

COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 27, 2007

#07-11

The Parrsboro Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 27th, 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 called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. The Clerk noted that Councillor Lois Smith had sent her regrets due to illness.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith, seconded by Councillor Gleneida Canning that the Agenda be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

3. RCMP REPORT

RCMP not present. No report.

4. FIRE CHIEF= S REPORT

Aubrey Fenton presented the following monthly report for September 25, 2007 to November 27, 2007.

Emergency Calls:

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

- As of Oct. 25, Jim Atkinson was voted in as Chief.

- We are wondering the status of the new truck.

- What is the latest update on roof.

- We sent in to the Province for new zodiac, two floatation suits and a cutoff saw under the new provincial funding.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith, seconded by Councillor Gleneida Canning that the Town Council accept the recommendation of the Firemen that Jim Atkinson be appointed as Fire Chief for 2007/2008.

The Deputy Mayor took this opportunity to thank Mr. Fenton for stepping up and taking over as Fire Chief about a year and a half ago when the position needed to be filled. Councillor Canning added her appreciation as well. Mayor Robinson stated that the Council and the Town owe Mr. Fenton a debt of gratitude.

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

The Deputy Mayor also advised that the tender had been awarded for the fire hall roof with the priority to have the roof replaced before the winter weather sets in. He also noted that the status of the new truck would be coming up later in the meeting under Protective Services.

5. APPROVAL OF CHEQUE SHEET

Moved by Councillor Gleneida Canning, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith that the Cheque Sheet in the amount of \$248,356.39 be approved. Motion carried.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Robinson asked if there were any errors or omissions noted in the Council Minutes of October 23, 2007 (#07-10).

Hearing none he declared the minutes approved as circulated.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

NOVEMBER 2007

(a) **Presentation by Residents of Eastern Avenue** - Four residents of Eastern Avenue met with the Committee to express their concerns about dead or dying trees near the roadside which they believe are a threat to their properties and public safety.

The Committee agreed to investigate this matter further.

(b) **250 Years of Representative Government in Nova Scotia** - Correspondence has been received from Dr. John Hamm and Mr. Russell MacLellan, Co-Chairs of Democracy 250 regarding the celebration of 250 years of Representative Government in Nova Scotia taking place in 2008. The Mayor advised that he was bringing this information forward so that the Council can begin thinking about potential events in Parrsboro to help celebrate this milestone.

(c) **Invitation to New Year=s Levee and Living Christmas Tree** - The Mayor advised that the Council have been invited to attend the Annual Shore Drive Community New Year=s Day Levee at FPW Hall, Port Greville and the Living Christmas Tree on December 8th.

(d) **Nova Scotia Fallen Peace Officers Association** - Correspondence from the Rev. Dr. C.J. Chenard, Chairperson of the Nova Scotia Fallen Peace Officers Association thanked the Town for its contribution to the Nova Scotia Fallen Peace and Police Officer monument project. The monument to be located at the Grand Parade Square, Halifax, will be unveiled in October 2008.

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

Mayor Robinson advised that representatives of Town Council and Staff had met with the residents of Eastern Avenue on site the following day and that meeting had resulted in a satisfactory conclusion. He

noted that the Council will have to look around the town to prioritize tree removal.

Deputy Mayor Smith asked if the Mayor had referred correspondence regarding Democracy 250 to the Parrsborough Shore Historical Society.

The Mayor confirmed that he had and that anything that may take place would be planned for July 1st.

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

NOVEMBER 2007

(a) Superintendent=s Report - John Henwood reported the following activity for the month of November:

- a water service was renewed on Beaverdam Road and a hydrant repaired on Pier Road. Water service to the cottages at MacKenzie Park and Second Beach was shut off as well as at several seasonal residences. The crew also responded to requests to have water either turned off or on for people doing renovations to their homes.

- road work included graveling and grading dirt roads, applying cold mix to pot holes and asphalt patching.

