

# COUNCIL

**FEBRUARY 27, 2007**

**#07-02**

The Parrsboro Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</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 Lyle Yorke  
A.D. Brown, C.A.O.  
Kevin Yorke, Secretary

**REGRETS:** Councillor Lois Smith

## **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**

Mayor Robinson noted that Cpl. John James had telephoned a few minutes prior to the meeting advising that due to an out-of-town commitment he would not be available to make his report this evening.

## **4. PRESENTATION OF PICTURES BY PAUL MORSE**

Mayor Robinson introduced Mr. Paul Morse noting that he is a citizen who has done a lot for the Town and is a very strong supporter of the Air Cadets organization. The Mayor indicated that Mr. Morse had two pictures that he would like to present to the Town this evening with the intent that they be displayed in an appropriate place so that people would be able to see them. The first picture was a framed collage of newspaper clippings relating to the establishment of the Parrsboro Boy Scouts= cabin behind the Anglican Church Rectory which is now the Town Hall, photographs of Reverend Charles Harris and

others involved in Scouting and a medal and commendation dated May 6<sup>th</sup>, 1935 from King George VI recognizing Reverend Harris= outstanding contribution to the Boy Scout organization. The Mayor noted that 2007 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Boy Scouts and that Mr. Morse thought it an appropriate time to present the picture to the Town. Mr. Morse advised that he was presenting the picture to the Town on behalf of St. George=s Anglican Church.

The second picture was a three dimensional image of the Parrsboro Cenotaph when it was unveiled on August 29<sup>th</sup>, 1926. The Mayor noted that the picture was made by Russell Fisher who lives in Springhill and is well known around Parrsboro for his activities here. Accompanying the picture was a copy of the program from the dedication ceremony. Mayor Robinson indicated that Reverend Harris was also very much involved with the Parrsboro Legion in his day and that he had a lot to do with the Cenotaph. He also mentioned that General Arthur Currie who was a Canadian General in the First World War was in Parrsboro on the day of the dedication.

Mr. Morse noted that Russell Fisher has been very active in the historical societies of both Springhill and Parrsboro and that he has done many wonderful things that a lot of people do not know about. Mr. Morse indicated that Mr. Fisher very kindly sent the picture of the Cenotaph to he and his wife and that he believed that the Town Hall is a better place to have it displayed. He also felt the same about the picture of the Scouting because the Town Hall is a building with a lot of history including that when a child, he and 20 other people had their tonsils removed at a clinic in the building.

Mayor Robinson thanked Mr. Morse for his efforts to make these historical pictures available for everyone to see and enjoy and he assured him that they will be appropriately displayed in the Town Hall.

## **5. PRESENTATION BY CUMBERLAND COUNTY EXHIBITION**

Mr. Leonard Allen, representing the Cumberland County Exhibition, updated the Council on the Exhibition advising that a new Board of Directors had been elected last month and that there are 14 directors compared to 4 in the past. He indicated that although the exhibition is situated in Oxford the board would like to brand it as a County event because people from all units attend and participate in it. Mr. Allen advised that the exhibition is starting out this year with a \$4,500 deficit and traditionally the Town of Oxford would be asked for a donation or sponsorship because it is located there, however, as the board is promoting the exhibition as a county wide fair they felt that all five units should be asked to consider being a sponsor. The cost of a sponsorship package has been set at \$1,500 and includes acknowledgment of sponsorship on an A-frame billboard at the front gate listing the participating units and an advertisement in the program. Mr. Allen advised that this funding would not be requested on a continual basis and that it is something that the board has initiated this year to get the exhibition back up and running. Mr. Allen advised that this was the basis of his presentation, to ask the Town of Parrsboro to become a sponsor of the Exhibition and he asked if there were any questions.

Councillor Lyle Yorke asked if each of the five units was being asked to contribute \$1,500.

Mr. Allen indicated that this was correct and that it is a figure that the Board came up with to ask from all five units. He noted that as a councillor for the Town of Oxford himself, he realizes that \$1,500 is a fairly large sponsorship, however, the board would certainly be willing to look at a lesser sponsorship if the Town is interested.

Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith asked when the Exhibition takes place and when the Board would need an answer to the sponsorship request.

Mayor Robinson added that June would be the time frame that the Council would be looking at for its budget deliberations.

Mr. Allen advised that the Exhibition takes place during the last week of August and the first two days of September. He indicated that the Board would appreciate hearing back from the the Council after its budget deliberations and that receiving an answer by June would be satisfactory.

Councillor Gleneida Canning asked if sponsorship included a promotional booth.

Mr. Allen indicated that the board is looking at building more booths in the industrial building and that if Council did want to do a sponsorship he was sure the Town would be welcome to set up a booth to promote the Town of Parrsboro and area.

Councillor Lyle Yorke asked about the cost to businesses that wanted to set up a booth.

Mr. Allen advised that in the past \$150 was charged to set up a 10' x 10' booth, however, that figure may be negotiable in the attempt to increase the number of booths.

After further discussion the Mayor thanked Mr. Allen for his presentation and advised that Council would give his request due consideration in the budget process.

## **6. FIRE CHIEF= S REPORT**

Fire Chief Aubrey Fenton presented the following report for the period January 26, 2007 to February 27, 2007.

### **Emergency Calls:**

False Alarms:	1
Fire Alarms:	0
Flue Fires:	1
Vehicle Fires:	0

MVA:	1
Medical First Responders:	0
Structure Fires:	1
Grass/Brush Fires:	0

Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith noted the work that the joint committee consisting of himself and the Mayor from Town Council and the Ad Hoc Committee set up by the Fire Department, is doing to move forward to get a new fire truck.

Mayor Robinson added that the committee has looked at various vehicles and that a meeting will be scheduled with the County to discover what the final design will be and then discussions will take place regarding funding.

**7. APPROVAL OF CHEQUE SHEET**

**Moved by Councillor Gleneida Canning, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith that the Cheque Sheet in the amount of \$153,030.27 be approved as presented. Motion carried.**

**8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Robinson asked if there were any errors or omissions noted in the minutes of a regular Council meeting held on January 23, 2007 (#07-01).

Hearing none he declared the minutes approved as circulated.

**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**FEBRUARY 2007**

**(a) Tax Exemptions** - The Committee reviewed the income level and the amount of the Tax Exemption available to low income taxpayers to see if any changes would be recommended this year. The Clerk advised that last year the maximum income level was \$13,500 and the tax exemption was \$100.00.

After a discussion the Committee recommended that the income level be increased to \$14,500 and that the amount of the exemption remain at \$100.00.

**(b) RCMP RE: General Investigative Section (GIS)** - A joint meeting was held between the municipal councils of Cumberland, Parrsboro and Oxford and the RCMP on February 8<sup>th</sup> at which S/Sgt. Kingston presented a plan to establish a General Investigative Section operated through the Cumberland Detachment. At this meeting the Parrsboro Council supported the suggestion that the Provincially sponsored RCMP Officer assigned to the Town of Parrsboro be assigned to the GIS.

The Committee recommends the ratification of this proposal and that S/Sgt. Kingston be notified by letter of the decision.

**(c) Parrsboro Minor Hockey Association** - Correspondence from Ron Shaw, Acting President of the Parrsboro Minor Hockey Association, requested financial support from the Town towards their operations.

After a discussion the Committee recommended that the request be referred to the 2007/2008 budget and that a letter be forwarded to the Association advising that their request will be considered at that time.

**(d) Kidney Foundation of Canada** - Sharon Bristol, President of the Amherst Chapter, advised

that the Kidney Foundation will be holding its National Financial Campaign during the month of March and she asked for permission to conduct a door-to-door canvass in Parrsboro during this time.

After a discussion the Committee recommended that this request be approved.

**(e) Amy McGraw RE: Fund Raising Event** - Correspondence from Amy McGraw asked for the approval of Council to hold a fund-raising walk in Parrsboro on Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007 in conjunction with the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Ms. McGraw requested permission to use the Band Stand and area for the pre and post gathering including a barbeque.

After a discussion the Committee had no objection to the request, however, it was felt that Ms. McGraw should be advised to contact the Band Association to ensure that there are no conflicts with their schedule.

