

COUNCIL

OCTOBER 25, 2005

#05-10

The Parrsboro Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 25th, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers with Mayor Doug Robinson presiding.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Lyle Yorke
Councillor Glenieda 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 Lois Smith, seconded by Councillor Lloyd Smith that the Agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried.

3. RCMP REPORT

Cpl. Phil Oliver reported that since September 27th the RCMP had received 28 complaints that were investigated as follows: 2 - False 911 calls; 1 - Assault with a weapon; 1 - Dog complaint; 1 - Assault; 2 - Break and Enters; 1 - Impaired Driving; 2 - Liquor Control Act; 12 - Mischief/ Nuisance; 2 - Off-Highway vehicle; 1 - Motor Vehicle Act; 1 - Theft; 1 - Protection of property; and 1 - Uttering threats.

Councillor Lloyd Smith noted that every couple of years there seems to be a group of unruly young adults in the town and that it appears that there is another group beginning to create some problems.

Cpl. Oliver advised that the group of young people to which Councillor Smith referred is being dealt with and some charges have been laid. He noted that the RCMP is taking the matter very seriously and is applying the law to the fullest extent, however, some of the individuals do not take the charges seriously and are not afraid of either the RCMP or the courts. He also noted that it is

very difficult for the noise issue to be addressed if there are no complaints received.

Councillor Smith noted that he was referring more to the recent Break and Enters.

Cpl. Oliver advised that there is evidence to substantiate that these crimes were committed by the same group of people and that charges have been laid against one individual and there will hopefully be more as the investigation continues.

4. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

The Fire Chief was not present. No report.

5. APPROVAL OF CHEQUE SHEET

Moved by Deputy Mayor Lyle Yorke, seconded by Councillor Lois Smith that the Cheque Sheet in the amount of \$153,460.35 be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Robinson asked if there were any errors or omissions noted in the minutes of September 27th, 2005 - #05-09.

Hearing none he declared the minutes approved as circulated.

7. 2ND READING OF TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW

The Clerk explained the process for the passing of the Tax Exemption Bylaw noting that the 1st reading took place at the previous Council meeting in September. This was followed by advertising in the local papers notifying the public that Council was considering the bylaw and outlining the intent of Council with regard to the bylaw. He advised this was not a public hearing or a public meeting this evening, rather it is an opportunity for Council to look at the bylaw and consider whether or not to approve it. If Council is considering any substantial change that would affect the intent of the bylaw, then the 2nd reading ceases and reverts back to the 1st reading and the whole process is repeated. The Clerk advised that up to now there have been no written or verbal complaints received concerning the bylaw, therefore, he would assume it would simply be a matter of processing a motion to either approve or reject it.

Mayor Robinson noted that there may have been some misinformation, especially from himself to Bruce Graham, Chair of the Ship's Company Board in that he had informed Mr. Graham that this would be an open meeting which was, in fact, incorrect. Therefore, he wanted to give the Chair the opportunity to make any comment prior to the motion. He asked Mr. Graham, who was

present in the Council Chambers, if he had an opportunity to review the bylaw and if there had been anything that he would have brought back to Council prior to this meeting.

Mr. Graham indicated that the bylaw was very much what he thought it was going to be.

The 2nd reading of the Tax Exemption Bylaw regarding the Ship's Company Theatre was moved by Councillor Gleneida Canning, seconded by Councillor Lois Smith.

On the question, Councillor Lloyd Smith asked that other than what is obviously stated in Schedule "B", is there any possibility of other organizations being affected that will have an impact on the tax rate or if it was only for the Ship's Company Theatre.

Mayor Robinson noted that this was an amendment to Schedule "B" which already includes the Lions Club, however, if Councillor Smith's question is whether this bylaw would have an affect on someone else who may come forward the answer is that it would not. The only organization being affected is the Ship's Company Theatre and it is to the extent that the bylaw indicates.

As there were no further questions or discussions, the motion was voted on and carried.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(8.1) Finance - The Finance Committee report was given by Deputy Mayor Lyle Yorke:

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

OCTOBER 2005

(a) Snowmobile Club - On behalf of the Snowmobile Club, Donna Hanna made a presentation to the Committee requesting consideration of a snowmobile trail to the downtown core where snowmobilers can purchase fuel for their machines. Ms. Hanna noted that the trail would not only be a convenience for the snowmobilers, but would also have a positive economic impact on the town.

After a discussion the Committee agreed to look into the matter further once additional information is available.

