

COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 26, 2006

#06-09

The Parrsboro Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 26th, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers with Mayor Doug Robinson presiding.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith
Councillor Gleneida Canning
Councillor Lois Smith
Councillor Lyle Yorke
A.D. Brown, C.A.O.

REGRETS: Kevin Yorke, Secretary - The C.A.O. advised that Mr. Yorke was on vacation this week

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor welcomed 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 Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith that the Agenda be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

3. RCMP REPORT

Cpl. John James was in attendance. He advised the Council that he had just been recently transferred into the community and had met a number of the elected officials but not all of them. This being his first Council meeting he was not sure what information Council wanted presented. In a brief discussion that followed he was advised that in the past Council had received information on the general activities of the RCMP during the month which includes such things as break and enters, motor vehicle violations and other such items. Council would also receive information on the more positive things that the RCMP are doing as it relates to attendance at the schools and various functions they provide to give assistance and information to the community.

Cpl. James advised that he had already attended both schools and met with the teachers and principals as well as the students. He felt that he was well received by all parties. He circulated a copy of a report prepared by the detachment outlining the various complaint calls that they had during the month:

RCMP Report (2006-08-25 - 2006-09-25)

Non Offenses

School Dance - Sept. 14

Safe Choice Driving School - Member spoke to class of new drivers

HGI/NASCAR - Press Conference/Product Launch

Complaints

911 Calls - 1

Assist Government Agencies - 2

Family Relations - 1

Break and Enter - 1

Property Damage - 3

Liquor Control Act - 1

Motor Vehicle Act - 1

Other Provincial Statutes - 2

Written Warnings - 9

The Mayor welcomed Cpl. James to the community. Being no further questions Cpl. James left the meeting.

3. FIRE CHIEF=S REPORT

Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith advised that both the Fire Chief and Deputy Chief were not able to be in attendance tonight, however, they had submitted a report which he presented to Council.

Monthly Report: September 1, 2006 - September 25, 2006

Emergency Calls

False Alarms: 0

Fire Alarms: 4

Flue Fires: 0

Vehicle Fires: 0

MVA: 0

Medical First Responder: 1

Structural Fires: 2

Grass/Brush Fires: 0

Stevely Wood was voted into the Parrsboro Fire Department last month. As well we hosted the Cumberland County Fire Fighter- s Association meeting at the hall, which went very well.

For training, a Medical First Responder Course was given to update the Fire Fighters on the proper execution of CPR which was hosted by the Five Islands Fire Department. The fire fighters did an evening of Vehicle Extraction with thanks to Dave Yorke for providing a donor car.

And, to the people of Parrsboro, I would like to ask you to change the batteries in your smoke detectors when you change your clocks, because a little bit of fire prevention can make a big difference.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith, seconded by Councillor Lois Smith that the Fire Chief- s report be accepted into the minutes. Motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF CHEQUE SHEET

Moved by Councillor Gleneida Canning, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith that the General Cheque Sheet in the amount of \$575, 622.66 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Mayor asked if there were any errors or omissions noted in the minutes of the Council meeting held on June 27, 2006 (#06-07). Hearing none he declared the minutes approved as circulated. Also, the minutes of a Special Council meeting held on August 11, 2006 (#06-08). Hearing no errors or omissions he declared the minutes approved as circulated.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(7.1) Finance - Report given by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith:

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

JULY, AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2006

(a) **EMO Training** - Correspondence was received from EMO Nova Scotia regarding a Basic Emergency Management Course on March 20th to 22nd , 2007 in Amherst.

After a discussion it was agreed that Councillor Gleneida Canning be registered for the course.

(b) **Radio Society RE: Advertising** - The Committee was advised of a request from Parrsboro Community Radio for advertising sponsorship during their extended broadcast to September 10th.

After a discussion the Committee recommended sponsoring the radio station with \$200.00 which would purchase 40 advertising spots.

(c) **UNSM Resolutions** - In preparation for the UNSM Fall Conference the Committee reviewed and discussed the report of the Resolutions Committee to the 2006 Annual Conference.

(d) **Board of Trade RE: Christmas Lighting** - The Committee was advised that the Parrsboro and District Board of Trade is interested in coordinating the Christmas parade with the Town=s Christmas Tree lighting ceremony.

The Committee agreed that it would be appropriate to coordinate these activities.

(e) **Door to Door Garbage Collection** - The Committee has been looking into the feasibility of implementing municipal door to door garbage collection. Staff are continuing to investigate the various options that are available to provide this service.

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

(7.2) **Public Works** - Report given by Councillor Lyle Yorke:

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

JULY, AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2006

(a) **Superintendent=s Report** - The following activity was reported over the past summer:

- routine mowing, cleaning ditches, repairing gravel roads and applying dust control
- reservoir maintenance was completed and the facility put back into operation. Trees surrounding the reservoir were either cut down or limbed up to help prevent the accumulation of leaves on the cover
- at Glooscap Park the crew did some work around the new well site which included ditching, installing a new culvert, road repair and general clean up of the area

- the Main Street, Town Hall property, intersections and sidewalks were swept and crosswalks and parking stalls painted.
- a section of sidewalk on Main Street was repaired following the installation water and sewer services to a new business
- some maintenance work has been done on Old West Bay Road, Lake View Drive and Ocean View Drive. Old loose pavement was removed and replaced with gravel and crushed asphalt.
- water services and culverts were installed for a couple of new building lots, one on Beaverdam Road and the other on Eastern Avenue. An old lead water service was also replaced on Eastern Avenue
- there was some vandalism to Town property over the summer involving garbage cans along the Boardwalk being thrown into the Aboiteau and about 25 fire hydrants damaged throughout the town. The damage to the fire hydrants is not only costly but also can interfere with their operation thus posing a potentially dangerous situation in the event of a fire
- a hydrant flushing program took place during the weeks of September 11th and 18th. In conjunction with this work water valves were dug up and raised
- barricades will be supplied to the Board of Trade for the upcoming Fall Bash in October

(b) Water Service - Ocean View Drive - For information the Committee was advised that an individual has applied for a building permit to construct a new home on Ocean View Drive and that due to water pressure problems in that area the Building Inspector has written a letter to the applicant advising that the Town does not guarantee water pressure and that the applicant may have to install appropriate equipment to handle it.

