

COUNCIL

APRIL 22, 2008

#08-04

The Parrsboro Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 22nd, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers with Mayor Doug Robinson presiding.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Lois Smith
Councillor Lloyd Smith
Councillor Lyle Yorke
A.D. Brown, C.A.O.
Dylan Heide, Municipal Intern
Kevin Yorke, Secretary

REGRETS: Councillor Gleneida Canning

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. The C.A.O. noted that Councillor Canning was absent due to illness.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. PRESENTATION BY AUTUMN HOUSE

Barbara Jack, Chair of Autumn House and Agnes Douglas, Executive Director appeared before Council to request financial assistance from the Town for the upcoming fiscal year. Following introductions and the circulation of pamphlets and Annual Report for fiscal year April 1, 2006 - March 31, 2007, Ms. Douglas proceeded to review information pertaining to their budget and sources of funding as well as the many services that Autumn House provides to

female victims of domestic violence, their spouses and children. She advised that the amount requested from the Town for fiscal 2008/09 is \$500.00. Ms. Jack added that Autumn House normally runs a deficit which is being brought down every year and may be down significantly this year due to the organization once again being a member agency of the United Way.

However, she stressed that with the small operating budget allowed by the Province which has not increased for many years and the increased costs associated with the day to day operation of the shelter it is getting difficult for Autumn House to maintain the level of service to the community.

Following a question and answer period Mayor Robinson thanked Ms. Jack and Ms. Douglas for their presentation noting that there is no question of the value of what Autumn House does. He advised that the Council have not yet done their budget and that the request from Autumn House would be brought up for consideration at that time.

4. **RCMP REPORT**

No report.

5. **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

No report.

6. **APPROVAL OF CHEQUE SHEET**

Moved by Councillor Lloyd Smith, seconded by Councillor Lyle Yorke that the Cheque Sheet in the amount of \$86,698.76 be approved as presented. **Motion carried.**

7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Robinson asked if there were any errors or omissions noted in the Council minutes of March 25th, 2008 (#08-03). Hearing none he declared the minutes approved as circulated.

8. 1ST READING OF SEWER CHARGES BYLAW

Deputy Mayor Lois Smith moved and Councillor Lloyd Smith seconded the 1st Reading of the Sewer Charges Bylaw. Motion carried.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

APRIL 2008

(a) Voters List - The Committee was advised of an email from Roxanne Hanniman, Voter's List Coordinator for the Province of Nova Scotia asking if the Town would be using the Province's permanent List of Electors for the use in the upcoming October municipal election. The Clerk noted that there are other options available, however, his recommendation was to use the Provincial list of electors.

After a discussion the Committee agreed with the Clerk's recommendation to use the Provincial voters list.

(b) Cobequid Housing Authority - Correspondence from Carolyn Brown, Property Manager for the Cobequid Housing Authority noted that she had been receiving complaints from residents of Mountain View Manor regarding a rodent problem and that following investigations by staff and a pest control company they believe the cause is originating from an old barn in the area. She requested the assistance of the Town to have the problem resolved.

After a discussion the Committee recommended that the matter be investigated and action taken as deemed necessary.

(c) Workers' Compensation - The Committee was advised that an audit had been performed by

a representative from Workers' Compensation and that a number of people were identified who do work for the Town from whom we do not have clearance letters stating that they are covered by Workers' Comp. The auditor advised that the Town is in a libelous position by not confirming that these workers are covered and that in future they will have to prove that they have Workers' Compensation or are somehow covered through the Town.

(d) Request for Financial Assistance - Letters were received from the Canada Day Fireworks Fundraising Committee and Parrsboro Community Radio requesting financial assistance from the Town.

After a discussion it was recommended that these requests be referred to the 2008/09 budget.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Lois Smith, seconded by Councillor Lyle Yorke 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

APRIL 2008

(a) Superintendent's Report - John Henwood reported the following activity in the Public Works Department:

- the crew is continuing to work at cutting and splitting wood used for fuel at the Works Shed and the Town Hall.

- work is continuing at the end of Pier Road to transfer water services from an old service line to a newer water main.

- pot holes in the paved roads are being filled with cold mix and gravel roads repaired as required.

(b) Spring Clean Up - The Committee is recommending a spring clean up again this year after the long weekend in May. Advertisements will appear in the local papers ahead of the event with the pick up schedule and a list of items that will be accepted. This information will also be available from the Town Office. The former Swan Creek Road landfill will also be open to the public for a couple of days to receive yard waste.

(c) Sewer Project Update - The Committee was advised that the sewer upgrade project on Pier Road/Two Island Road is progressing well and is ahead of schedule. It is anticipated that the project will be completed well before the start of the tourist season.

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

Motion carried.

(c) Recreation - Report given by Councillor Lloyd Smith:

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

APRIL 2008

(a) Coordinator Position - The Clerk advised that with Council's approval he had applied for funding through the Provincial Department of Health Promotion and Protection's Municipal Physical Activity Leadership Program. Correspondence from the Deputy Minister, Duff Montgomerie, dated March 31st, 2008, advised that our application was approved through the Regional Development Grant Program and the Department will contribute 50 percent to a maximum of \$15,000 to assist with the costs incurred in the establishment of a physical activity

program including the hiring of a full-time Physical Activity Coordinator. The Committee is very grateful for this funding and would like to thank Regional Representative, Jim Campbell, for his assistance in the application process.

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

10. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Lois Smith the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.