**(f) Loney MacLean RE: Wild Blueberry Harvest Co-operative** - Correspondence from Loney MacLean requested the Town to assist in finding a representative from the community to sit on the Wild Blueberry Harvest Co-operative which is a volunteer organization committed to the promotion and coordination of an annual festival celebrating the wild blueberry harvest in Nova Scotia.

Copies of the correspondence were circulated to all members of the Committee who will work on finding someone to sit on the co-operative.

**(g) Cumberland County Exhibition** - Anthony W. Carter, President of the Cumberland County

Exhibition forwarded a letter requesting permission to be added to the agenda of the next regular Council meeting for the purpose of making a brief presentation to Council on behalf of the Exhibition.

This was agreed to by the Committee.

**(g) East Hants RE: Amendment to Northern Region Agreement** - Correspondence from Andrea Trask, Regional Coordinator, advised that at their December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006 regular meeting the Northern Region Waste Resource Committee passed an amendment to the Northern Region Waste Resource Committee Inter-municipal Agreement removing Item #9 of the Policy and Procedures as it is no longer relevant due to RRFB guidelines for funding programs. The municipalities from Cumberland, Colchester and East Hants involved in this committee were asked to ratify this change.

After a discussion the Committee recommended that the change be approved by Town Council.

**(h) Cumberland County Transition House** - A letter from Barbara Jack, Chair of the Cumberland County Transition House Board of Directors, requested the opportunity to appear before Council to make a presentation on the association's services and the role it plays in the community.

After a discussion the Committee agreed that Transition House be invited to make their presentation at the March Council meeting.

**(i) Garbage Collection Bylaw/Tender** - The Committee furthered discussions on the proposal to establish municipal garbage collection which would require changes to the Town's Garbage Collection Bylaw.

Due to a number of unresolved issues and the fact that the Committee is not completely satisfied that municipal garbage collection is the appropriate route to follow, the matter has been postponed. However, to make garbage collection more efficient and to reduce the amount of recyclables getting into the landfill, the Committee recommends that clear plastic bags be used for residual garbage. Residents are encouraged to begin using clear bags immediately but will not be required to do so until a date yet to be determined.

**(j) Committees** - Standing committees of Council have been reviewed and the following are being recommended for 2007:

**DEPUTY MAYOR**

LLOYD SMITH

**GLOOSCAP  
PARK**

Councillor Lyle  
Yorke

Councillor Lois  
Smith

**FINANCE**

Full Council

**OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Mayor Doug Robinson

Councillor Gleneida Canning

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM**

Councillor Gleneida Canning

Councillor Lyle Yorke

**PROTECTIVE SERVICES**

Councillor Lois Smith

Councillor Gleneida Canning

**PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING AND HERITAGE**

Councillor Gleneida Canning

Councillor Lois Smith

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Councillor Lyle Yorke

**YOUTH TOWN  
COUNCIL**

Councillor Lois  
Smith

**NORTHERN  
REGION SOLID**

**WASTE  
MANAGEMENT**

Councillor Lyle  
Yorke

**CREDA**

Councillor Gleneida  
Canning

**JOINT SERVICES  
MANAGEMENT  
AUTHORITY**

Councillor Lyle  
Yorke

Councillor Lloyd  
Smith

Alternates -  
Councillor Lois  
Smith

**LIBRARY**

Councillor Lloyd  
Smith

**PROV.  
CHIGNECTO  
PARK**

Councillor Lois  
Smith

Councillor Lloyd Smith

CNTA

Councillor Lyle  
Yorke

PERSONNEL

Councillor Lois Smith

WHARF COMM.  
LIAISON

Councillor Lyle Yorke

Councillor Lois  
Smith

RECREATION

Councillor Lloyd Smith

Councillor Gleneida Canning

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith, seconded by Councillor Gleneida Canning that the Finance Committee report and recommendations contained therein be accepted, with the exception of item (i) to be voted on separately. Motion carried.**

Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith advised that as item (i) reads now he would be voting against it. He noted the opinion that the Council has been taking small steps forward to clean up the garbage situation in the Town and that it would be inappropriate to cease going in that direction. Therefore, at this point he would like to see item (i) tabled until the next meeting when the Council can have a more indepth discussion.

