

COUNCIL

OCTOBER 23, 2007

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The Parrsboro Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 23rd, 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. PUBLIC HEARING RE: AMENDMENT TO TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW RE: SHIP-S COMPANY THEATRE

The Clerk advised that the Council are considering an amendment to the Tax Exemption Bylaw relating to the Ship-s Company whereby the taxable portion of the theatre facility will be reduced from 22% to 12%. He advised that the amendment to the bylaw requires two readings, the second of which is preceded by a public hearing or meeting to give the public the opportunity to express their views. This public input is taken into consideration by the Council when making their decision to either approve or turn down the amendment at the second reading.

Mayor Robinson called for presentations from the public regarding the amendment.

Hearing no presentations the Mayor accepted that the public have had the opportunity to view the bylaw and have accepted what the bylaw says.

Moved by Councillor Lois Smith, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith that the Public Hearing be adjourned. Motion carried.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. 2nd READING OF AMENDMENT TO TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW RE: SHIP-S COMPANY THEATRE

The Clerk read the proposed amendment to the Tax Exemption Bylaw regarding the Ship-s Company Theatre as follows:

BYLAW RESPECTING TAX EXEMPTION FOR FIRE COMPANIES, CHARITABLE

AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

1. This bylaw shall be known as the Tax Exemption Bylaw.
2. The property of the organizations or institutions named in Schedule A B@ to this bylaw that would otherwise be classified as commercial property shall be exempt or taxed in accordance with the particular schedule.
3. The partial or total exemption provided in Section 2 shall apply only to that portion of the property specified in the Schedule.
4. When a property, or part thereof, listed in a Schedule ceases to be occupied by the association or for the purposes set out in the Schedule then the partial or total exemption from taxation shall cease and the owner of the property shall immediately be liable for the real property tax on such property, or part thereof, for the portion of the year then unexpired.

5. This bylaw shall have effect commencing in the municipal taxation year 2008.

SCHEDULE A B@

Properties of non-profit community, charitable, fraternal, educational, recreational, religious, cultural or sporting organizations and which in the opinion of Council provide a service to the municipality that might otherwise be a responsibility of Council which are to be taxed under Section 71 of the MGA Act to the extent set out in the last two columns of this Schedule.

<u>PROPERTY</u>	<u>PARCEL #</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>EXTENT OF APPLICATION</u>	<u>EXTENT OF EXEMPTION</u>
The Ship=s Company Theatre	170002	The Ship=s Company Theatre Society	Cultural portion of property 88% Office portion of property 12%	100% of cultural

Moved by Councillor Lois Smith, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith that the Council approve the foregoing amendment to the Tax Exemption Bylaw.

**Voting in favour of the motion: Councillor Lois Smith, Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith and Mayor Doug Robinson.
Voting against the motion: Councillor Gleneida Canning and Councillor Lyle Yorke. Motion carried.**

Mayor Robinson noted that there had been numerous meetings between representatives from Town Council and the Theatre to come up with a mutually acceptable proposal to resolve the tax issue and he thanked Councillor Lois Smith for the many hours she devoted to these meetings.

4. RCMP REPORT

No report.

5. FIRE CHIEF=S REPORT

No Report.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Robinson asked if there were any errors or omissions noted in the minutes of the Council meeting held on September 25th, 2007.

Hearing none he declared the minutes approved as presented.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

OCTOBER 2007

(a) **Board of Trade RE: Fall Bash** - A verbal request was received from the Treasurer of the Parrsboro and District Board of Trade for a \$20.00 donation from the Town to help defray the cost of the 3rd Annual Fall Street Bash on Saturday, October 20th.

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

(b) CREDA RE: Glooscap Park - The Fundy Shore Tourism Destination Area Committee, a sub-committee of CREDA, is in the process of assisting in the development of the Fundy Shore Drive as a Tourism Destination Area and is creating a data base of all businesses along the Fundy Shore, including hours of operation. The Committee requested that they be informed of any changes to the hours of operation at Glooscap Park. The Committee also advised that they are developing a short survey for visitors as to what attracted them to the area and the Park Manager was encouraged to have guests complete the survey.

(c) Lease RE: Jurassic Park - Last year the Council was informed by the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Public Works that if the Town wanted to continue maintaining and making available for use the ball park known as Jurassic Park, located on lands owned by Nova Scotia Business Incorporated, it would be necessary to sign a lease agreement with the Province. The Council agreed at that time that they wanted the ball park to continue to be used and the Department was so informed. The lease documents have now been received and reviewed and the Committee recommends giving the Clerk and the Mayor the authority to sign them on the Town's behalf.

(d) Request from Spookarama Committee - Correspondence from the Spookarama Committee thanked the Town for its past financial support and requested a donation for this year's event.

In the discussion it was noted that a \$500 grant had been budgeted for the 2007 Spookarama program and it was agreed to request staff to issue a cheque as soon as possible.

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

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

OCTOBER 2007

(a) Superintendent's Report - John Henwood reported the following activity since the last meeting:

- mowing continued as required

- bush cutting in ditches

- several days were spent at Glooscap Park hauling brush and logs away after approximately 25 dead or diseased trees were cut down by a local worker. Rough and crushed gravel were hauled in to build up and level some of the camp sites.

- John and the Clerk met with our engineers and the contractor who will be doing the sewer upgrading work on Two Island Road to review the project and discuss a work schedule.

