

COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 24, 2004

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The Parrsboro Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 24th, 2004 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. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

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 Lois Smith that the Agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried.

3. PUBLIC HEARING RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWN'S MPS/LUB TO PROTECT THE LONG TERM VIABILITY OF THE MACALONEY LAKE WELLFIELD.

Mayor Robinson opened the floor for the Public Hearing RE: the Proposed Amendments to the Town's Municipal Planning Strategy/Land Use Bylaw to Protect the Long Term Viability of the MacAloney Lake Wellfield. The Mayor asked if there were any presentations or representations to be made.

Wayne Welsh advised that prior to this meeting he had asked both the Mayor and Town Clerk to have the cost for the last MacAloney Lake Wellfield protection plan and to his understanding that information was not available this evening. Mayor Robinson confirmed that the information was not available and he questioned the connection between that and what was being discussed. Mr. Welsh stated that the connection is that before the Council wastes the Town's money by going

through a whole bunch of steps and trying to implement something, the water should be tested for the long term health benefits of the people of the town. He indicated this is a test that he had previously asked all Council, the Mayor and the Clerk to have done which would take four samples, one for each of the four different seasons. Mr. Welsh expressed the opinion that it is already a contaminated area and that he had heard just recently that there is a 45 gallon drum in the bottom of the Farrell River and he had heard that they're from behind the tavern up to the old graveyard. Mr. Welsh repeated that before the Town wastes a whole bunch of money he would still like for the Town to let him know the cost to have the last study done and again do the long term health benefits on the water and how it affects the citizens. He noted that in talking with Environment the Town could have Environment and Health people come down and do the test and that they don't see that this is a big request that should be denied by Council.

Planner Jason MacDonald asked which study Mr. Welsh was referring to. Mr. Welsh advised he was referring to the study called the Canadian Long Term Health Benefits of the Water and that it was brought up at the last public hearing on the MacAloney Lake Well Field. The Clerk asked if it was the Porter Dillon engineering report that Mr. Welsh was referring to. Mr. Welsh indicated that was correct. The Clerk advised that he did not have this particular report this evening but that he would make a note of it and get the figures for him in the near future.

Mr. Welsh again asked the Town to do the proper test for the long term health benefits of the people of the town. He reiterated that it is a contaminated area already and before the Town wastes any more money on having this stuff implemented they should do these tests with the assistance of the Department of Environment and the Department of Health because there are a lot of issues around that area that affect people on the long term such as kidney disease, skin disorders, health disorders that affect up to 200 hundred people in this town.

Planner Jason MacDonald advised that he did not want to get into a debate but that he wanted to make it clear for the Council, the public and the media that the engineering report that was done for the Town's water supply has indicated that it is not, in any way, contaminated. Mayor Robinson confirmed that the engineers have told the Town that there is nothing wrong with the water, and that water tests indicate there is nothing wrong with it. The Mayor wondered what qualified engineering background Mr. Welsh has or maybe not his own that would substantiate what he is saying.

Mr. Welsh referred back to the Canadian Safe Drinking Water Standards and indicated that if those tests were done and are compared with the these standards then he would like to have copies.

Mayor Robinson noted the understanding that the latest tests were provided to Mr. Welsh. He again wondered to whom Mr. Welsh took the tests and commented that he did not think that the average person would have sufficient engineering and scientific background to actually make the judgement calls that he is making unless there is a qualified source that can verify his statements. He noted that anyone can say that the water is contaminated, it is a statement that is made all the

time about various water supplies around the country.

Mr. Welsh stated that he had not received copies of the tests. He advised that he had a

conversation with the Mayor and the only thing he had said is that the water was tested one time because of a complaint about the chemicals and that he had made one other comment to him and that comment was also quoted in the paper, that the water was tested and it came back quite satisfactory. Mr. Welsh questioned by what standards the water is considered "quite satisfactory".

Mayor Robinson responded that it was quite simply a newspaper statement and that if Mr. Welsh wished to have those reports and have them taken to a qualified individual who can justify the expenses of which he is talking then he is welcome to do so.

