

# COUNCIL

MAY 22, 2007

#07-05

The Parrsboro Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</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 all 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 Lois Smith that the agenda be approved as circulated. Motion carried.**

## 3. **RCMP REPORT**

Cpl. James noted that he had faxed a copy of his Police Activity Report for April 2007 previous to the meeting for circulation to the Council. He advised that overall numbers are up and will probably continue to increase as the weather becomes warmer. Cpl. James advised that the detachment remains down two members, one since October and Cst. Morton since late March and it is uncertain whether he will be returning. There is the possibility of a new member coming if it can be finalized, but in the meantime the other members will have to arrange their schedules

to maintain coverage.

Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith noted observing on the evening newscast that the Town of Hillsborough, New Brunswick has concerns about the decline in service that they are receiving from the RCMP due to the closing of their detachment

and regionalizing of the service and that the municipality has hired private security to do some policing within the community. The Deputy Mayor asked what plan the Cumberland RCMP Detachment has with being two members short in the Parrsboro Office and expectations of increased activity as the summer approaches.

Cpl. James advised that he has spoken to those in charge of RCMP staffing and they are aware of the situation and that things are going to get busier here. They are also aware that a person can be asked to come in on their days off only so many times. He noted that he is very proud of the officers under his command in that none have turned down a request to come into work whether it be for public relations, contact with the schools, etc. Cpl. James indicated that he wished he had more concrete answers, however, he did reiterate that one member from F division in Truro has been identified as someone who is interested in coming here but it has not yet been finalized. He also pointed out that if and when the transfer is finalized it would be between three and four months before the officer is actually on the street.

Mayor Robinson noted that idea of bringing in the Traffic Unit was appreciated and hopefully will help to alleviate some of the problems associated with speeding in the town.

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

Fire Chief Aubrey Fenton presented the following report covering April 25 to May 22, 2007:

##### **Emergency Calls:**

False Alarms:	0
Fire Alarms:	2
Flue Fires:	1
Vehicle Fires:	0
MVA:	0
Medical First Responder:	1
Structure Fires:	0
Grass/Brush Fires:	0

Chief Fenton noted that the fire alarm at the Ship=s Company Theatre has been going off from time to time because the unit is designed to be located in a heated room but is actually in an unheated room where changes in temperature and moisture cause it to be set off. He has spoken to the General Manager about the problem, who has agreed to consult the installer to see if the fire alarm can be moved to a heated area.

Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith noted that things are moving forward with the fire truck. A sample Request for Proposals has been received and is being rewritten to suite our needs and we are still in communication with the companies that supply this type of equipment. He indicated that there would be a meeting tomorrow to review the draft of the RFP and finalize it

prior to its distribution to the companies.

**5. PROCLAMATION RE: CHILD CARE AWARENESS DAYS**

The Mayor advised that the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Child Care Awareness Days will be celebrated throughout Nova Scotia during the month of June 2007 and Child Care Connections is requesting municipalities to recognize practitioners and the valuable work they do by declaring the month of June 2007 A Child Awareness Days®. The Mayor read and signed the following proclamation on behalf of the Town.

**PROCLAMATION FOR CHILD CARE AWARENESS DAYS**

**WHEREAS** quality childcare is an investment in our present and in our future; and

**WHEREAS** by providing strong, stable relationships and safe and stimulating environments to our children today, parents are productive and children can grow into successful and responsible adults;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Douglas Robinson, Mayor of the Town of Parrsboro, proclaim the month of June 2007 as Child Care Awareness Days. I urge all citizens to support quality childcare in our community.

**6. DECLARATION TO ESTABLISH A HUNGER AWARENESS DAY**

The Mayor noted that Dianne Swinemar, Executive Director of Feed Nova Scotia submitted a request to declare June 5, 2007 National Hunger Awareness Day. He noted that through her efforts the Parrsboro and Area Food Bank belongs to a network through which it receives contributions of donated food from Feed Nova Scotia in Halifax. The Mayor read and signed the following declaration on behalf of the Town.

