

COUNCIL

APRIL 26, 2005

#05-05

The Parrsboro Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 26th, 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 welcomed all those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. PRESENTATION OF VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Mayor Robinson remarked that across the Province, especially in the Town of Parrsboro, one cannot say enough about the important role of volunteers with regard to the effect they have on activity, public health and the general well-being of the community. He noted that there have been several studies on volunteerism that prove this. The Mayor advised that there was a study on aging performed in Parrsboro last year and a similar project is in the works again this year by Mount Saint Vincent University and one of the things that stands out in Parrsboro and the shore area is the amount of volunteering that is evident. Belonging to a couple of organizations himself, Mayor Robinson noted how impressed he is that when there is a need for something to be done all that is required is a phone call to make it happen and this is not something that can be said about

every community, especially the larger cities. The Mayor indicated that he would not even try to expand on the concept of volunteerism because he would obviously be preaching to those who already know all about it and that one of the nice things is that the recipients of the awards are representing not only themselves but a whole lot of people in the community.

At this point Mayor Robinson presented the Volunteer Awards. The first to receive the award was Maryanne Gilbert. The Clerk read the following biography of Ms. Gilbert:

"Maryanne is a very devoted volunteer. She is someone who is always there when needed, on time and ready to work. She volunteers at the Lions Canteen at the rink and especially on the weekend works long hours. She also helps with any meals that the Lions put on. Maryanne volunteers at the Band Hall during bingo and helps with their canteen. She is a working member of the Ladies Auxiliary at the Legion. We find Maryanne to be honest and a friendly person and very much appreciated by all."

Mayor Robinson noted that Maryanne attended the function in Halifax to receive the Provincial Volunteer Award from the Honourable Rodney MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture and the Honourable Myra Freeman, Lieutenant Governor.

Mayor Robinson presented Katie Henwood with the Volunteer Award. The Clerk read her bio as follows:

"Katie is an energetic, enthusiastic and dependable volunteer who participates tirelessly in the many organizations with which she is involved. She always exhibits a positive attitude and creative determination that inspires everyone she works with. Katie is both a dedicated student and a well-rounded volunteer. She volunteers for the pure purpose of "making the world a better place". Katie clearly finds much joy and fulfillment in her volunteer work. She works with many organizations and age groups in our community and is truly an inspiration to her peers."

Mayor Robinson commented that being involved with the Air Cadets he regretted not being able to convince Katie to join although others in her family did belong to that organization.

Mayor Robinson noted that there are always one or two families that stand out as a family of volunteers and that the Yorke Family is very representative of such a dedicated group of people. Following is their biography:

"In Parrsboro, Nova Scotia for the last 19 years, the last weekend of July has been the setting for the Don Yorke Memorial Slow Pitch Tournament. This is a two stage event for the Yorke family. One is they are keeping the sports promotion that their father "Don Yorke" well known for his love of the sport of baseball. The other is the financial support they have given back to the community over the past 19 years.

The Yorke family has donated over \$74,000 to over 40 organizations, i.e. The Don Yorke Memorial Bursary, South Cumberland Community Care Centre Adult Daycare, Parrsboro Volunteer Fire Department, Parrsboro Minor Hockey, Parrsboro and Area Drug Awareness, Spook-a-Rama, Parrsboro Figure Skating Club, Canadian Cancer Society, Parrsboro Food Bank, Nova Scotia Parkinson's Foundation, Kidney Foundation, Diabetic Association, Parrsboro Radio Society, South Cumberland Community Care Centre Access-a-Bus, Christmas Daddies, Parrsboro Skate Board Park, Parrsboro Lions Club Artificial Ice Campaign, Parrsboro Ball Fields and many donations to individual worthy causes.

Don and his wife Cora raised 11 children in the Town of Parrsboro and all are very involved in the sport. Although many have moved on to other parts of the country, they all return to Parrsboro to organize and make this a very successful weekend event."

On behalf of the Yorke Family, Karla Fulton thanked the Town of Parrsboro for acknowledging their efforts and for nominating them for the prestigious Sobey's Volunteer Family Award. She noted that although it would have been nice to have won that award, the Yorke Family still appreciate the recognition.

As Chair of the Recreation Committee which is responsible for the Volunteer Awards, Councillor Lloyd Smith thanked all individuals and organizations who nominated people for the awards. He noted that if it were not for these people coming forward with nominations the volunteer recognition program would not be such a success.

4. RCMP REPORT

Cpl. Phil Oliver advised that since the last meeting the RCMP had responded to 16 complaints as follows:

- 1 - 911 call**
- 1 - Break and enter into a residence**
- 3 - Dog related complaints**
- 1 - False alarm**
- 1 - Report of lost/found property**
- 4 - Damage to property complaints**
- 2 - Motor Vehicle Act complaints**
- 1 - Theft of a bicycle**
- 1 - Theft of oil**
- 1 - Trespassing complaint**

After answering a few brief questions, Cpl. Oliver left to attend to his duties.

5. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Will Dunphy presented the following report for the period March 21, 2005 to April 25, 2005:

Emergency Calls:

False Alarms: 2

Fire Alarms: 0

Flue Fires: 1

Vehicle Fire: 0

MVA: 0

First Responder: 1

Structure Fires: 2

Grass/Brush Fire: 1

Training:

The Department of Natural Resources was by to prepare the firefighters for another year of grass and brush fires, new information was given and was well received and appreciated by all. Our Medical First Response instructor, Robert Sheehy, came by to refresh the team members. In attendance as well were a pair of local paramedics. We greatly appreciate the assistance of all the EHS personnel.

I would also like to thank John Graham for his generous contribution to the Fire Truck fund, as well as all the other people who have donated their time and funds towards the cause. And as well the Department would like to thank the Parrsboro Tim Hortons and its staff for their generosity.

Upcoming events include two dances scheduled for May 7 and 14, the first being for the Radio Society to help bring them back on the air, and the second is for the Cancer Society. Raffle tickets are now on sale for a remote control fire truck as well as \$200 to be drawn July 1st at the Firefighters Field Day. And on June 13, a Blood Donor Clinic will be held at the Parrsboro Fire Hall from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. We hope to see you there.

The Parrsboro Fire Department is still looking for people to join and anyone interested is asked to drop by any Thursday evening between 7 and 9 p.m.

6. APPROVAL OF CHEQUE SHEET

Moved by Councillor Lois Smith, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lyle Yorke that the Cheque Sheet in

the amount of \$122,218.84 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 a regular meeting held on March 22nd, 2005, being #05-03. Hearing none he declared the minutes approved as circulated.

The Mayor asked if there were any errors or omissions noted in the minutes of a special meeting held on April 19th, 2005, being #05-04. He noted that the purpose of the special meeting was to consider the proposed capital sewer project on Pier Road which had progressed to the point where a submission for funding could be made and this required a motion of Council. The Mayor indicated that the motion was processed at a special meeting of Council in order to get the necessary paper work in. Hearing no errors or omissions the Mayor declared the minutes approved as circulated.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

APRIL 2005

(a) Advertising RE: Sign at Glooscap Restaurant - The owners of the Glooscap Restaurant have inquired if the Town would be interested in purchasing advertising space on the large billboard sign on their property which they plan to refurbish and repaint.

After a discussion the Committee did not feel that it would be appropriate for the Town to advertise on the billboard as its Sustainable Tourism Committee is in the process of reviewing signage and the possibility of developing new branding.

(b) Salvation Army - A letter from the Salvation Army requested the financial support of the Town of Parrsboro toward the Maritime Red Shield Appeal. It was noted that last year they were unable to raise enough money within the Maritimes to meet the demand for their services and relied on revenue from the richer provinces to make up the shortfall.

After a discussion the Committee recommended against making a contribution to the Salvation Army at this time.

(c) Unsightly Premises - Complaints have been received under the Dangerous and/or Unsightly Premises Bylaw regarding three properties in the town. These complaints are currently under investigation and appropriate action will be taken.

(d) Cumberland Regional Library RE: Donation - The Cumberland Regional Library has submitted a request for a contribution of \$100.00 to help defray the cost of the 2005 Nova Scotia Library Association/Library Boards Association Conference that will be held in Amherst from September 30th to October 2nd, 2005. It was noted that each year municipal units from the host library region are asked to make a financial commitment to the conference.

The Committee recommends that this request be approved.

(e) Tax Exemptions - The Committee was advised that nine applications for the \$100.00 municipal tax exemption had been submitted by the deadline. After reviewing the applications it was determined that all applicants met the necessary requirements to receive the exemption and are recommended to be approved.

(f) CREDA Appointment - Correspondence from Dan Burke, Chair of the CREDA Board of Directors advised that the citizen at large position held by Ron Levy will expire as of May 31, 2005 and he requested that Council address the situation on or prior to the term expiration to ensure continuity in representation. It was noted that as Mr. Levy has served two consecutive terms he would be ineligible to be reappointed.

After a discussion the Committee agreed to look at this in more detail over the next month or so to come up with a suitable appointee.

(g) Ball Fields - The Committee was advised that the Town Office has been receiving inquiries about scheduling at the Don Yorke Memorial Ballfield and the Jurassic Park Ballfield.

After a discussion it was recommended that scheduling be handled through the Town Office until the Summer Recreation Program gets underway and then summer staff will assume this responsibility.

(h) Canada Post Literacy Awards - Correspondence from Canada Post invited nominations of an individual, organization or business from the community for the 2005 Canada Post Literacy Award recognizing grassroots literacy initiatives and celebrating the achievements of learners and those who have helped them learn to read and write. Anyone interested can get more information by visiting their website at www.canadapost.ca/literacyawards.

(i) L A Animal Shelter - A letter from the Lillian Allbon Cumberland County Animal Shelter requests the financial support of the Town of Parrsboro toward their 2005 operating expenses.

After a discussion the Committee recommended that this request be referred to the 2005/06 budget for consideration.