Mr. Welsh replied that he would like to have a copy of all the reports the Town has and that he would send them to the Department of Environment and the Department of Health.

The Clerk indicated that if Mr. Welsh wanted to know the cost of the study and have copies of reports he wanted his request in writing in specifics because there is a tendency when information is supplied that it may not be quite what he wants and in the desired format. The Clerk noted that quite some time ago he did send Mr. Welsh copies of a couple of the assessments that were done on the water utility which he had asked for at that time, however, he did not know what Mr. Welsh had done with them since then.

Mayor Robinson asked Mr. Welsh to submit a request to the Town of what it is he is looking for and the Clerk will respond accordingly.

Mr. Welsh repeated the statement that before the Council wastes any more taxpayers money trying to implement something, do these tests based on the Canadian Drinking Water Standards.

Tom Kennedy read the following statement: "It would appear that the Town of Parrsboro is satisfied with the quality of water and the location of the wells, so we come back to the Province and the implementation of the restrictions to protect the water supply. My wife and I have operated the Glooscap Restaurant and Lounge for the last 19 of its 22 years in existence. To the best of my knowledge we have not polluted, contaminated, or caused any environmental damage . Further, it is the Town of Parrsboro, not the Province of Nova Scotia, that is proposing to limit my seating capacity because we are on a septic system. Well, as some of you may or may not know our septic is at road level, not water level. It would seem to me that the Province is looking for a plan or development agreement that would control expansion with an environmental consideration such as service stations, dry cleaners or other potential toxic uses. In summary I realize that the Province may have initiated this planning strategy onto the municipal units, but it is you people here, not the Province of Nova Scotia, that is looking to limit my ability to do business."

Gerry Redmond asked what road salt does to the Town water noting that it is being dumped every day.

Mayor Robinson acknowledged Mr. Redmond's concern, however, he advised that he was not qualified to answer this question. He noted that there is no indication that road salt has done any damage so far and, in fact, it seems that the main problem people have with the road salt is what it is doing to the soil. He indicated that there has been a lot of conversation over the last couple of years about the use of salt and that the Province has actually backed off on the requirement to use other than salt on the highways.

Jason MacDonald advised that he wanted to make it clear that it is only the Town's portion of the recharge area that is being dealt with today. There are real restrictions that impact on land use but in his opinion it is balanced to respect the individual's right to use their property as much as they can while at the same time ensuring that expansions or uses that can contaminate the wells won't be in the area. He noted that the use of road salt cannot be regulated in the Land Use Bylaw and that it is only for things that require a building permit that are being dealt with. With regard to Mr. Welsh's question of cost, Mr. MacDonald expressed the belief that he is referring to the cost for the planning department's work for implementing the Town's Land Use Bylaw and that he wanted to point out that the Town of Parrsboro already buys these services and it is not paying any additional cost for this project. If anything there is a net benefit because under the funding arrangement the Province will rebate the Town for some of the planning department's services, therefore, there is no real net cost for land use planning enforcement.

Mr. Welsh addressed Mr. MacDonald's comments stating that the planner's job is to do up the map of what and where the restrictions are going to take place in this area and that he would argue that Mr. MacDonald had no scientific studies or anything to prove that this water supply is safe for the long term health benefits. He again asked the Mayor and Council to make sure that the water is tested over at least four seasons based on the Canadian Drinking Water Standards.

Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith noted that a few months ago the land was divided up amongst the town lands and the county lands and that he was of the understanding that the County is working on some other project as part of their process. He asked Mr. MacDonald if he could enlighten those present on where the County are on their part of the process.

Mr. MacDonald noted that it has always been divided between the Town and the County because there is a municipal boundary in the area. He noted that what was brought forth to the County Council close to a year ago he wouldn't exactly say was rejected because the County did accept the Committee's recommendation to do nothing. Since then there was a meeting with the Province and the CAO of the County and another draft bylaw has been written up that the CAO of the County feels may be acceptable to his council. That bylaw is in draft form, it does offer protection from potential land uses that could come in, it is not as stringent as what was presented last time, but it does offer some real protection against some of the major land uses that could occur in the area.