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith, seconded by Councillor Lyle Yorke that item (i) of the Finance Committee Report be tabled until the March 27<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. Motion carried.**

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

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT**

**FEBRUARY 2007**

**(a) Superintendent's Report** - John Henwood reports the following activity in the Public Works Department over the past month:

- routine plowing, sanding, salting of streets and sidewalks and clearing snow from Main Street, parking lots, intersections, etc.

- some cold patching of pot holes on various streets around town

- there were a couple of frozen water lines on Main Street that were thawed and are back in service. Other property owners on Main Street with water lines that could be affected were contacted and advised to leave their water running.

- regular service and repairs to vehicles and equipment including the recently purchased 3/4 ton truck which has been modified to suite the needs of the department

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

**(c) CREDA - Report given by Councillor Gleneida Canning:**

## **CUMBERLAND REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION REPORT**

**FEBRUARY 2007**

**(a) Presentation RE: TDA** - Charlene Tuttle and Stephanie Ogilvie from CREDA met with the Committee to give a brief overview of the Fundy Shore Tourism Destination Area. Charlene advised that Tourism Destination Areas or TDA=s originated from Nova Scotia=s A Vision for Tourism@ developed in 2002 and that it is a planning process rather than a funding program. The Vision contained a product development recommendation for the support and enhancement of at least 4 Tourism Destination Areas that have existing infrastructure that can each generate 300,000 to 600,00 visitors annually over the next 10 years. Ten key elements were identified to enhance the delivery of unique, high quality services and experiences which potentially extend the stay and spending of visitors. Stephanie advised that the Fundy Shore Tourism Area encompasses the Beaubassin to Moose River area and that the Committee consists of representatives from the Municipality of Cumberland, star generators, the community and CREDA resource staff. She reviewed the Strategic Action Plan which includes marketing, product awareness/communications, partnerships, basic infrastructure, funding and human resources. Charlene noted that the project is in the preliminary stage with the Strategic Plan recently being completed and emphasis now on the communications and marketing side of things.

**Moved by Councillor Gleneida Canning, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith that the CREDA report be accepted.**

For clarification Councillor Canning noted that the Fundy Shore Tourism Area Committee has representation from all five municipal units in Cumberland County and not just the Municipality of Cumberland as indicated in the report.

Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith reaffirmed a comment that he had made at the presentation that he would like to see the Committee do a marketing package to encourage investors to build accommodation infrastructure for the area so that Parrsboro can get its market share of the 300,000 to 600,000 visitors so that they will not be traveling back and forth to Amherst.

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

(d) **CJSMA** - Report given by Councillor Lyle Yorke:

## **CUMBERLAND JOINT SERVICES MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY REPORT**

### **FEBRUARY 2007**

(a) **2007/2008 Budget** - David Scott, Director of Finance for the Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority met with the Committee to review the Authority=s 2007/2008 budget and to answer any questions or concerns they may have. During the review Mr. Scott noted that the tipping fees have remained the same as last year.

After a discussion the Committee recommended that the Authority=s 2007/2008 budget be approved by Town Council.

**Moved by Councillor Lyle Yorke, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith that the CJSMA report and recommendations contained therein be accepted. Motion carried.**

### **10. CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) **Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board** - The Clerk noted that periodically the Town is required by the Utility and Review Board to review the size of the Council and determine whether they want to maintain the status quo or recommend increasing or decreasing the number of councillors. He noted that approximately six years ago the Council had agreed to reduce the number of councillors from six to four. The Clerk noted that in August of last year the Council had discussed the matter and agreed to maintain the existing four councillors. He indicated that his interpretation of the documentation is that he only had to notify the Board of the decision which he did, however, a recent letter from the URB requests a certified copy of the resolution of Council.

**Moved by Councillor Gleneida Canning, seconded by Councillor Lyle Yorke that the present number of four councillors be maintained by the Town of Parrsboro. Motion carried.**

### **11. ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Councillor Gleneida Canning the meeting adjourned.