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

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

APRIL 2005

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

- a small amount of snow clearing was required
- cold patching of pot holes in progress
- some crushed gravel put on dirt roads in preparation for grading
- damaged street signs have been replaced
- a water service on Riverside was repaired to correct a leak
- a filter test was done as part of the GUDI wells assessment
- we acknowledge with many thanks the assistance of Nova Scotia Power in removing the Christmas snowflake and reindeer lights
- a few garbage cans have been placed out on Main Street
- fuel wood has been cut, split and piled at the works shed and Town Hall. The remainder of this year's wood has been left to dry over the summer

(b) Spring Clean-up - The Committee recommends that the annual spring clean-up be held on May 24, 25th and 26th this year. In an effort to make the clean-up more efficient the Committee is recommending that leaves and yard waste not be picked up at curbside, however, they are recommending that the Swan Creek Road landfill be open May 7th, 14th and 21st from 10 a.m. to

1 p.m. for those who wish to dispose of their own leaf and yard waste. The landfill will also be open

on Friday, May 27th and Saturday, May 28th from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to accept leaf and yard waste. The spring clean-up will be advertised and residents are encouraged to read the ads carefully or contact the Town Office for details.

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

On the question, Councillor Lloyd Smith noted that the reason behind making the changes to the Spring Clean-up is that it costs the Town between \$10,000 and \$12,000 each year and if time can be saved in the collection there should be a substantial saving to the taxpayers. He advised that the service is still being provided through the month long opening of the Swan Creek Road landfill for leaves and yard waste.

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

(8.3) Youth Town Council - Report given by Councillor Lois Smith:

YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

APRIL 2005

(a) Skateboard Park - The youth of the community are again making use of the Skateboard Park on the former Scott property. It appears that the equipment was not adversely affected by the winter weather, however, it has been checked over for safety. Students of the Youth Town Council were to undertake a spring clean up of the area on Friday, April 22nd, weather permitting.

Moved by Councillor Lois Smith, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lyle Yorke that the Youth Town Council report be accepted.

On the question, Councillor Lois Smith noted that the YTC were unable to get enough people together to do the clean-up, however, at a YTC meeting this afternoon she had suggested that it be rescheduled for the end of next week making a sweep through town on the way in preparation for Mother's Day.

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

(8.4) Recreation - Report given by Councillor Lloyd Smith:

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

(a) Cumberland Chapter of Jump Start & Kids Sport - This Committee with the mandate to promote physical activity for disadvantaged youth will be meeting again on May 3rd. Application forms are available for youths that are interested in joining organized recreation but do not have the financial resources to participate. Eligible programs include school sports teams, YMCA programs, Fundy Recreation and Parrsboro summer recreation programs.

(b) Cumberland Active Communities Coalition - Application forms are also available for grants through the Cumberland Active Communities Coalition to organizations within Cumberland County that are working to promote physical activity for youth.

Information and application forms for both programs will be at the front desk at the Town Office for those interested.

(c) Recreation Nova Scotia Membership - Correspondence from Recreation Nova Scotia requested the Town to renew its membership at a cost of \$145 for 2005 which entitles us to have two members.

The Committee recommends that our membership be renewed for another year in this organization.

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

9. CORRESPONDENCE

(9.1) Nova Scotia Community College - Correspondence advised that May 2nd to May 9th is National Occupational Health and Safety Week and that the Community College will be hosting ceremonies and receptions at its campuses. The Nova Scotia Community College of Cumberland will be hosting a flag raising ceremony on Monday, May 2nd, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. and an invitation was extended to the Mayor and Council to attend.

Mayor Robinson advised that he planned to attend this function and asked anyone else that may want to go to inform him before May 2nd.

(9.2) Feed Nova Scotia - A letter advising of a name change from the Metro Food Bank to Feed Nova Scotia to better reflect the mandate of the organization as a provincial distribution centre and to extend their appreciation for past support and the hope that the new organization will continue to receive the same support in the future.

Councillor Lois Smith, as a member of the Parrsboro Food Bank Committee, moved that a letter be sent from the Town congratulating the organization on the name change and advising that we will be more than willing to continue our support. Motion seconded by Councillor Lloyd Smith.

On the question, Mayor Robinson commented that he has been involved with the food bank for quite some time and that a lot of the success of our local food bank can be attributed to its connection with the Metro Food Bank and that it is very appropriate that a letter be sent back with our congratulations and support.

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

(9.3) Battle of the Atlantic Sunday - Mayor Robinson noted that the Battle of the Atlantic Sunday will be held May 1st at the Parrsboro Legion beginning at 11:00 a.m.

(9.4) Air Cadet Annual Review - The Mayor advised that the Handley Page Air Cadet Squadron will be holding their annual ceremonial review on Saturday, May 14th at 2:00 p.m. at the Legion.

(9.5) Seminar and Dinner - Deputy Mayor Yorke reported that the Parrsboro Board of Trade will be hosting an evening with guest speaker Pete Luckett of Pete's Frootique on Wednesday, May 18th in Parrsboro. The event will take place at the Stowaway Restaurant beginning at 6:00 p.m. with a "Happy Hour" and dinner to follow. Tickets are \$20.00 each and are available at the Even Keel, Ken's Grocery, Sweet Brier Boutique and Shaw's Country Market.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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