

COUNCIL

OCTOBER 28, 2003

#03-13

The Parrsboro Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 28th, 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 called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance noting particularly representatives from the Youth Town Council, town services and the press.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councillor Lois Smith requested the addition of Youth Town Council as item (d) in the Committee reports.

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

3. RCMP REPORT

Cpl. Phil Oliver presented the following report of activity since September 23rd to date:

A total of 129 complaints for the Town and County of which 77 were for the Town only. There were 3 Assault complaints; 2 Break and Enter complaints; 1 Fraud complaint; 2 Damage to Property complaints; 8 Disturbance complaints; 1 Harassment complaint; 1 Breach of Peace complaint; 1 Drug related complaint; 1 Liquor Act complaint; 1 Mental Health Act complaint; 1 Wildlife Act complaint; 3 - 911 Abandoned calls; 3 False Alarms; 3 Motor Vehicle accidents; 4 Tickets issued under the MVA; 13 Public Relations; and the remainder were General

Administration Assistance to the Public.

4. BYLAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Bylaw Officer Carl Skidmore reported he had received 20 complaints and issued 2 warnings.

5. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Jim Atkinson presented the following report for the month of October 2003:

EMERGENCY CALLS

1 Power pole on fire

1 Fire alarm

1 Flue fire

TRAINING

Equipment Checks, Personal Protective Equipment

Pump Operator Fire Streams 60, 80 & 100 psi

SCBA Orientation (self contained breathing apparatus)

Water Shuttle

UPCOMING TRAINING

Monthly equipment checks

STARS Helicopter landing preparation course

SCBA Maze

Ventilation

Medical First Responder Re-certification

ANNUAL MEETING

Election of Officers:

Chief Jim Atkinson

Deputy Chief Gregg Matthews

Captain #1 John R. Henwood

Captain #2 Larry Orr

Captain #3 Chris Clarke

Secretary Treasurer Will Dunphy

Driver #1 John Guilderson

Driver #2 John Henwood
Driver #3 Danny MacAloney

SPECIAL EVENT

December 13 Christmas Supper and Banquet for firemen and invited guests.

Moved by Councillor Lloyd Smith, seconded by Deputy Mayor Gleneida Canning that the Town Council accept the recommendation of the Fire Department to appoint Jim Atkinson as Fire Chief. Motion carried.

On behalf of the Council, Mayor Robinson congratulated Mr. Atkinson on his appointment noting that he has dedicated many years of service to the volunteer fire department and received an award for bravery associated with his fire fighting duties.

6. APPROVAL OF CHEQUE SHEET

Moved by Councillor Lois Smith, seconded by Councillor Lyle Yorke that the general cheque sheet in the amount of \$84,697.67 be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Robinson asked if there were any errors or omissions noted in the minutes of September 23rd, 2003 - #03-12. Hearing none he declared the minutes approved as circulated.

8. 2nd READING OF THE DOG BYLAW

Mayor Robinson invited comments from the gallery regarding the proposed Dog Bylaw noting that personally any comments he had heard were positive.

Bylaw Officer Carl Skidmore noted that the bylaw specifies that no dog owner may allow their dog to bark at any time during the day or night and that there is a concern among some people who leave their pets outside during the day while they are away at work that they will face serious consequences if their dog barks at any time during the day.

Mayor Robinson noted that there are people in the community who routinely take a nap or sleep in the afternoon such as seniors and people working shifts which is the purpose of this requirement in the bylaw. He pointed out, however, that the bylaw refers to "excessive barking" or that which is prolonged and persistent and the Bylaw Officer would have to use his discretion in cases where a complaint has been received.

As there were no further questions or comments from the gallery or from the members of Council and there were no public presentations to change the bylaw, there was a motion by Deputy Mayor Gleneida Canning, seconded by Councillor Lyle Yorke that the Town Council approve the 2nd reading of the Dog Bylaw dated October 28, 2003. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Gleneida Canning, seconded by Councillor Lyle Yorke that the Town Council adopt the Town of Parrsboro Dog Bylaw dated October 28, 2003. Motion carried.

