

**COUNCIL**

**JANUARY 23, 2007**

**#07-01**

The Parrsboro Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007 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.  
Kevin Yorke, Secretary

**1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Robinson welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith, seconded by Councillor Lyle Yorke that the Agenda be approved as circulated. Motion carried.**

**3. RCMP REPORT**

Cpl. John James presented the following report for December 2006:

In December the Parrsboro office answered some 40 calls for service. In addition, members worked on a number of local intelligence files. Over the period of Christmas and New Year=s several small road check operations were conducted. Local officers were assisted by the Cumberland County Traffic Section.

Members remain active in the schools and also attended a number of community events. The Parrsboro Office continues to demonstrate a strong visible presence in the community.

Plans are underway for the formation of a Crime Prevention Association in our area. Cpl. James will be attending a meeting on January 24 to discuss plans for the formation of a local committee. Cpl. James will keep Council updated on this matter as more is learned.

The holiday season was a relatively quiet and safe period in our area. Inclement weather at times contributed to a number of motor vehicle accidents. The writer was a guest on Parrsboro Community Radio on New Year=s Eve. Among the items discussed with the host, Andrew Wagstaff, was the drinking and driving message. It is a positive sign that only one impaired charge was processed over the month. Many people chose to utilize the local taxi service, especially on New Year=s Eve.

On behalf of myself and my staff I wish you all the best in 2007.

Respectfully,

Cpl. John A. James

Cpl. James also presented the following statistical report for December 2006:

False Alarms	5
Assaults	0
Break and Enter	0
Mischief	4
Impaired Driving	1
Liquor Control Act	1
Motor Vehicle Collisions	10
Theft/Possession of Stolen Property	2
Criminal Record Checks	4
911 Calls	2
Disturbing the Peace	1
Moving Traffic Violations	5
Resists/Obstruct Justice	1
Uttering Threats	1
Other Occurrences	2
Assist General Public	1
Total Occurrences	40

Cpl. James indicated that there has been no update regarding new members coming to the Parrsboro detachment, however, he did note that the Provincial Government has given the RCMP some additional manpower, not to be used at the detachment level, but to be used in specific areas. He noted the understanding that Staff/Sgt. Kingston would be arranging meetings in the near future to do with establishing a new unit in Cumberland to target property crime, drugs, school liaison and other specific areas that general duty members do not have a chance to work on.

In the discussion Councillor Lois Smith informed Cpl. James that the Youth Town Council would be sponsoring a youth dance at the Band Hall on Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup> and she asked him to pass it along to his staff with an invitation to drop in to check things out.

Cpl. James advised that he would be on duty that evening that he would drop in for a visit.

#### **4. FIRE CHIEF-S REPORT**

Fire Chief not present. No report.

#### **5. APPROVAL OF CHEQUE SHEET**

**Moved by Councillor Gleneida Canning, seconded by Councillor Lois Smith that the General Cheque Sheet in the amount of \$154,533.52 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.**

#### **6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Robinson asked if there were any errors or omissions noted in the Council minutes of November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006 - #06-11. Hearing none he declared the minutes approved as circulated.

#### **7. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

##### **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

##### **DECEMBER 2006/JANUARY 2007**

**(a) New Year-s Levee** - The Mayor noted that over the past couple of years the Town has not held a New Year-s Levee

and that the Council may want to consider doing something next year. He advised that the Parrsboro Legion holds an annual levee and that in discussions with the organization he found that there is an opportunity to cooperate with them to hold a levee at the Legion hall that would be open to all residents.

After a discussion the Committee recommended cooperating with the Legion to hold a New Year's levee next year. It was also agreed that there would be a free skate at the Lions Arena on New Year's Day.

**(b) Appeal of County Amendment to Land Use Bylaw** - The Committee discussed the decision of the Municipality of the County of Cumberland to amend their Land Use Bylaw to permit a service station in the Town's well field area. In consultation with our Planner it was recommended that Parrsboro appeal this decision to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board based on the conclusion that the decision of County Council does not reasonably carry out the intent of their Municipal Planning Strategy.