At this point it has been left to the County to determine the best way to bring that forward to their Council.

Councillor Gleneida Canning asked Mr. MacDonald is he is happy with the new proposal.

Mr. MacDonald stated that it is a compromise that will protect the area from new uses that are not existing today , however, it does not address expansion of uses that are there.

Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith asked Mr. MacDonald if he is the planner that is working on the service for the County.

Mr. MacDonald advised that he and Peter Newbold, the Planner for the Province met with County CAO, Rennie Bugley to draft the proposal and added that there is no cost to the Town of Parrsboro.

Mr. Kennedy noted that it was obvious from reading the report there was no contingency to move the wells and he asked Mr. MacDonald if he was asked to do this study with the intent that things stay the way they are today.

Mr. MacDonald confirmed that the study was done to create a land use bylaw to regulate land use in that area with the wells where they are today which is the same thing that was done for all the other councils in the county.

Mr. Welsh asked Mr. MacDonald if he had the authority to have the Department of Environment and Department of Health come in and do the proper test on the water.

Mr. MacDonald replied that was not part of his mandate, however, he pointed out that the engineers from Dillon Consultants that studied the well field believe that the water is safe and that there is no indication, of all the work they have done that it is not safe He also noted the understanding that the Town does ongoing testing for things that they have to test for and are no different than any other town in Nova Scotia.

Mr. Welsh stated that the Dillon report also noted a concern with the existing well field site. He noted that at the last meeting there had been a discussion and questions were brought forward about the other rivers and the other streams and the other contaminants that are around this area, the blueberry land and farm land, and they are in the Dillon report that these are concerns that they have and there should be further studies done.

Mr. MacDonald commented that he would like Mr. Welsh to point this information out to him in the Dillon report.

Planner Tim Lefurgey stated that it should also be pointed out that the wells are there today and

the land should be protected today because the water is being consumed. He noted that one of the reasons the study is done as to how those lands should be protected is that it is based on the existing system that people are already using today. Therefore, those regulations are made based on the fact that the system is at least going to be continually used, how far into the future is not known, and all that can be done is try to minimize the amount of negative effects that can happen over the next period of time, maybe there are negative effects happening already from existing uses, that cannot be stopped, however, new uses can be stopped.

Mr. Welsh stated that the Mayor and Council were asked if they looked at any alternative site and they said they did but it was never followed up in the Dillon report or any other report that he had seen. He expressed the opinion that the present well field cannot be protected and that maybe its time now to start planning to look for another site.

Mayor Robinson questioned Mr. Welsh's statement that Council had looked an alternative site and pointed out that qualified engineers have stated that the present well site can be protected.

Mr. Kennedy stated the opinion that what is wrong with the report is that it only looks at one narrow vision as to how to protect the water.

The Mayor noted the understanding that when Dillon did the study on the wells, which is the first part of the report, it basically came up with two areas, either the existing location or at Leak Lake behind the motel. The Mayor noted that the volume of water that is required is an important consideration and that the engineers still maintain that the present location is the recommended location to meet our needs. Mayor Robinson noted that the water has been tested by Phillips Labs in B.C. and that report has come back and gone to the engineers. He noted there is nothing in the two page report that tests for everything, not just for the things that Mr. Welsh is talking about, that would reflect spending a great deal of money. Also, the water is tested in accordance with the Province's requirements once a week at two various locations in town. Mayor Robinson indicated that he was sure that the Phillips report was mailed out to Mr. Welsh.

Mr. Welsh indicated that he did not have his file with him and he could be mistaken that he had not received it.

Mr. Kennedy noted that his argument is the restrictions the Town is trying to place on his particular business and that he does not see how the water is going to be affected if he adds 26 seats to his seating capacity. He pointed out spending 19 years paying taxes on a business that hopefully will expand at some point with 500 ft. of frontage and all of a sudden he is being told that he cannot expand it. He indicated that he is not going to parlay with Mr. MacDonald as he knows much more about planning than he ever will and that not being an engineer or a technician he would not understand the water reports even if they were given to him. However, he would come back to the bottom line, it is the restrictions that the Town, not the Province are trying to implement that he has a problem with.

