

# COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 22, 2005

#05-02

The Parrsboro Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers with Mayor Doug Robinson presiding.

**PRESENT:** Deputy Mayor Lyle Yorke  
Councillor Gleneida Canning  
Councillor Lloyd Smith  
Councillor Lois Smith  
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 Councillor Lloyd Smith, seconded by Councillor Lois Smith that the agenda be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

## **3. RCMP REPORT**

Cst. Colin Morton advised that February was a relatively quiet month which included the following activity: 1 - Coroner's Act; 1 - Impaired Driving; 1 - Dangerous Driving; 2 - False Alarms; 1 - Theft; 2 - Trespassing Act; 1 - Assault; 1 - Suspicious Person.

Cst. Morton advised that the DARE drug awareness program is in full swing with Cst. Bergeron making a presentation to the Grade 6's. Cst. Penny also made a presentation on bullying to the High School students.

After answering a few brief questions from Council, Cst. Morton left to attend to his duties.

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

Deputy Fire Chief Gregg Matthews presented the following report on behalf of the Chief who had

**other commitments.**

**Monthly Report: January 24, 2005 - February 20, 2005**

**Emergency Calls:**

<b>False Alarms</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Fire Alarms</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Flue Fires</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Vehicle Fire</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>MVA</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>First Responder</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Structure Fires</b>	<b>1</b>

**Training:**

**February saw SCBA (Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus) training and Forcible Entry techniques. The purchase of two new tools for the department came as an asset to this, a Haligan bar and TNT tool.**

**Jeremy Lawless went to the NS Firefighters School to take courses in Personal Protective Equipment, SCBA, Rescue and Forcible Entry. Will Dunphy also went to the NSFF School for a four day course in Hazardous Materials Operations, which gives the ability to commence defensive actions on a Hazmat scene.**

**Upcoming training sessions will include a Medical First Responder, Ice Rescue and DNR Forestry Firefighting.**

**5. APPROVAL OF CHEQUE SHEET**

**Moved by Councillor Lois Smith, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lyle Yorke that the Cheque Sheet in the amount of \$122,876.94 be approved as presented. Motion carried.**

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Mayor Robinson asked if there were any errors or omissions noted in the Council Minutes of January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2005 - #05-01.**

**Councillor Lloyd Smith noted an error on page 10, (9.4) Volunteer Recognition Awards where it states that the deadline for applications is April 8<sup>th</sup>. He advised that the deadline is actually March 8<sup>th</sup>.**

Hearing no further errors or omissions, the Mayor declared the minutes approved as amended.

**Business Arising from the Minutes** - For information Councillor Lloyd Smith noted that the list of categories for the Volunteer Recognition Awards had been expanded since the Council meeting in January and that there are five categories which have been advertised in the local papers. The categories are: 1) Representative Volunteer of the Year; 2) Youth Volunteer; 3) Sobeys Family Volunteer Award; 4) Model Volunteer Community Award; and 5) Building Healthier Futures Corporate Award.

## **7. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**(7.1) Finance** - Report given by Deputy Mayor Lyle Yorke:

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

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**(a) Summer Career Placements Program** - Application forms are available through HRDC for the Summer Career Placements Program. The Committee recommends that the Clerk file applications for the same number of workers applied for last year for the summer recreation program and Glooscap Park.

**(b) Taxi License** - The Committee was advised that an application has been filed with the Town Clerk for a taxi license under the name T & C "M" Taxi, owned and operated by Troy and Crystal Melanson. The Clerk advised that the license was issued following confirmation that the applicant met all requirements of the Taxi Bylaw.

The Committee recommends that Council ratify this taxi license application.

**(c) Ship's Company Theatre** - Correspondence was noted from the Ship's Company Theatre requesting financial support from the Town in the amount of \$4,000 for the 2005 season which will see a third Main Stage play extending the season beyond the third week of September.

After a discussion the Committee recommended that this request be referred to the budget.

**(d) CREDA** - A letter addressed to the Mayor and Council from Dan Burke, Chair of the CREDA Board of Directors requested cost shared funding from the Town of Parrsboro for fiscal 2005/2006. Mr. Burke noted that CREDA was seeking an increase in funding from all five municipal units in an effort to offset increased operational costs and that Parrsboro was being

asked to increase its contribution from \$3,600, which has been constant since 1999, to \$3,900 for the upcoming fiscal year.