**DECLARATION TO ESTABLISH A HUNGER AWARENESS DAY**

**WHEREAS** more than 40,000 Nova Scotian must rely on food banks and other food programs each month because of hunger; and

**WHEREAS** one in three of those using food banks in Nova Scotia is a child; and

**WHEREAS** hunger in Nova Scotia exists because of structural factors that need to be addressed through policy change; and

**WHEREAS** those receiving help from food banks are most often individuals living on income assistance, those with disabilities or the working poor; and

**WHEREAS** the number of individuals using such food programs has continued to grow over the past decade; and

**WHEREAS** the means to alleviate hunger in Nova Scotia exists but depends on greater public awareness and increased public and legislative action;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that as proud citizens of this province, we recognize and affirm that June 5<sup>th</sup> be declared Hunger Awareness Day in Nova Scotia from this day and for years to come.

Mayor Robinson took the opportunity to congratulate the Parrsboro and Area Food Bank that is actively involved in assisting people and is managed by volunteers. He noted that the organization provides a very necessary service and does a very good job in the community.

**7. APPROVAL OF CHEQUE SHEET**

**Moved by Councillor Lois Smith, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith that the General Cheque Sheet in the amount of \$90,769.85 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 April 24, 2007 (#07-04).

Hearing none he declared the minutes approved as circulated.

**9. 1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF MUNICIPAL PLANNING STRATEGY/LAND USE BYLAW**

The Mayor noted that the Council has been working diligently on the Municipal Planning Strategy/Land Use Bylaw and that he would ask for a motion to have first reading.

**The first reading of the Municipal Planning Strategy/Land Use Bylaw was moved by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith and seconded by Councillor Lyle Yorke. Motion carried.**

For clarification, the Mayor advised that the first reading is actually just the reading of the title of the bylaw. The MPS/LUB documents then become available for public viewing. In another month there is a public meeting held during the regular council meeting followed by second reading and in all probability it will be passed unless something comes up at the public meeting that would cause Council to change it.

**10. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**MAY 2007**

**(a) Parrsboro Mansion RE: Signage** - Correspondence from the owners of the Parrsboro Mansion Inn noted a concern that the new orientation sign in front of the Home Hardware does not indicate that accommodations are available in the direction of Truro.

The Finance Committee recommends that this letter be referred to the Sustainable Development Committee for their review and recommendation.

**(b) Masonic Lodge RE: Signage** - Masonic Lodge #67 AF & AM has submitted a written request to install two signs, one at each entrance to town from Amherst and Truro. These signs will indicate that there is a Mason Lodge in the town and the meeting times.

After a discussion the Committee recommended approval of this request.

**(c) Ship=s Company Theatre** - A letter from Board Member, Dr. M-I Parker, advised that the Ship=s Company Theatre will be holding its 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraiser Golf Tournament on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007 at the Parrsboro Golf Club. She noted that businesses are being asked to donate an item, prize or gift certificate to be awarded to tournament participants.

After a discussion the Committee recommended that the Town donate a hard cover Heritage Homes and History of Parrsboro book.

**(d) Fundy Shore Auto Club** - Nettie Soley, Secretary of the Fundy Shore Auto Club has submitted a written request for a donation of \$50 which would go toward the purchase of the Mayor=s Choice Award trophy for the upcoming Annual Show n=Shine scheduled for July 28-29, 2007.

After a discussion the Committee recommended that this request be referred to the budget.

**(e) Nova Scotia Fallen Peace Officer Memorial Fund** - Correspondence from S/Sgt. Frank Kingston of the Cumberland District RCMP, requested a financial contribution from the Town toward the cost of building a memorial monument commemorating the lives of fallen peace officers within Nova Scotia. The cost of the project is \$130,000 and the Town is being requested to donate \$250 based on the town=s size, population and number of officer=s serving the community.