- worked at the reservoir cutting brush and hauling it away. The ends of an old unused road at the reservoir were shifted and the road blocked off to prevent it from being used.

- John will contact the Department of Transportation regarding Newcombe's bridge which is in need of repairs

Moved by Councillor Lyle Yorke, seconded by Councillor Gleneida Canning that the Public Works Committee Report be accepted. Motion carried.

(c) Protective Services - Report given by Councillor Gleneida Canning:

PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

OCTOBER 2007

(a) Provincial Funding - The Committee was informed that the Parrsboro Volunteer Fire Department is in need of a Zodiac rescue boat and that this type of equipment does qualify under the newly announced Provincial funding program for

fire departments and search and rescue organizations.

The Committee recommended that the Clerk meet with Fire Chief Aubrey Fenton to work on an application for 50 percent funding for this equipment.

Moved by Councillor Gleneida Canning, seconded by Councillor Lois Smith that the Protective Services Committee Report and recommendations contained therein be accepted. Motion carried.

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

PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE REPORT

OCTOBER 2007

(a) Building Inspector=s Report - Building Inspector Monty Maddison submitted the following report of activity for the month of September 2007:

	<u>No. of Permits</u>	<u>Value</u>
New Construction, Alterations, Additions (Residential)	2	\$343,000
Garages and Sheds	3	\$60,233
New Construction, Alterations, Additions (Commercial)	1	\$25,000
Development	1	-
Demolition	2	-
Total	9	\$428,233

Moved by Councillor Gleneida Canning, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith that the Planning, Development and Housing Committee Report be accepted. Motion carried.

8. PROCLAMATION RE: CPR AWARENESS MONTH

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NOVEMBER 2007

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: This year=s CPR Awareness Month theme, A Pass the Torch of Life@ , emphasizes the need for Nova Scotians to share CPR training skills with families and friends so they will have core CPR skills that can save a life; and

WHEREAS: CPR training teaches individuals to recognize the signals of a heart attach and the signs of a stroke and how to follow the links in the Chain of Survival: phoning 911, performing CPR, and using a defibrillator until emergency medical services arrive; and

WHEREAS: The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia celebrates CPR Awareness Month every November as a way to encourage Nova Scotians to learn CPR so they can increase a person=s chances of surviving a cardiac arrest by 30 percent or more; and

WHEREAS: The Heart and Stoke Foundation sets the guidelines for CPR in Canada and leads in eliminating heart

disease and stroke and reducing their impact through the advancement of research and its application, the promotion of healthy living and advocacy.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Douglas Robinson, Mayor of the Town of Parrsboro, do hereby proclaim November 2007 as CPR Month in Parrsboro.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith, seconded by Councillor Lois Smith that the foregoing resolution be approved by Council. Motion carried.

9. PROCLAMATION RE: CROHN=S AND COLITIS AWARENESS MONTH

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WHEREAS: More than 170,000 Canadian men, women and children suffer from Crohn= s disease and ulcerative colitis; and

WHEREAS: Crohn= s disease is a chronic, ongoing, painful disorder that causes inflammation of the digestive or gastrointestinal tract; and

WHEREAS: Crohn= s and a related disease, ulcerative colitis, are the two main disease categories that belong to a larger group of illnesses called inflammatory bowel disease (IBD); and

WHEREAS: There is no as yet identified cause or cure for these diseases; and

WHEREAS: The Crohn= s and Colitis Foundation of Canada is the only national organization solely committed to finding the cure for IBD.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Douglas Robinson, Mayor of the Town of Parrsboro, do hereby proclaim November 2007 as Crohn= s and Colitis Awareness Month in Parrsboro.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith, seconded by Councillor Gleneida Canning that the foregoing resolution be approved by Council. Motion carried.

10. FALL CLEAN UP

The Clerk noted for information purposes that the fall clean up during which the former Swan Creek Road landfill is open to the public to deposit their leaf and yard waste is scheduled for Friday, November 16th and Saturday, November 17th. He advised that appropriate advertising will appear in the papers in advance of the event.

11. MAYOR RE: NOVA SCOTIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Mayor Robinson advised that he had recently attended activities associated with the Outreach Program, an event organized by the Springhill campus of the Nova Scotia Community College to promote their educational facility. He noted that approximately 15 people from the Parrsboro area attend the community college which is a real advantage to our community because it allows young people who have graduated from high school to stay in the area to further their education and find employment here. The Mayor noted that he personally holds the community college in high regard for the work that they do and that he would like the Council to recognize their exemplary efforts.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised that there was no correspondence to present, however, he did note for information that the Town of Parrsboro would be getting involved in the Nova Scotia Municipal Internship Program. He advised that this program sponsored by the Province of Nova Scotia provides funding to hire recent university graduates who come to

the community and through their work experience with the municipality gain the knowledge that will assist them in securing employment in municipal or provincial government in the future. The Clerk advised that he had talked to other CAO=s whose municipalities have been involved in this program and all deemed the program beneficial to both parties. The Clerk indicated that the individual hired for the Town of Parrsboro is Dylan Heide, a recent graduate of Dalhousie University with a Master=s in Public Administration, a Bachelor=s degree in Political Science and Atlantic Canadian Studies from Saint Mary=s University and studies at Carleton University including Canadian Studies, Political Science and Law. The Clerk advised that Mr. Heide would be coming to Parrsboro to begin his internship in early November.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Councillor Lyle Yorke the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.