(b) Board of Trade RE: Annual Fall Street Bash - Representing the Board of Trade, Angel Nickolson reviewed plans for the upcoming Annual Fall Street Bash scheduled for October 22nd and requested the support of the Town in the venture.

After a discussion the Committee approved her request to use the civic grounds for various events and to provide power to the Band Shell.

(c) Request for Rezoning - A request was received from a property owner in the Residential Zone for either a rezoning or zoning exemption to permit a small scale farming business. Under the current MPS/LUB agricultural operations are not permitted in the Residential Zone.

After a discussion the Committee recommended that this matter be referred to our Planners for review and recommendation.

(d) CISP Program - Information was presented to the Committee regarding the Community Investment Support Program which is an initiative of the Federal Government with the mandate to help Canadian communities attract, retain and expand employment-creating foreign direct investment.

The Committee recommends that this information be referred to CREDA.

(e) Coyotes - It was brought to the Committee's attention that there have been sightings of coyotes in the town and that people are concerned about their encroachment into urban areas.

After a discussion the Committee recommended that the Department of Natural Resources be contacted to see what, if anything, can be done.

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

On the question, Councillor Canning asked if contact had been made with the Department of Natural Resources regarding the coyotes.

The Mayor noted that he had some information for Council on this following the meeting. He did note the understanding that one of the problems is that coyotes are opportunistic scavengers by nature and will be attracted to any source of food. Therefore, if people are leaving food out for pets or even birds, coyotes will be drawn to it.

Councillor Lloyd Smith asked about the status of the information forwarded to CREDA from CISP.

The Clerk advised that by the time the information had been sent, CREDA already knew about it and are dealing with it.

Mayor Robinson commented that he would like to take the opportunity to congratulate the Board of Trade on the success of the Fall Street Bash. He noted that he was not able to attend due to

other commitments, however, all reports he had heard were very favourable.

As there were no further questions or discussions, the motion was voted on and carried.

(8.2) Public Works - The Public Works report was given by Councillor Lloyd Smith:

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

OCTOBER 2005

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

- several lead water service lines throughout the town were replaced leaving cross cuts in the pavement which will be repaired by a paving contractor in the near future.
- sidewalks affected by water line replacement are being repaired as well as damaged sections of sidewalk on Western Avenue near Queen Street and at the Whitehall Rd. end of Western Avenue
- ditches are being mowed getting ready for fall
- a couple of culverts were replaced on Jenks Avenue which will require some road surface patching by the paving contractor
- a leaking fire hydrant on Pier Road has been detected and will need to be repaired
- the Aboiteau gates were left open for a week to accommodate the water run off due to the recent heavy rains. One gate has been closed now and the other will be soon to maintain appropriate water levels
- picnic tables and garbage cans have been removed from the beaches and stored for the winter
- flowers were removed from the Main Street
- the snowflake and reindeer lights will be checked and repaired as required in preparation for installation with the help of Nova Scotia Power within the next month

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

(8.3) Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority - Report given by Deputy Mayor Yorke:

CUMBERLAND JOINT SERVICES MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY REPORT

OCTOBER 2005

(a) Cell Development - The Committee reviewed a report from the Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority regarding cell development at the Little Forks Landfill. There were two options outlined in the report to address the need for additional cell space to accommodate volumes of garbage from Cumberland County. Those options were to 1) acquire ownership of the BFI cell or 2) construct a new cell. Correspondence from the Authority dated October 14th, 2005 advised that by motion the Board recommended to the 5 municipal units that the CJSMA negotiate with Mirror Group to accept ownership of landfill cells 1 and 2A in the amount of \$1.00, such landfill space to be used by the 5 municipal units in Cumberland County.

After a discussion the Committee recommended that the Parrsboro Town Council approve the aforementioned motion of the Joint Authority Board.

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

(8.4) Park - Report given by Deputy Mayor Yorke:

PARK COMMITTEE REPORT

OCTOBER 2005

(a) Well Report - Due to problems experienced with the well servicing Glooscap Park and Campground, the Town contracted the services of Aquaterra Resource Services Ltd. to evaluate the condition of the well and provide recommendations. The report from Aquaterra was reviewed by the Committee recommending that the first option would be to remove the pump and assess the well for rehabilitation. If the condition of the well is such that rehabilitation is not recommended then a new well would have to be constructed and the existing well properly abandoned.

The Committee agreed that the rehabilitation of the existing well would be the more feasible option at this time and recommend that we proceed to have a qualified contractor look at it.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Lyle Yorke, seconded by Councillor Lois Smith that the Park Committee report and recommendations contained therein 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 Lloyd Smith the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