After a discussion the Committee recommended that this request be referred to the budget.

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

Mayor Robinson referring to item (a) of the report advised that the sign that was being referred to was one that was taken

down over the winter near the corner of King and Main Streets and that it will be put back up in the near future. Therefore, it would not be necessary to refer it to the Sustainable Development Committee as it has already been dealt with.

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

**(b) Public Works** - Report given by Councillor Lois Smith:

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT**

**MAY 2007**

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

- water service restored to the cottages at 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> beaches. A few leaks found in the lines were repaired.
- the gravel roads were graded and some cold patching was undertaken on the paved streets
- a water shut off valve was repaired at a property on Pier Road
- garbage cans and picnic tables were painted using new colours from the logo. These items as well as the benches and garbage baskets will be put out in the near future
- work has been completed at the A Duffy house@ on Two Island Road. The building was demolished, the debris taken away and the site cleaned up

**(b) Water/Sewer Capital Projects** - The Committee was advised that funding has been approved for the Pier Road sewer project that will involve the upgrading of the existing sewer line and the installation of a separate storm sewer line. Funding has also been approved for a water project to install new equipment for the Water Utility. Part of the funding for these capital projects is coming from the Federal/Provincial Infrastructure program and part from the Provincial Capital Assistance Program.

The Town is very appreciative of receiving this funding which will make these necessary projects become a reality.

**(c) Bylaw RE: Weight Restrictions on Town Streets** - The Committee is looking into the possibility of adopting a bylaw to impose weight restrictions on local streets in the Town to reduce recurring problems with damage and deterioration due to heavy truck traffic. At this point copies of sample bylaws are being reviewed for further discussions at a later date.

**Moved by Councillor Lois Smith, seconded by Councillor Lyle Yorke 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**

**MAY 2007**

(a) **Building Inspector=s Report** - Following is the activity in the Building Inspector=s Office for the month of April 2007:

	<b><u>No. of Permits</u></b>	<b><u>Value Permit</u></b>
New Construction, Alterations, Additions (Residential)	2	\$24,000
Garages & Sheds (Residential)	1	\$ 4,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>\$28,000</b>

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

(d) **Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority** - Report given by Councillor Lyle Yorke:

**CUMBERLAND JOINT SERVICES MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**

**MAY 2007**

(a) **Inter-Municipal Agreement** - The Committee has reviewed the revised Inter-Municipal Services Agreement which will replace the Solid Waste/Resource Management Agreement, the Agreement regarding Leachate management and amendments. There are four sections of the revised agreement that require the consideration and approval of the five participating municipal units. The Committee discussed each of these sections and is making the following recommendations:

**1) Section 4 (1), Board**

In the original Agreement, the Board was made up of 15 voting members, which was reduced in August 2000 to 10. A further reduction in Board members to 5 should be considered, each with one vote with a maximum term limit of 3 years.

The Committee recommends against reducing the number of Board members from 10 elected officials to 5, however, they do see merit in the maximum term limit of 3 years.

## **2) Section 8 (1) & (3), Revenue for the Authority**

Should the Agreement be revised, it should state A ...solid waste **generated and** delivered to the Cumberland Central Landfill site in Little Forks from that particular participating unit@. Is the Authority reasonably capable of enforcing municipalities, the Industrial, Commercial and Institutional sectors and waste haulers to deliver all solid waste generated to the Landfill site?

The Committee is of the opinion that the Authority does not have the power to force municipalities and the ICI sector to deliver all solid waste generated to the Landfill site, however, they feel that competitive tipping fees are essential to maintaining and increasing levels of usage and corresponding revenues.

## **3) Section 11 (3), Assets and Liabilities**

In 1998, an Inter-Municipal Trust Agreement was signed by the five participating municipal units appointing the Municipality of Cumberland as trustee for each of the units and to hold title to all assets acquired by the Authority. The 1998 Trust Agreement should be reviewed and revised referring to the Municipality of the County of Cumberland instead of A one of the participating units@.