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

(7.3) Planning, Development and Housing - Report given by Councillor Gleneida Canning:

PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE REPORT

JULY, AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2006

(a) Building Inspector=s Report - Following is the activity in the Building Inspector=s Office for the months of June, July and August 2006:

	<u>No. of Permits</u>	<u>Value</u>
New Construction, Alterations & Additions (Residential)	2	\$52,500
New Construction, Alterations & Additions (Commercial)	2	\$10,500

New Construction, Alterations & Additions (Institutional)	1	\$112,495
Mini Homes/Mobile Homes	2	\$46,000
Garages & Sheds	3	\$16,000
Demolition	3	
Development	2	
Total	15	\$237,495

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

(7.4) Recreation - Report given by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith:

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

JULY, AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2006

(a) Kidsport/Jumpstart - Applications are available through the Kidsport/Jumpstart program that provides financial assistance to low income families with children who would like to participate in school sports programs, minor hockey, YMCA swimming lessons, etc. Applications are to be submitted to the office of Dwight Jones of Amherst Leisure Services and the deadline is October 1st, 2006. If anyone is interested or knows of someone who could benefit from the program in the Parrsboro area, they are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

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

(7.5) Sustainable Tourism - Report given by Councillor Gleneida Canning:

SUSTAINABLE TOURISM COMMITTEE

JULY, AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2006

(a) Main Street Beautification Plan - The Sustainable Tourism Committee has been

brainstorming to come up with ideas for the overall beautification of the Town of Parrsboro and

is recommending to Council that the following projects be implemented over the next year.

Beautification of Berry Hill (rock garden accompanied by low maintenance plantings, as per Mary McPhee's beautification plan).

Picnic tables and garbage cans painted (incorporating new logo and colors)

- This project would be phased in as tables and cans require painting, will also eventually include those located at Glooscap Park.

- 3 colors have been identified (blue, green, beige)

- Cost of having a large quantity of stickers produced to adhere to garbage cans is being looked into by CREDA.

Town Hall property

- A Cleaning up of flower bed located in front of the Town Hall steps

- Interpretative signage for Glooscap statue depicting the myths and folklore of the area -

to be designed by Aaron at CREDA office.

Small information kiosk located at the previous Tourist Bureau site

- Removal of existing sign

- To contain pamphlets, brochures, etc.

- Also to include an enclosed map of Town indicating key attractions in the community

Preliminary pieces to begin collection for Christmas light up

- Winter theme vs. Christmas to extend length of usage

- Due to cost of pieces, must be phased in over several years adding additional pieces each year

- Should review Melanson Display's catalogue in order to choose theme

Moved by Councillor Gleneida Canning, seconded by Councillor Lois Smith that the Sustainable Tourism Committee report and recommendations contained therein be accepted. Motion carried.

(7.6) Cumberland Regional Library - Report given by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith:

CUMBERLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD REPORT

JULY, AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2006

(a) **Annual Report Highlights** - It has been another busy year for the Cumberland Regional Library. Some of the highlights over the past year include:

- 18% increase in library membership
- 9% increase in public computer use
- Wireless Internet Access in all branches
- Free public access to World Book Encyclopedia and Chilton Car Repair Manuals through the library website
- Hosted the 2005 Nova Scotia Library Conference for 130 delegates

Nova Scotia is divided into nine regional library systems. The Cumberland Regional Library has the smallest population and receives the least funding. Despite this, Cumberland is:

- #1 in the Province in terms of public computers per capita
- #4 for books per capita
- #5 for members as a percentage of the population

For more information about the library's programs and services, check out their website at <http://crl.library.ns.ca>

Moved by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith, seconded by Councillor Gleneida Canning that the Library Board report be accepted. Motion carried.

(7.7) **Protective Services** - Report given by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith:

PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

JULY, AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2006

(a) **Presentation RE: Police Advisory Board** - The Committee received a presentation from Lisa Jackson, Client Services Analyst with the RCMP, who was accompanied by Staff/Sgt. Frank Kingston and Cst. Colin Morton of A H@ Division. Ms. Jackson's presentation focused on community based policing where the police and community work together to set mutual priorities, objectives and goals which is facilitated through the establishment of Police Advisory Boards. Ms. Jackson advised the Committee that police advisory boards are being mandated by Nova Scotia Police Act legislation and she proceeded to review the set up of the committees which includes both elected officials and citizens-at-large and the role and responsibilities of the board and RCMP within the police advisory board structure. The Committee was advised that Parrsboro has the option to either establish its own police advisory board or it could join with Oxford and

Cumberland County to form a joint board with equal representation from each unit.

After the presentation the Committee discussed the matter and is recommending that the Council proceed to set up a local police advisory board for the Town of Parrsboro.

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

Motion carried.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

At this point the Mayor recognized Mr. Richard Apostle from Dalhousie University who was in the area to do some research on a project. The Mayor asked Mr. Apostle if he had any remarks, particularly where the press was present.

Mr. Apostle indicated that he is involved with a joint project between Dalhousie and some Scandinavian scholars looking at the trends in the financial operations of municipalities over the last 25 years. This study will focus on the downloading of financial responsibilities from the senior levels of government onto municipal governments and population migration into the areas.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Councillor Gleneida Canning the meeting adjourned.