

COUNCIL

JUNE 28, 2005

#05-08

The Parrisboro Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 28th, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers with Mayor Doug Robinson presiding.

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

REGRETS: Councillor Gleneida Canning

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Robinson welcomed all those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He noted that Councillor Canning was absent due to illness.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. PRESENTATION OF AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Mr. George Jorgensen presented the audited financial statements for the fiscal year April 1, 2004 to March 31, 2005.

Mr. Jorgensen presented the Water Utility Financial Statements for the year ending March 31st, 2005. He noted an operating revenue of \$264,647 and operating expenses of \$183,949 for a net profit of \$80,698. He also noted a surplus at the end of the year of \$159,061. Mr. Jorgensen commented that overall it was another good year in the water department and that the Water Utility had done well reducing the capital bank loan from \$350,000 to \$200,000.

Mr. Jorgensen reviewed the General Operating Non-Consolidated financial statements noting operating revenue of \$1,631,582 and operating expenditures of \$1,628,264 leaving a net surplus of \$3,318. He reported an accumulated surplus of \$95,525 and operating reserves of \$220,845. Mr. Jorgensen commented that the Town's balance sheet is excellent shape and that the Town had done well to put money away in reserves for future expenditures. He also noted that the Town Staff had done very well collecting taxes with only \$15,840 outstanding at the end of the fiscal year.

After reviewing the financial statements, Mr. Jorgensen answered a few questions and noted that he appreciated the assistance of the Town staff in the preparation of the audit. Mayor Robinson thanked Mr. Jorgensen for his presentation and called for a motion to accept the financial statements.

Moved by Councillor Lloyd Smith, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lyle Yorke that the 2004/2005 Audited Financial Statements be accepted. Motion carried.

4. RCMP REPORT

Cst. Dwayne Penney presented the following report for the period of May 27, 2005 to June 27, 2005:

2 - 911 Calls

1 - Assault with a Weapon

2 - Disturbing the Peace

1 - Careless Use of Firearm

1 - False Alarm

1 - Liquor Control Act

1 - Breach of the Peace

1 - Mail Fraud

2 - Mental Health

5 - Mischief

3 - Moving Traffic

3 - Thefts

1 - Suspicious Person

1 - Possession of a Weapon

1 - MV Accident

5 - Other Provincial Statutes

2 - Motor Vehicle SOT's

6 - Written Traffic Warnings

After Cst. Penney addressed a few questions from Council there was a motion by Councillor Lloyd Smith, seconded by Councillor Lois Smith that the RCMP report be accepted. Motion carried.

5. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

The Clerk advised that the Fire Chief was not available, however, the following report was submitted:

Emergency Calls:

False Alarms: 0

Fire Alarms: 0

Flue Fires: 0

Vehicle Fires: 0

MVA: 0

First Responder: 1

Structure Fires: 0

Grass/Brush Fire: 0

Training:

The Medical First Responder training session was received well with many of the surrounding Fire Departments in attendance. The topic was airway management and it was a great refresher for everybody involved. One of the Fire Fighters wen on a Confined Space Rescue Course at the Nova Scotia Firefighters School. The workshop schedule from the Cumberland County Fire Fighters Association was brought forth, with interest shown for many of the courses.

The blood donor clinic went well, with 45 people coming to donate and the Fire Inspector was through and found the Fire Hall to be in compliance with all fire codes. The Department was also informed of training cost increases at the Waverley Fire School and an increase in our fire dispatch services of 5% per month.

We are now getting ready for July 1st, Firefighter's Field Day, with all day events, including a parade through town at 10 am.

Moved by Councillor Lloyd Smith, seconded by Councillor Lois Smith that the Fire Chief's report be accepted. Motion carried.

6. APPROVAL OF CHEQUE SHEET

Moved by Councillor Lois Smith, seconded by Councillor Lloyd Smith that the General Cheque Sheet in the amount of \$83,996.82 be accepted. Motion carried.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Robinson asked if there were any errors or omissions noted in the Council minutes of May 31, 2005 - #05-06. Hearing none he declared the minutes approved as circulated.

The Mayor asked if there were any errors or omissions noted in the Special Council minutes of June 21, 2005 - #05-07. He noted that the purpose of the special meeting was to approve an Operating Budget in the amount of \$1,691,189 for the fiscal year April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006 and to set the tax rates of \$1.95 residential and \$3.39 commercial. Also, that taxes be accepted at par until August 4th, 2005 and interest charged and calculated at a rate of 2% per month on all accounts remaining unpaid after August 4th, 2005. 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

MAY 2005

(a) Dangerous and/or Unsightly Premises - A written complaint has been received regarding a property abutting Main Street and Dominion Street under the Dangerous and/or Unsightly Premises Bylaw. The complaint will be investigated and appropriate action taken. A concern has also been expressed about children playing in the parking lot behind the post office as well as skateboarders on the sidewalk and the dangerous situation these activities present. It was agreed that these matters should be taken up with the RCMP to see what can be done.

(b) Swimming Pool Bylaw - With the growing number of residential swimming pools being installed in Parrsboro the Committee recommends that the Town look at adopting a regulatory bylaw in the interest of public safety. Over the next while the Committee will be looking at sample bylaws from other municipalities and drafting a bylaw for Council to consider.

(c) Town Pins - The Committee was advised that there is a very limited supply of town pins on hand and it was agreed to recommend that the pins be re-ordered with the style to be determined later.

