

COUNCIL

MARCH 22, 2005

#05-03

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

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

REGRETS: Councillor Lloyd Smith

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Robinson welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Clerk noted that Councillor Lloyd Smith was absent due to business commitments out-of-town.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Deputy Mayor Lyle Yorke, seconded by Councillor Lois Smith that the agenda be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

3. JOHN PADDON RE: CANADA DAY FIRE WORKS

John Paddon thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to speak to them this evening regarding Canada Day Fireworks. He advised that his intentions were to introduce the Committee, inform Council of how they did last year, bring them up to date regarding plans for this year and to request their support. John advised that the Committee consists of the following:

John Paddon Chair
Ann-Marie Tupper Treasurer

Vicki Clark	Secretary
Karla Fulton	Member
Lori Benjamin	Member
Kathy Smith	Member

He noted that last year there were no specific goals set, however, they were able to raise \$3,800 overall. \$2,500 was spent on the fireworks and approximately \$1,200 in donations came in after the fact and these funds will be used for this year. John advised that the Committee's goal for this years fireworks is \$5,000 and they have already begun planning their fund raising activities which will include several teen dances, an adult dance at the Fire Hall on April 16th, a ball tournament in May, car washes and donation jars which have already been distributed to the various businesses.

At this point John requested the support of Town Council for these activities and a financial commitment in the amount of \$1,000 toward the Canada Day Fireworks.

Mayor Robinson, noting that the Committee intends to raise double the amount needed to put on the fireworks display last year, asked if it was an indication that the expenses are increasing or that they planned for a more elaborate display this year.

John advised that it was a bit of both, the expenses have increased, however, they would also like to expand the fireworks to include a grand finale at the end which was lacking last year.

After further discussion Mayor Robinson advised that the request for financial support would have to go to the 2005/06 budget for consideration and that the success of last years event will provide Council with something to reflect upon when making their decision. He also commended the Committee for the work they put into the fireworks last year and wished them much success with the event again this year.

4. RCMP REPORT

The Clerk noted that S/Sgt. Frank Kingston had called to request to be on the agenda, however, he had not been in contact with him today. He assumed that other commitments must have intervened with his plans to come this evening.

5. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

The Clerk noted being advised that neither the Fire Chief or Deputy Fire Chief were available to give a report this evening, however, the following report was handed to him earlier in the day.

Parrsboro Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Report: February 21 - March 20, 2005

Emergency Calls:

False Alarms: 1 (91 Smith Ave.)
Fire Alarms: 1 (burning piping PMF)
Flue Fires: 0
Vehicles Fires: 0
MVA: 0
First Responder: 0
Structure Fires: 1 (greenhouse)

Training:

Ice Rescue was attempted and a wood burning seminar was held this month with a good turn out from the local community. The knowledge gained was appreciated. Upcoming training will include ropes and knots, as well as loss control and sprinklers.

There was one application read for a new firefighter member submitted by Brett Boutlier. Also, the new Captain #1 position was taken over by Aubrey Fenton.

Moved by Councillor Lois Smith, seconded by Councillor Gleneida Canning that the monthly report of the Parrsboro Volunteer Fire Department be accepted. Motion carried.

6. APPROVAL OF CHEQUE SHEET

Moved by Councillor Gleneida Canning, seconded by Councillor Lois Smith that the Cheque Sheet in the amount of \$\$128,345.46 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Robinson asked if there were any errors or omissions noted in the Council minutes dated February 22nd, 2005 - #05-02. Hearing none he declared the minutes approved as circulated.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(8.1) Finance - Report given by Deputy Mayor Lyle Yorke.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MARCH 2005

(a) CNTA RE: Request for Funding - Joyce Mingo, Executive Director of the Central Nova

Tourist Association advised that funding support is being requested from all CNTA municipalities to establish an annual co-operative marketing budget to better promote Central Nova Scotia. She noted that in order to access Provincial funding for CNTA's marketing budget it is necessary to match the amount given by the Province from additional funding sources. The annual sum of \$375 is being requested from the Town of Parrsboro.

After a discussion the Committee recommended that this request be referred to the 2005/2006 budget.