The Clerk advised the Committee that the appeal was filed on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007 and we are waiting for the URB to begin the appeal process.

**(c) Order of Nova Scotia** - Correspondence was received from the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage seeking nominations for the Order of Nova Scotia which recognizes Nova Scotians who have made an outstanding contribution to the cultural, social or economic life of the Province or who have excelled in any field of endeavor to the benefit of the Province.

Anyone interested in nominating someone for this distinction is encouraged to do so.

Application forms are available at the Town Office or online at [www.gov.ns.ca/prot](http://www.gov.ns.ca/prot) and the deadline for submissions is March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

**(d) Water Field Area Protection Advisory Committee** - The Committee discussed the possibility of re-establishing the Joint Water Field Area Protection Advisory Committee and agreed that it would be appropriate to do so. The Mayor advised that he would contact the Warden to discuss re-establishing this joint advisory committee to the councils. The Committee recommended that advertisements be placed in the papers seeking citizen representation on this volunteer committee.

**(e) Volunteer Awards** - Recreation Nova Scotia has advised that the 2007 Volunteer Award Ceremony is scheduled to take place in Halifax on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007 just prior to National Volunteer Week, April 15<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>. Nominations are invited for Representative Volunteer of the Year, Volunteer Youth of the Year, Family Volunteer Award, Model Volunteer Community of the Year Award, and Building Healthier Futures Corporate Award.

Nomination forms are available at the Town Office with the deadline for submissions back to the Town Office being February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith, seconded by Councillor Lois Smith that the Finance Committee Report and recommendations contained therein be accepted.**

Mayor Robinson advised that he has contacted Warden Hunter and discussions are ongoing with both the County and the Province with regard to setting up the Joint Water Field Protection Advisory Committee. He also noted the understanding that the County has put their planning amendment on hold pending further information, therefore, the appeal may not be happening.

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

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

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT**

**DECEMBER 2006/JANUARY 2007**

**(a) Superintendent's Report** - The following activity was reported during the months of December 2006 and January 2007:

- a water service was put in for a new home being constructed on Jenk=s Avenue
- a water service on Main Street was dug up and repaired
- there has been some ditching work on the Old West Bay Road
- there have been some repairs to the concrete sidewalks on Main Street
- the public works communication system has been repaired and is working properly
- cross cuts and pot holes have been filled with cold mix asphalt
- trees and bushes along roadsides have been cut back to prevent interference with snowplowing
- street shoulders have been repaired throughout the town
- a couple of nights of freezing rain required sanding and salting of streets and the latest snow storm required routine plowing and snow removal
- gates at the Aboiteau were raised during the heavy rains and the reservoir cover had to be pumped off
- fire hydrant markers were installed and street signs repaired and reinstalled as required
- a refresher course for traffic control is scheduled for February
- routine maintenance of vehicles and equipment is ongoing
- John Henwood returned to work on January 16<sup>th</sup> and reported that the public works crew did an excellent job while he was away on sick leave

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

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

**PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE REPORT**

**DECEMBER 2006/JANUARY 2007**

**(a) Building Inspector=s Report** - Following is the activity in the Building Inspector=s Office for

the months of November and December 2006:

	<u>No. of Permits</u>	<u>Value</u>
New Construction, Alterations, Additions (Residential)	5	\$184,000
Garages and Sheds	1	\$ 500
Commercial Signage	1	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>\$184,500</b>

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

**(d) Parrsboro & Area Harbour Commission** - Report given by Councillor Lois Smith:

**Update: Parrsboro Wharf and Waterfront Development Study**

**Study Purpose:** The Parrsboro and Area Harbour Commission have retained Kelco Consulting Ltd. To provide a strategic development of the waterfront and wharf. This will result in a development vision for the wharf and waterfront that is supportive of the Commission's mandate and one that is beneficial to the community residents and visitors.