The Committee has no objection to remaining with the status quo on this item.

## **4) Transient Waste Acceptance**

A draft Transient Waste Policy has been developed with a definition for Acceptable Transient Waste and the conditions required for acceptance. Acceptable Transient Waste is defined as: compostables, construction and demolition debris, contaminated soil, recyclable material, scrap metal/white goods and stabilized sewage sludge. The Authority should discuss and determine if Acceptable Transient Waste material should be included in the revised Agreement.

The Committee has no difficulty with accepting transient waste that is not residual solid waste because it is a revenue generator for the Landfill.

**Moved by Councillor Lyle Yorke, seconded by Councillor Gleneida Canning that the Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority report and recommendations contained therein be accepted.**

In the discussion that followed it was the consensus of Council that it had also been recommended under item 4) Transient Waste Acceptance, that consideration of outside transient solid waste meeting the criteria of Joint Services be included in outside waste receivables. It was agreed to add this to the report.

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

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

## **RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

**MAY 2007**

(a) **Summer Recreation Program** - The Clerk has been in contact with staff at the YMCA about providing administration and supervision for the Summer Recreation Program. The A Y@ indicates that it is interested in providing this service again this year and will forward a contract for our consideration in the near future.

The Committee was also advised that the Town has received approval for all seven positions applied for through the federal Summer Career Placement program, five for the Summer Recreation Program and two for Glooscap Park.

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith, seconded by Councillor Gleneida Canning that the Recreation Committee report be accepted. Motion carried.**

### **11. CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) **Board of Trade** - The Clerk read the following letter addressed to the Mayor and Council, signed by Donna Sheehy.

*The Board of Trade offers this letter in support of the downtown merchants who have expressed their concern about vandalism as a result of their perceived lack of RCMP presence on Main Street.*

*Vandalism is a constant worry and financial concern for our downtown merchants and we anticipate that their concerns are being addressed by you and your Council.*

*The appearance of the town is one of the first selling points for our area and to curtail the acts of vandalism would go a long way to keeping this experience positive.*

*Thank you for this opportunity to support our merchants.*

Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith asked that a copy of this letter be forwarded to the RCMP.

(b) **Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority** - The Clerk read correspondence addressed to himself from Dick Rector, Chair of CJSMA reminding Board members of the protocol for discussions on an in-camera basis at the CSJMA Board level.

(c) **Meeting with Chignecto Central Regional School Board** - A letter of clarification was read advising that the invitation

to attend the meeting with the Board is extended to all municipalities within the Board's jurisdiction and will take place on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:30 p.m. at the Board's offices in Truro.

Mayor Robinson noted that he plans to attend the meeting. Councillor Lois Smith advised that she may be in Truro on that day and that she would also attend if her schedule permits.

**(d) Government of Canada New Horizons Seniors Program** - The Mayor advised that the Federal Government has come out with a New Horizons Seniors Program for community based projects designed to engage more seniors into community life. He noted that he had more information available for anyone that may be interested or they could visit the Government of Canada's web site for more details.

**(e) Invitation from Addiction and Mental Health Services** - The Mayor noted an invitation to the opening of Addiction and Mental Health Services' new space in Amherst on June 7<sup>th</sup> from 3 - 5 p.m. He advised that he would be attending this event if at all possible.

**(f) Letter from Headz Gamez** - Mayor Robinson noted an email from Penny Osborne who had come to Parrsboro last year as a representative from Headz Gamez. He advised that basically Ms. Osborne sent greetings to the town on behalf of the company and asked for our understanding of the situation as the company attempts to rebuild. She noted the company's embarrassment over all that happened and over which they had very little control as Kerry Martens was running things here. Ms. Osborne noted that they realize that there are people who were hurt, including people in Parrsboro, which they regret and apologize for.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith the meeting adjourned.