(b) CNTA Annual General Meeting - Correspondence from the Executive Director requested a financial contribution of \$250 from the Town of Parrsboro to help defray the cost of this year's Annual General Meeting and Awards Banquet which will be held in Cumberland County. All five municipal units in Cumberland are being asked to provide funding for this event which is held on a rotating basis between the three counties in the Central Nova region.

After a discussion the Committee recommended that this request be approved.

(c) Board of Trade Request for Tax Exemption - A letter was received from the Parrsboro & District Board of Trade requesting exemption of taxes for the VIC building for the year 2005.

After a discussion the Committee recommended against approving a tax exemption for this property.

(d) Community Identity Signs - Brian Storrie, Highway Signal/Signing Officer for the Department of Transportation and Public Works has advised that in the spring of 2005 the department will be inspecting all Community Identity Signs to determine if they meet their minimal standards. The Clerk noted that these are the big blue signs and that Parrsboro has one of the old original style signs at Exit 4 on Highway 104. The municipalities whose signs have deteriorated past these standards will be notified and given a two year period to upgrade them at a cost of about \$8,900.

The Committee agreed that this matter may have to be revisited once a report has been received on the status of our sign.

(e) Murray Scott RE: Cobequid Housing Authority - The Town received a copy of a letter addressed to the Hon. Murray Scott from the Hon. David M. Morse, Minister of Community Services in response to our MLA's inquiry about emergency preparedness for senior citizens housing complexes. Mr. Morse advises that a meeting held with Mr. Jim Hannon, Director of Emergency Measures for Cumberland County, Councillor John Reid, Fire Chief Darrell Fagan, and the Manager and staff of the CRH Authority resulted in an agreement that all work together on emergency planning for Cumberland County as a whole. As well, the housing authority is reviewing its plans for dealing with lengthy power disruptions and is looking at making some or all of the generators that it currently owns "portable" so that they can be moved from one location

to another, and a plan is being developed to wire additional buildings to make them "generator ready".

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

(8.2) Public Works - Report given by Councillor Gleneida Canning.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

MARCH 2005

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

- although there were no major snow storms over the past month, some snow removal, sanding and salting of streets and sidewalks was required**
- cold patching of pot holes**
- two-way radios were installed in the loader and sidewalk machine for communications**
- the Aboiteau gates were regulated over a two or three day period during high tides**
- ditches, culverts and storm drains were opened prior to the heavy rains preventing washouts and flooding**
- a number of street signs and stops signs have been damaged due to vandalism and will have to be replaced**
- there was a sewer back up on Chapel Street requiring the Town's end of the pipe to be replaced**
- a new piece of pipe was replaced to repair a water leak on Victoria Street**
- routine vehicle maintenance and work at the shop**
- work will begin soon to cut and split two loads of hardwood for next winter**

Moved by Councillor Gleneida Canning, seconded by Councillor Lois Smith that the Public Works report be accepted. Motion carried.

(8.3) Recreation - Report given by Councillor Lois Smith.

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

MARCH 2005

(a) Volunteer Awards - Volunteer Award recipients for 2005 are : Maryanne Gilbert for the Volunteer Representative; Katie Henwood for the Volunteer Youth Award; and the Yorke Family (Don Yorke Memorial Slowpitch Tournament) for the Sobeys Family Volunteer Award.

Maryanne will be representing Parrsboro at the Provincial Volunteer Award Ceremony and Luncheon which will be held in Halifax on Tuesday, April 12th . Katie Henwood and the Yorke Family will be forwarded as nominees to be considered for selection as the Provincial Youth Volunteer representative and Sobeys Family Volunteer representative. All local volunteer nominees will be recognized at the Council meeting in April.

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

Mayor Robinson noted that he planned to attend the Provincial Volunteer Award Ceremony and Luncheon in Halifax on April 12th.

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

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

PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING AND HERITAGE COMMITTEE REPORT

MARCH 2005

(a) Building Inspector's Report - Monty Maddison reported the following activity for the month of February 2005:

	<u>No. of Permits</u>	<u>Value</u>
New Construction & Additions		
(Residential)	1	\$80,000
Garages & Sheds	1	\$35,000
Demolition	1	-
Development Permits	1	-

Total	4	\$115,000
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Moved by Councillor Gleneida Canning, seconded by Councillor Lois Smith that the Planning, Development, Housing and Heritage report be accepted. Motion carried.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised that there was no correspondence to present this evening.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Councillor Gleneida Canning the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