Councillor Gleneida Canning asked about the possibility of an amendment being made to that particular establishment.

Mayor Robinson indicated that anything is possible as you progress down the road and that it would mean an amendment to the land use bylaw and the municipal planning strategy which would involve a similar process.

At this point the Mayor asked if there was anyone else who would like to make any comments or observations other than what has already been covered. Hearing none he called an end to the public hearing and reconvened the Council meeting.

4. CONSIDERATION OF 2ND READING OF AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWN'S MPS/ LUB

Councillor Lois Smith advised that she would like to make a recommendation not to proceed with the 2nd reading of the proposed amendments to the Town's MPS and LUB to protect the long term viability of the MacAloney Lake well field due to the fact that the Province, being the Department of Environment and the Department of Natural Resources, has not made any decision about the regulations for the protection of the said well field.

The Deputy Mayor noted that he has reserved opinions on this, one dealing with the questions he was asking Mr. MacDonald about where the County is now with their residents. He indicated that while he believes 100 percent in all the papers and studies on the well field and that the water has to be protected, it does not make sense for the Town to impose one restriction on a person within the town limits and then a different restriction is imposed on another person in the County half a mile down the road, both of which are approved by the Department of Environment. Therefore, he would agree with Councillor Smith's recommendation.

Mayor Robinson asked if this was the general feeling of Council and the members indicated their agreement with the recommendation.

The Clerk commented that he understood the Council's concern about what the County of Cumberland is doing, however, he emphasized that one must not lose sight of the fact that it is the Town of Parrsboro's Water Utility and the Town has an obligation to protect it. He noted that the Provincial Department of Environment is the authority that has established all the rules and regulations, however, it is the municipalities that have been delegated the responsibility to bring in engineers and planners to bring forth recommendations for councils to make decisions on. He noted that based on the Porter Dillon report Mr. MacDonald has drafted recommendations to protect the well field area and has indicated that the document is as moderate as he would endorse. Mr. MacDonald had also indicated that he could draw up any document the committee wanted in a legalized format to fit into the land use bylaw and planning strategy, however, he would not endorse it and the Clerk expressed the opinion that this is what the County is trying to

do. The Clerk indicated that he had attended a meeting with Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, the Department of Environment, the planners, County CAO, etc., and that it had been a heated meeting because both the Town and the County are under a great deal of political pressure to do something. The Clerk advised that at the meeting he had made it known that if the County puts something through that provides some protection but does not at least meet the minimal recommendations of the Planner then he as the CAO of Parrsboro will put a letter into Service Nova Scotia and Environment looking for written confirmation that what they are proposing will provide the protection that is needed. The Clerk noted that he was not recommending against Council putting the adoption of the plan on hold but that he was simply issuing a concern that a clerk would have about the whole process.

In the following discussion Mayor Robinson indicated that is should not be presupposed that Mr. MacDonald should rework the plan and to his understanding the intent of Councillor Smith's recommendation is that this is the plan until such time as the Council gets better information. The Mayor noted that he had no problem with the recommendation.

Mr. MacDonald indicated to the best of his knowledge the Province is not going to give the Town any more information of what it is looking for.

Mayor Robinson indicated that maybe what the Town needs to see is the final plan that the County is going to present to a public hearing if for no other reason than, in fact, the Town can argue either for or against it.

5. RCMP REPORT

Cst. Guy Bergeron presented the RCMP report for the past month noting a total of 48 complaints in the Town of Parrsboro which are broken down into the following: 1 Assault complaint; 1 complaint of sexual exploitation; 1 Property Damage complaint; 2 Harassment complaints; 1 sudden death; 2 off-road vehicle complaints; 5 false alarms; 7 criminal records checks; 7 Motor Vehicle complaints; and the remainder were mainly housekeeping complaints dealt with by the detachment.

Mayor Robinson asked if Cst. Bergeron had any feedback on the Parrsboro Police Consultative Group.

Cst. Bergeron advised that he was pleased with the response and that the comments have been very positive. He noted that there are still two or three more groups to contact.

6. BYLAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Bylaw Officer not in attendance. No report.

7. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

The Fire Chief was not in attendance, however, Fireman John Paddon who was in the audience advised that there were four or five calls including a couple of flue fires and a lift assist for EHS following the major storm. Three individuals have gone to the Waverley Firefighter's School to take their level 1 training and in-house training continues every Thursday night.

8. APPROVAL OF CHEQUE SHEET

Moved by Councillor Lois Smith, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith that the Cheque Sheet in the amount of \$81,152.90 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Robinson asked if there were any errors or omissions noted in the minutes of January 27, 2004, bring #04-01. Hearing none he declared the minutes approved as circulated.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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(a) Transportation & Public Works - Correspondence has been received from Nova Scotia Transportation and Public Works asking if the Town would be interested in the 2004 Annual Temporary Count Program that collects traffic volume counts. The cost of a one week traffic volume count has been set at \$250 and a classification (vehicle type) count has been set at \$300.

After a discussion it was recommended that this letter be forwarded to the Sustainable Tourism Committee for their recommendation as to whether it would be worthwhile participating in this program.

(b) Cheque Signing Authority - As required by the Town's banking institution the Committee recommends the adoption of the attached Resolution RE: Bankers and Signing Officers authorizing the Town Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Mayor, and Deputy Mayor to sign cheques on the Town's behalf.

(c) Town of Springhill - An invitation was received from the Town of Springhill to the Springhill Community Centre Campaign on Thursday, February 26th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Nova Scotia Community College.

The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillor Yorke noted they will attend this function.

(d) Nova Scotia Alliance for Healthy Eating Physical Activity - An invitation was also received from this organization to attend a session where the draft of the Healthy Eating Strategy for the Province of Nova Scotia will be discussed and those attending will be given an opportunity to have input. The date for this session is February 19th, 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Amherst at the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre.

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

(10.2) Public Works - Report given by Councillor Lyle Yorke:

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

- snow plowing and salting of streets as dictated by the weather conditions.

- snow removed from intersections, parking lots and between sidewalks and streets.

- there were a number of calls regarding frozen water lines, all but one was inside the building. The frozen line outside a building on Lower Main Street was thawed and as a precaution people in the business district were asked to keep their water running for a period of time.

- some dead softwood trees were cut at the reservoir, taken to the works shed, split and piled for firewood next year.

- minor modifications were made to the wells to allow easier access to the probes.

- regular maintenance of vehicles and equipment.

- cold mix purchased for asphalt patching of paved streets as required.

Moved by Councillor Lyle Yorke, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith that the Public Works Report be accepted. Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Smith commended the Public Works Department for their work during the last major snow storm noting that they worked hard through the day and the night to make the streets

passable for emergency vehicles.

Councillor Lois Smith noted that she had heard many favourable comments from the public.

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

(a) Authority Budget - The Committee has reviewed the Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority's 2004/2005 Operating and Capital Budgets as proposed in the document dated February 2, 2004 and is recommending approval of the budget and the following tipping fees:

Solid Waste Regular Garbage	\$115.00
C & D Regular	\$100.00
C & D Oily Soils	\$ 55.00
Compost Source Separated	\$ 70.00
Compost Contaminated	\$115.00
Recycling	\$ 0.00

Moved by Councillor Lyle Yorke, seconded by Councillor Lois Smith that the Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority Report and recommendations contained therein be accepted. Motion carried.

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

(a) Roles and Responsibilities Document - Over the past few months the Protective Services Committee and S/Sgt. Wade Blake have been meeting to draft a Statement of Roles and Responsibilities Document between the Town of Parrsboro, the RCMP - Cumberland District - Parrsboro Office and the Nova Scotia Department of Justice. This document has been drafted in recognition of the need for a defined reporting process to ensure adequate, effective and efficient police services as provided by the RCMP. This document received the final approval of the Committee at the last meeting and is being recommended for the approval of Town Council subject to the RCMP and the Department of Justice signing the document prior to the Town.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith, seconded by Councillor Lyle Yorke that the Protective Services Committee Report and the recommendations contained therein be accepted. Motion carried.