After a discussion the Committee recommended that Council approve the funding request from CREDA for \$3,900 for fiscal 05/06.

(e) Tax Exemptions - The Committee discussed the tax exemption for 2005/2006 and are recommending an increase in the tax exemption from \$90.00 to \$100.00 and an increase in the maximum income level from \$12,000 to \$13,500.

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

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

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT**

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(a) Superintendent's Report - John reported that over the past month the majority of Public Works time has been devoted to snow removal operations as well as the following:

- sign posts that were damaged during the winter are being replaced as time permits
- some private property damaged during snow removal has been repaired. This work will continue in the spring when the snow has melted. (Councillor Smith noted that this work will not all be done as soon as the snow melts but will be done as time permits).
- a couple of water lines on Main Street froze. Property owners along a section of Main Street usually affected were called and asked to keep their taps running which prevented any more lines from freezing.
- the hydraulics in the newest truck were repaired and are working fine.
- cold mix has been put in the shop to warm up for some cold patching of pot holes.
- Ron and Phillip are registered for a Water Treatment Course in Halifax in May.
- a small room has been built around the test sink at the works shed to keep out dust and other

contaminants.

- work will begin on a load of hardwood delivered before the snow arrived in order to get it ready for next year.

- a member of the works crew is off on sick leave for a couple of weeks to recuperate.

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

**(7.3) Planning, Development, Housing and Heritage - Report given by Councillor Gleneida Canning.**

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

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**(a) Building Inspector's Report - Building Inspector Monty Maddison reports that there were no building permits issued during the month of December 2004. There was one permit issued in January 2005 for residential alterations with an estimated value of \$20,000.**

Moved by Councillor Gleneida Canning, seconded by Councillor Lloyd Smith that the Planning, Development, Housing and Heritage report be accepted. Motion carried.

**(7.4) Recreation - Report given by Councillor Lloyd Smith.**

## **RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

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**(a) Cumberland Chapter of KidsSport/Jump Start - Correspondence from Dwight Jones invited our participation in becoming a member of the Cumberland Chapter of KidsSport/Jump Start which is an initiative of the Town of Amherst Community and Economic Development Department to assist in a new National and Provincial strategy to improve awareness and delivery of two youth grant-based programs. As a member of this committee, we would be asked to promote these programs by identifying young people who wish to participate in sport and recreation activities but who do not have the means to do so.**

After a discussion it was recommended that Councillor Lloyd Smith be appointed to this committee.

(b) Canadian Volunteer Initiative Forum - We have been advised by the Office of Health Promotion, Sport and Recreation Division that the Debert Hospitality Centre will be hosting the 2005 Nova Scotia CVI Volunteer Forum on March 18, 19 and 20. There are three streams available: Training, Government and Funding Matters. Registration includes sessions, accommodations and meals. Government and Provincial Organizations \$100 per person. All other organizations \$50 per person. One day participants and/or no accommodations needed \$25. To register contact [communitylinks@sportnovascotia.ca](mailto:communitylinks@sportnovascotia.ca)

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

(7.5) Economic Development - Report given by Councillor Gleneida Canning.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

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(a) Terri McCulloch RE: Tree Planting - As a continuation of the tree replacement program initiated last year by the Sustainable Tourism Committee, Terri McCulloch presented a proposal to replace some of the mature trees that had been cut down on the Town Hall civic grounds. The plan is to solicit donations from families within the community to sponsor the purchase and planting of the trees. She estimated that it would cost between \$500 and \$600 to replace each tree.

After a discussion the Committee recommended the necessary approval for Terri to proceed with the project.

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

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

(8.1) Department of Transportation and Public Works - The Clerk noted correspondence regarding the 2005 Annual Temporary County Program. He indicated TPW have developed a 3-year rotational program to cover the 4 operational districts across the Province. Last year Parrsboro was included in the program for the Northern Region and for 2005 the Eastern District

has been identified as the priority for the program. In addition they are able to do 100 Special Counts in the priority District of Eastern and 50 Specials in each of the other Districts as requested. The cost of a one week traffic volume count has been set at \$250 and a classification count has been set at \$300.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Lyle Yorke the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.