- a dry well on King Street was upgraded and several others throughout the Town were repaired.

- damage to the Aboiteau boardwalk caused by vandals was repaired.

- leaf clean up was started and will continue for the next three weeks to a month.

- modifications were made at the air ambulance helicopter pad to accommodate new LED lights and a couple of marker cones were replaced.

- some renovations were made to the former dentist office upstairs in the Town Hall to accommodate the board room table.

- the Christmas snowflake and reindeer lights were refurbished and will be put up with the assistance of Nova Scotia Power. The dinosaur lights will be taken down at the same time. The Christmas tree has been put up at the Town Hall and the lights installed.

- a metal flower pole beside the old post office was damaged by a vehicle and needed to be removed.

(b) Sidewalks - There was a discussion regarding the sidewalks, particularly those on Main Street where there are a number of cracks and uneven surfaces. The Superintendent will review the sidewalks and make some required repairs. The public are reminded that the sidewalks are affected by the colder winter weather and that they should use caution when walking on the sidewalks.

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

Councillor Yorke noted that the Christmas lights had already been put up and the dinosaur lights removed and that he would like to thank Nova Scotia Power for their kind assistance. Also, on behalf of the Board of Trade he thanked Public Works for putting up the Christmas tree and lights.

Mayor Robinson noted that the Christmas tree lighting ceremony had taken place last Friday and that it had been well attended and enjoyed by those who were there.

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

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

PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

NOVEMBER 2007

(a) Police Advisory Committee - The Town of Parrsboro is in the process of setting up a police advisory board that will advise the local RCMP on police issues arising in the Town. The board will be made up of two elected Town Council representatives, two citizen representatives and a member appointed by the Minister of Justice.

The Committee is recommending the appointment of Mayor Doug Robinson and Councillor Gleneida Canning to this board as Town Council representatives.

(b) Purchase of Fire Truck - A joint committee of the Town and County has reviewed proposals from various companies for a new fire truck and are recommending that the Council proceed with the purchase of the equipment. The expected time of delivery is 6 - 9 months.

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

The Deputy Mayor noted that there have been further meetings between the Firemen and the local

committee regarding the fire truck and that there will have to be a final meeting sometime before the middle of December. He advised Mr. Fenton that either he or Councillor Canning would notify him of the date and time of this meeting.

Mayor Robinson advised that a letter had been received from a citizen applying to be on the Police Advisory Committee and that he has had verbal interest from another citizen, but no letter of application as yet. Therefore, citizen appointments will be pending until the December Committee-of-the-Whole meeting.

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

GLOOSCAP PARK COMMITTEE REPORT

NOVEMBER 2007

(a) **Electrical Problems** - Problems with the electrical system at Glooscap Park and Campground were detected during recent routine maintenance.

After a discussion the Committee recommended that the electrical system be inspected by a qualified electrical contractor to determine what upgrades are required to bring the system up to standards for this type of operation.

Moved by Councillor Lyle Yorke, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith that the Glooscap Park Committee report and recommendations contained therein be approved. Motion carried.

(e) **Economic Development** - Report given by Councillor Gleneida Canning:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

NOVEMBER 2007

(a) **Maintenance of Beautification Projects** - The Committee has implemented various beautification projects in the town and has plans to undertake more of these projects in the future. The ongoing maintenance of flowers, shrubs, etc., associated with these projects was discussed and the Committee agreed to look into hiring a summer worker to tend these areas.

Moved by Councillor Gleneida Canning, seconded by Councillor Lyle Yorke that the Economic Development Committee report and recommendations contained therein be accepted.

Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith asked if there would be further information coming back to Council regarding the hiring of the summer worker.

Mayor Robinson noted that acceptance of the report does not necessarily mean that a worker will be hired. He indicated that there are issues that will have to be considered such as the financial implications before a decision is made.

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

8. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) **Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal** - For information the Clerk noted correspondence from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal advising that the Ottawa House has been designated as a Provincial Heritage Property.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.