(10.5) Library - Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith advised that the Library Board met on February 4th it was recommended that each board member on a municipal council bring a report back to their council at the open meeting for their knowledge as well as the public. Following is that report:

The Parrsboro Library has been very busy this winter. So far this fiscal year (April 1st to January

31st) the library circulated 2,494 more books, magazines and videos than it had at this time last year. The circulation of the library material in Parrsboro currently stands at 15,330 items. There are currently 519 active members at the Parrsboro Library and an active member is defined as those who have used their library card within the last two years. There have been 4,007 half hour computer bookings and 328 reference questions answered by the staff so far this year. Three computer classes were reduced at the library at the end of January when Emily Skidmore who was working on a job creation grant with funding from HRDC moved to take a job at a call centre in Halifax. Sandra Shaw continues to volunteer her time to teach computer classes at the library. Another application for funding will be sent to HRDC through the CAP Coordinator, Jennifer Winters. The Parrsboro Lions Club recently made a donation of large print books to the library. The Valentine's story was held for children on February 9th. Seventeen children enjoyed stories and crafts for this event. The Fire Inspector, Pat Boyce, visited the building on January 9th and there are five items of improvement including emergency lights, fire extinguishers, exit lights and signs and a few other items. Frances Newman and the Board would like to take the opportunity to thank the Town for the physical improvements made to the library this year including the water heater and the broken tiles.

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

11. CORRESPONDENCE

(11.1) Clerk RE: Meetings - The Clerk noted that next month the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting falls on Tuesday, March 16th and that traditionally this meeting in March is delayed to the following week due to the March Break.

After a discussion it was agreed to hold the Committee-of-the-Whole on March 23rd and the Council meeting on March 30th.

(11.2) Town of Springhill Leisure Services Department - The Mayor read correspondence from the Town of Springhill Leisure Services Department with regard to the Cumberland County Treasure Trunks which are bins of various types of equipment that can be signed out by groups or organizations, clubs or individuals for recreational use. There is no formal cost of utilizing the equipment, however, a small damage deposit is required which is refunded upon return of the trunk. There are two pick up locations, one in Amherst and one in Springhill allowing access in various parts of the region. The treasure trunks are complete with equipment that complement activities for all seasons. In the future it is hoped to enhance the treasure trunks by adding supplies and repairing and replacing equipment. In order to provide this service at no cost each municipal unit in Cumberland County is being asked to contribute \$500.00 to the project to enhance and maintain the treasure trunks.

After a discussion there was a motion by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith, seconded by Councillor Lois

Smith that this request be referred to the budget. Motion carried.

(11.3) Order of Nova Scotia 2004 - Mayor Robinson noted a letter from the Honourable Rodney MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture, regarding the Order of Nova Scotia, the highest honour the Province can bestow on its citizens of which to date 15 Nova Scotians have been invested to the Order. Mr. MacDonald noted that there has been a great deal of interest from Nova Scotians requesting information and application forms for the 2004 Order of Nova Scotia nominations. Five Nova Scotians will be selected as members of the Order as per the Order of Nova Scotia Act. The Minister encouraged the promotion of this Order by making the application forms available to all residents and others at the Town Office or by directing them to the Protocol Office. The closing date for nominations is March 19th, 2004.

Mayor Robinson indicated that the nomination forms will be available at the front desk of the Town Hall and the information made available to the press at the conclusion of the meeting.

(11.4) Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith RE: Fireworks - For the information of Council and the press the Deputy Mayor advised that on February 16th, John Paddon organized the community fireworks meeting for the local citizens of the town. He noted that Mr. Paddon is in the process of organizing a community fireworks for July 1st .

John Paddon noted that the meeting had taken place and that he had hoped to get more of the public out and more ideas for fund raising, etc. He indicated that in the near future he will be getting some collection containers out to businesses that have agreed to put them on their counters for donations.

Councillor Gleneida Canning asked if another meeting has been scheduled. Mr. Paddon noted that he hoped to have a meeting next week but as yet a date has not been set.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by the Deputy Mayor the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.