**Vision:**...includes buildings for retail shops (fresh fish for sale), an arts centre, a weekend market, picnic/play areas, a bus lay-by, various green areas, a public launch, floating dock beside the wharf with inclined walking ramp access, general land beautification and other elements that may emerge during the consultation step.

**Activities to Date:**

An online survey has been posted by Kelco Consulting Ltd. and there is a link from the Town of Parrsboro's A Community Information web page (bottom right hand column). There is also a web link available from CREDA's home page ([www.creda.net](http://www.creda.net)).

The online survey provides an excellent opportunity for the residents of the Town and others to provide their views on how best to develop the Parrsboro Wharf and Waterfront lands that are being operated by the Parrsboro and Area Harbour Commission (to date, 15 online surveys have been completed).

The consultants are in a process of phoning businesses in the area to advise them of the opportunity to complete this survey and to encourage business owners/managers to make the news of the survey available to their staff, neighbours, and family members (to date more than 100 calls have been placed and the team is continuing to call area businesses to get the word out).

The consultants are also calling selected stakeholders identified by the Commission. Stakeholders include community members, council members, government representatives, and others who are being asked to provide their views on the best development options (to date, 11 interviews have been completed - taking an average of 50 minutes each).

The team is also in a process of making a special effort to contact cottage owners/seasonal residents of the region so that they have an opportunity to comment through a mail survey.

The information will be collected, combined and assessed for trends, points of view where there is convergence and where there is divergence.

The resulting information will be used to guide Ekistics in their conceptual plan for the site and this will be presented to the Committee at some point in February.

The consultants will submit a draft report in early February based on a discussion around issues such as financial sources, etc.

After giving her report, Councillor Smith commented that the study is going very well and the Harbour Commission is very excited about it. She noted that she has received many telephone calls from others as well who are excited about the possibility of something taking place in the wharf area. Councillor Smith encouraged everyone to fill out the online survey, and asked the members of the press to put the word out in their news articles from the Council meeting. She also noted that those without computer access could ask their friends or neighbours to download the form and leave their completed forms at the Town Office. Councillor Smith advised that funding will be a big issue depending upon what they want to do and that eventually there will be a public meeting on the matter.

Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith noted for information that there is internet access at the local library which is open five days a week for those who do not have a home computer and may want to fill out the online survey.

Councillor Yorke expressed the opinion that there is a lot of potential in the waterfront area for development similar to that in other communities such as Pictou and Liverpool which have taken full advantage of their waterfronts.

Mayor Robinson commented that he it was very encouraging to see these things starting up.

**Moved by Councillor Lois Smith, seconded by Councillor Lyle Yorke that the Parrsboro and Area Harbour Commission report be accepted. Motion carried.**

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

## **PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **DECEMBER 2006/JANUARY 2007**

(a) **Presentation RE: Fire Truck** - Fire Chief Will Dunphy, accompanied by Deputy Chief Arnold Wood and Fireman Chris Clarke, presented a proposal to the Committee for the purchase of a new fire truck.

After a discussion it was agreed by the Committee and the representatives of the Fire Department that a steering committee with representation from the Parrsboro Council and the Fire Department be established to come up with a plan to purchase a new fire truck including how it will be financed.

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith, seconded by Councillor Lyle Yorke that the Protective Services Committee report and recommendations contained therein be accepted.** Mayor Robinson noted that the Fire Department has indicated which of their members will be on the committee and a meeting will be set up as soon as possible. He noted that he had hoped to talk to the firemen themselves next Thursday, however, he would not be able to do so due to a prior commitment.

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

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) **Reverse Trade Show** - Mayor Robinson noted that a Reverse Trade Show in Cumberland is scheduled for February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

(b) **Invitation to Workshop** - The Mayor also noted an invitation to a Cumberland Workshop on Tourism on February 14<sup>th</sup> in Springhill. He indicated that he would like to see as many members of the Sustainable Tourism Committee as possible attend the workshop and that he would bring the information to the STC.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.