9. 1st READING OF DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT DA-2003-02

Moved by Deputy Mayor Gleneida Canning, seconded by Councillor Lois Smith that the Town Council approve the 1st reading of the Proposed Development Agreement - Tim Horton's (PID 25214552). Motion carried.

Mayor Robinson noted that copies of the Development Agreement would be available at the Town Office tomorrow morning and that there will be a public meeting on the matter which will be advertised 14 days in advance.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Finance - Report given by Deputy Mayor Gleneida Canning:

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

OCTOBER 2003

(a) Presentation RE: Broadband - Paul Hopper of CREDA, accompanied by Executive Director Rhonda Kelly and Chair Ron Levy, presented an overview of the Broadband for Rural and Northern Development (BRAND) program to support high speed internet development in rural and remote communities. In September 2002 Industry Canada introduced this program and in October 2002 CREDA submitted an application to Industry Canada to develop a business plan on behalf of several Cumberland County communities currently without high speed internet service including Parrsboro. CREDA's proposal was one of the 89 successful applicants announced in January 2003. The Connecting Cumberland business plan was prepared and submitted to Industry Canada in June 2003 to compete for third phase "implementation funding". Mr. Hopper advised that CREDA is very optimistic that their proposal will be approved noting that Industry Canada will announce successful projects during the fall of 2003.

(b) Presentation RE: Noise Bylaw - The Committee received a presentation from a concerned citizen who support's the adoption of a noise bylaw. The citizen was advised that the Committee have had preliminary discussions on the issue and that follow-up meetings are being scheduled at

which their comments and concerns will be taken into consideration.

(c) Northern Region Intermunicipal Committee - Mayor Robinson, the Town's representative on the Northern Region Intermunicipal Committee, presented an update indicating that the next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 24th and that agenda items will include Provincial policy regarding construction and demolition waste, particularly the licensing of C & D waste facilities, trans-boundary hauling of C & D waste and the Provincial definition of C & D waste.

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

On the question,

The Deputy Mayor noted for clarification that Ron Levy is the past Chair of CREDA and not the current Chair as the report indicates.

Mayor Robinson noted that the date for the announcement regarding implementation funding applications for the Broadband program is scheduled for 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm. on Friday, October 31st at the Cumberland County Municipal Office.

The Mayor also advised that he had attended the Northern Region Intermunicipal Committee meeting and that the issue of C & D waste was discussed and will be taken to the Regional Chairs meeting which he believed will be taking place next week.

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

(b) Public Works - Report given by Councillor Lloyd Smith:

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

OCTOBER 2003

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

- finished installation of siding on the salt storage shed and made new doors for the building
- the plows have been scraped and painted for winter, one plow had to be rebuilt for installation on the new truck
- some inside and outside work has been done at the Library including woodwork and removal of

a deteriorated cement walkway

- the cenotaph lighting project has been completed

- some electrical work done at the reservoir and wells

- bush cutting at the well site, the old landfill road and Western Avenue

- the paving contractor is expected in the near future to repair the crosscuts in the pavement on various streets throughout the town

- our engineers have been in town to do some preliminary tests of sewer flows in preparation for the wastewater system assessment

- work has begun removing the waste baskets, picnic tables and benches and storing them for the winter

- town properties and ditches mowed and will hopefully be done once more before winter

- John and Phillip will be attending a course in Halifax in December which was rescheduled due to the hurricane and Ron and Chris will be taking a Water Distribution Course the last week of November

- the new sidewalk machine has been working out very well and the front end loader should be delivered by the week of October 27th

- Daniel Yorke has been hired on a part-time basis to assist with the fall clean-up

(b) Decorative Lights - The Committee is recommending that the snowflake and reindeer lights be refurbished including new strings of lights for each; that the dinosaur lights be taken down, stored for the winter and refurbished for spring reinstallation; and that new garland be purchased for the poles.

(c) Fall Clean-Up - The Committee recommends Friday, November 21st and Saturday, November 22nd for the fall clean-up during which the former landfill site will be open to the public for deposit of yard waste. Details of this service will be advertised in advance.