(d) Ship's Company Theatre - Correspondence were received from the Ship's Company Theatre advising that they are holding their 4th Annual Ship's Company Theatre Charity Golf Tournament on Friday, June 10th at the Parrsboro Golf Club. The support of the Town was requested with a donation, prize, gift or gift certificate for prize presentations at the Golf Tournament. After a discussion the Committee recommended that the Town donate a hard covered "Heritage Homes and History of Parrsboro" book and two nights free camping at the

Glooscap Park.

Another letter from the SCT requested the Town to purchase advertising space in their 2005 Season Program. After a discussion the Committee recommended purchasing an ad in the program promoting Glooscap Park and Campground.

(e) UNSM RE: Special Meeting - The Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities has advised that a special meeting of the Board of Directors has been scheduled for Thursday, May 26th, 2005 the purpose of which is to decide if a special meeting of the UNSM membership should be held, within 30 days, to determine the UNSM's position on the recently launched report "A Question of Balance - An Assessment of the State of Local Government in Nova Scotia".

(f) Application for Funding RE: Sewer Project - Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations has acknowledged receipt of our application for funding under the Canada-Nova Scotia Infrastructure Program for Phase I of the Pier Road Sewer Upgrade. We have been advised that at this point funding under this program is fully committed, however, our request will be retained on file for future consideration under either the new proposed Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund or the Federal Gas Tax Program once in place.

(g) Summer Workers - The Town has been advised that all seven summer student positions applied for through HRDC have been approved. This includes five positions for the Summer Recreation Program (3 youth leaders and 2 sports coordinators) and two positions for Glooscap Park.

(h) Cumberland Youth Retention Project - The Mayor has passed information on this project to the Youth Town Council with particular emphasis on festivals and events that they may look at doing to encourage the activity of youth in the town. The YTC were encouraged to review the information and approach the Council with any ideas they may have.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Lyle Yorke, seconded by Councillor Lloyd 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

MAY 2005

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

- the annual spring clean up was into its first day on May 24th and seemed to be going quite well

- a hydrant flushing program was undertaken the last two weeks of April. Hydrants and valves were repaired as required.
- the Christmas lights were taken down and put in storage. They will require some repairs and repainting before being reinstalled in the fall.
- water service has been restored to the cottages at the First and Second Beaches
- gravel was hauled to Glooscap Park for some road and campsite improvements.
- regular patching of gravel and paved roads
- benches, garbage cans and bins have been refurbished and are being put out around town
- sidewalks, the Main Street and intersections have been cleaned up using the broom on the sidewalk machine.
- centre lines have been repainted
- Ron and Phillip attended a Water Treatment Course and all works employees took the Traffic Control Person course and renewed their Signing and WHIMIS
- the Aboiteau gates were regulated to maintain water levels
- the crew helped unload and plant the Family Trees on the Town Hall property

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

(8.3) Planning, Development and Housing - Report given by Councillor Lois Smith:

PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE REPORT

MAY 2005

(a) Building Inspector's Report - Following is the activity in the Building Inspector's Office for the month of April 2005:

No. of Permits

Value

New Construction & Additions		
(Residential)	1	\$30,000
Residential Fences	1	-
Total	2	\$30,000

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

9. AD HOC CUMBERLAND TOURISM COMMITTEE

Mayor Robinson advised that at the last CAPSO meeting the five units discussed how to achieve better cooperation in promoting tourism in Cumberland County. The result was a proposal to establish an Ad Hoc Cumberland Tourism Committee that will hold its first meeting on August 25th between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon at the CREDA offices in Amherst under the guidance of that organization. Each unit is being asked to appoint two people to the ad hoc committee and to forward their names to CREDA at their earliest convenience.

After a discussion it was agreed to refer the appointment of two members from Parrsboro to the Sustainable Tourism Committee.

10. LEACHATE/SEPTAGE AGREEMENT

Mayor Robinson advised that this was the agreement whereby the County will construct a septage treatment facility at Little Forks and in conjunction the Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority will construct a leachate plant adjacent to it and to his understanding all members have had the opportunity to review the agreement. He also noted that there have been a few meetings with the units and that the overall agreement is being agreed to. The Mayor indicated that a motion to approve the agreement would be in order.

Moved by Councillor Lois Smith, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lyle Yorke that the Leachate Septage /Agreement between the Municipality of the County of Cumberland and the Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority and the Municipality of the County of Cumberland, the Town of Amherst, the Town of Springhill, the Town of Parrsboro and the Town of Oxford be approved and that the Mayor and Clerk be given the authority to sign the agreement on the Town's behalf.

On the question, Councillor Lloyd Smith noted he had not had an opportunity to review the revisions to the agreement dated June 17, 2005. At this point the Mayor reviewed the revisions in point form noting that they did not change the overall agreement but were basically a cleaning up of the legal language in the document.

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

11. BORROWING RESOLUTION

Mayor Robinson advised that part of the Leachate/Septage Agreement is that each of the municipalities will approve borrowing resolutions sufficient to cover its portion of the capital costs and that the Town of Parrsboro's portion is \$18,062.40.

Moved by Councillor Lloyd Smith, seconded by Councillor Lois Smith that the Town Council pass a borrowing resolution in the amount of \$18,062.40 to cover its portion of the capital costs for the Leachate/Septage Facility. Motion carried.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

(12.1) Recreation - Councillor Lloyd Smith advised that the Summer Recreation Program is up and running again this year. He noted that Jillian Butler from the YMCA is the Coordinator of the program and that summer staff consists of Sports Coordinator, Jeremy Webb; Sports Instructor, Matt Gamblin; and Youth Leaders - Katie Henwood, Terilynn Brown and Linda McPhee.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Lyle Yorke the meeting adjourned.