded to the Department of Environment in Amherst.

Councillor Lloyd Smith indicated that if this motion is turned down it was his intention to put forward the latest recommendation of Planner, Jason MacDonald.

As there was no further question or discussion the motion was called to a vote. Voting in favour - none. Voting against - Mayor Robinson, Councillors Lloyd Smith, Lois Smith, Lyle Yorke and Gleneida Canning. Motion defeated.

At this point Councillor Lloyd Smith commented that as a Councillor for the Town of Parrsboro in the Chair, it was his belief that by doing nothing there could be some due diligence possibilities that may put them in a liability situation, therefore, he would like to read the report from Jason MacDonald and propose it as the first reading of the Land Use Bylaw amendments for the small area of the Town affected.

In the discussion the Clerk reviewed the adoption process advising that there is the first reading followed by advertising for the Public Hearing to be held whenever the Council decides. If Council so desires on the night of the public hearing a special council meeting could be convened for the

second reading at which time the Council could either approve or reject the report or make amendments to the document, or there could be a public hearing followed by a waiting period of three or four days to consider the results of the public hearing, and then hold

the second meeting to approve the amendments to the Town's land use bylaw for the portion of the town being affected. The Clerk also noted that as agreed by the Town, County and WPAC, after the Committee had made their decision it would go back to the public and that a public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Hall at which the Committee will inform the public that their decision is basically to make no changes. He advised that the Committee's decision will also be presented to the County Council for their approval. If the County Council rejects the Committee's recommendations and accepts the Planner's report, then it will be forwarded to the appropriate government departments for their approval. If the County Council accepts the recommendation of the Committee then as a utility operator the Town will have to look at its options whether it be going to the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, the Minister of Environment, etc.

Mayor Robinson noted a concern that some members of Council may not have seen the Planner's report to which Councillor Lloyd Smith was referring and that he would feel more comfortable with it being presented for first reading after the Council have seen it.

After further discussion it was agreed to postpone the first reading of the amendments to the Land Use Bylaw until such time as Council has had an opportunity to review the report.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

(9.1) Seniors' Expo - The Council was advised that the Seniors' Expo is scheduled for June 12th, 13th and 14th and that the Fundy Geological Museum will be taking part again this year by setting up a booth at the event. Mayor Robinson noted that Marilyn Smith had contacted him with a request that he and/or other members of the Council assist with manning the booth for a day or at least part of a day during the expo. The Mayor noted that he would not be available on Friday, June 13th which he believed was the day they were looking for some assistance and asked the other members of Council to think about it and let him know if they would be interested.

(9.2) Cumberland County Museum and Archives - The Clerk noted three press releases from the Cumberland County Museum and Archives. The first noted an "Open Art Exhibit" running from May 5th to June 21st, the second a meeting on May 27th at 7:30 p.m. in preparation for the Acadian Festival next year with Mr. Allister Surette as the Guest Speaker, and third a Perennial Plant Sale on May 24th from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

(9.3) Aboiteau Water Levels - The Clerk noted that over the past few summers there have been low water levels in the Aboiteau and that it had been planned this year for Public Works to place some clay along the face of the structure to either stop or reduce the amount of leakage. In the

course of this we were in contact with the Provincial Department of Environment that in turn brought in the Federal Department of Oceans and Fisheries. An application was submitted to and approved by these departments for the work to be undertaken. Due to weather related problems affecting the water levels and access to the clay, we were unable to have this project undertaken in the early spring. However, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans have advised that there is a gaspereau run from the period of May 15th to July 31st during which time we are not permitted to do any work on the Aboiteau, therefore, the earliest we can start is August 1st. The Clerk also noted that Fisheries and Oceans are requiring netting to be installed across the Aboiteau to protect it which is another cost factor associated with the project..

Mayor Robinson noted that as the year progresses and the situation worsens we will have officials from the departments come down to look at the situation and see the problem that we do have. The Clerk commented that if the officials do come down and see that the water is all gone and the gaspereau are not going to run there is a slim chance that they will permit the work to be done, however, if not the Council should be aware that we will be getting complaints about low water levels in the Aboiteau again this year.

(9.4) CREDA - The Clerk noted correspondence from CREDA Executive Director, Rhonda Kelly, requesting two Council appointments to the Project Partnership Committee for the shared Development Officer between the units of Parrsboro, Oxford and Springhill.

Moved by Councillor Lois Smith, seconded by Councillor Lloyd Smith that Councillors Canning and Yorke be appointed to the Project Partnership Committee. Motion carried.

(9.5) Department of Education - A letter from the Department of Education invited the Mayor and Councillors to attend the presentation of the Lieutenant Governor's Medals to Grade 11 students selected by the principal and staff of each high school in the Chignecto-Central district. Her Honour, Lieutenant Governor Myra Freeman will make the presentations at the ceremony that will take place on May 29th at 1:30 p.m. at the Cobequid Educational Centre in Truro.

Mayor Robinson indicated that he would be attending this function and asked any member of Council who wished to attend to let him know.

(9.6) Education Program - Mayor Robinson noted that it was worthwhile for residents to realize that the Town will be going into curbside collection of organics in early July. The current plan which is subject to change is for regular garbage to be collected on a Monday or Tuesday, and organics and recyclables will be collected on Wednesday each other week. He advised that there will be a letter going out from the Town to all residents explaining what we are doing along with a pick-up schedule and a list of recyclables, organics and residual waste. The Mayor also indicated that a meeting is scheduled for tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. with the collectors and CJSMA Education Officer Brenda Kelligrew to finalize the schedule.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Councillor Lloyd Smith the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.