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

On the question,

Deputy Mayor Canning noted that at a recent merchants' meeting it was requested that the Town have the Christmas lights up by November 21st for some events planned a week prior to the parade.

The Clerk indicated that he would pass this request on to the Superintendent of Public Works and hopefully the work can be coordinated with NSPI prior to that date.

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

(c) Planning, Development and Housing - Report given by Councillor Lyle Yorke.

PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE REPORT

OCTOBER 2003

(a) Building Inspector's Report - The following is a summary of all permits issued and activity of the Building Inspector for the month of September 2003:

| | <u>No. of Permits</u> | <u>Value</u> |
|--|-----------------------|--------------|
| New Construction & Additions (Residential) | 1 | \$10,000 |
| Repairs & Alterations (Commercial) | 1 | \$ 2,800 |
| Repairs & Alterations (Residential) | 2 | \$ 4,000 |
| Garages & Sheds (Residential) | 2 | \$20,500 |
| Demolition (Residential) | 3 | N/A |
| Demolition (Commercial) | 2 | N/A |

- 6 building inspections were done.**
- 6 building plan reviews were done.**
- performed 2 dangerous and/or unsightly premises inspections.**

Moved by Councillor Lyle Yorke, seconded by Deputy Mayor Gleneida Canning that the Planning, Development and Housing report be accepted. Motion carried.

(d) Youth Town Council - Councillor Lois Smith advised that the Youth Town Council met today for the first time this school year with the following results:

Chair - Linda McPhee

Vice-Chair - Christene MacAloney

Secretary - Savannah Robinson

Public Relations Officer - Laura McCully

Student Relations Officer - Terilynn Brown

Members: Stevely Wood

Rebecca MacAloney

Jake Yorke

Colin Canning

Councillor Smith advised that the Youth Town Council meet the third Tuesday of the month at the Town Hall after school and she invited any interested young people to attend the meetings which provide a forum to bring forth issues that are important to them. Councillor Smith noted that she was very pleased with today's turn out and that it was a very productive meeting. She advised that the youth group is looking forward to a successful year and is planning a variety of educational activities including a tour of the Fundy Geological Museum scheduled for November 18th and a leadership workshop later in the year. Councillor Smith also introduced Linda McPhee, YTC Chair and Terilynn Brown, YTC Student Relations Office who were present in the Chambers to observe the Council meeting.

Moved by Councillor Lois Smith, seconded by Councillor Lloyd Smith that the Youth Town Council report be accepted.

Mayor Robinson congratulated the newly elected Youth Town Council indicating that the YTC plays a very important role in addressing youth based issues in the community. He extended the gratitude of the Council and Town for the Youth Council's efforts and requested a round of applause to demonstrate that appreciation.

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

11. CORRESPONDENCE

(11.1) Town of Amherst RE: UNSM - The Clerk noted correspondence advising that at the UNSM annual conference in Yarmouth, Deputy Mayor Dale Fawthrop from the Town of Amherst was elected to the Towns' Caucus Executive. Mayor Robinson noted that Warden Keith Hunter from the County was also selected to sit on the Towns' Caucus. (Secretary's note: Warden Hunter was selected to sit on the UNSM, not the Towns' Caucus)

(11.2) Murray Scott, MLA - For information it was noted that Murray Scott had forwarded a copy of his letter to the Honourable Jamie Muir, Minister of Education and Culture in which he expressed his concerns regarding delays in the notification of community groups that have applied for student workers through the Provincial Employment Program. Mr. Scott indicated that such delays result in some rural area students leaving to find work elsewhere when they feel that there is nothing forthcoming at home and it also makes it very difficult for the organizations to plan for their summer hours and fundraising for additional resources they require. Mr. Scott requested the Minister to have his staff review this situation and perhaps give our local Regional Development Association, CREDA, the mandate to determine which organizations would be allotted student positions which would speed up the process.

(11.3) Invitation - Addressed to Mayor Robinson to learn more about the Canadian/Nova Scotia Skills and Learning Framework at an information session on October 29th at the County Building.

Mayor Robinson noted that he had already responded that he would be attending this information session.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Councillor Lyle Yorke the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.