

## COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 23, 2008

#08-08

The Parrsboro Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 23, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers with Mayor Doug Robinson presiding.

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

1. **WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

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. **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

No report.

4. **APPROVAL OF CHEQUE SHEET**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Lois Smith, seconded by Councillor Lloyd Smith that the Cheque Sheet in the amount of \$820,906.45 be approved as presented. **Motion carried.**

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Robinson asked if there were any errors or omissions noted in the Council minutes

of June 24, 2008 (#08-06) and Special Council minutes of August 21, 2008 (#08-07).

Hearing none he declared the minutes approved as circulated.

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

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(a) **Springhill Request for Support** - Correspondence from Mayor Guy Brown invited Parrsboro to attend events commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Springhill Mining Disaster of October 23, 1958.

After a discussion it was agreed that a letter be written to Mayor Brown advising that every effort will be made to ensure that Parrsboro is represented at the planned anniversary events.

(b) **Parrsboro Girl Guides** - Correspondence from Lori Kyle, Treasurer of the Parrsboro District, requested permission to hold a fundraising event at Glooscap Park on the weekend of October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

After reviewing the details of the event and considering that the park will be closed at that time the Committee agreed to recommend that the request be approved.

(c) **Salvation Army** - A letter from Captain Jamie Hillier requested a donation from the Town for a community fun day which will raise funds for the Salvation Army.

After a discussion the Committee recommended donating a Heritage Homes and History Book and two nights camping at Glooscap Park.

(d) **Corrections Canada** - Correspondence was received from Corrections Canada regarding the

proclamation of Restorative Justice Week, November 16<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>.

After a discussion it was recommended that this correspondence be referred to the Parrsboro Police Advisory Committee.

(e) **Energy Audit** - Dylan advised that the final Energy Audit report for Town owned buildings had been completed and that the report contains options, costs, funding and payback per year on savings if the options are implemented. The report was circulated to the Committee for them to review for discussion at a later date.

(f) **Ductile and Iron Century Club** - Dylan advised the Committee that the Ductile and Iron Club would like to recognize the Town of Parrsboro for having iron pipes in the ground since the first municipal water system was installed around the turn of the century. A plaque will be presented to the Town at a mutually agreed time next month.

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

Mayor Robinson noted that the letter regarding Restorative Justice Week has been passed to the Chair of the Police Advisory Committee and there will be a proclamation on that event later in the meeting.

The Clerk added an item to the report that was omitted in error to do with the advance polls for the upcoming municipal election. He noted that there is one mandatory poll that will be held on Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, however, there is an optional poll that must be approved by Council and the recommended date is Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. He added that the advance polls will be held at the Recreation Centre at the Fire Hall between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 p.m.

The mover and seconder of the motion to accept the report agreed to the addition of this item. **Motion carried.**

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

### **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT**

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**(a) Superintendent's Report** - John Henwood reported the following activity in the works department:

- mowing and general grounds keeping of ball fields, lawns and ditches
- gravel roads were graded and dust control applied
- pot holes on paved streets filled with cold patch
- "No Parking" signs installed at the cenotaph
- parking stalls and crosswalks were painted
- a broken tree grate repaired
- a lead water service on Stanley Street was replaced and a new service installed on Eastern Avenue for a mobile home
- the works crew assisted Mary McPhee with some landscaping work around the Town Hall, at Gavin Park and on Berry's Hill
- at Glooscap Park there was some gravel put on the roads, sand brought in for the playground and culvert repair
- street signs and hydrants were repaired and painted as required
- there was little damage from the heavy rains, however, a couple of culverts on the Whitehall/West Bay Road did overflow causing some gravel on the shoulder of the road to wash

out, repairs are ongoing

- gates at the Aboiteau were opened as required during the heavy rains
- the pumps at the well site and the reservoir were closely monitored during the rains
- a hydrant flushing program was undertaken during the week of September 15<sup>th</sup>

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

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

#### **PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT**

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(a) **Parking at Cenotaph** - The Committee discussed a concern regarding parking in front of the cenotaph which restricts visibility at the intersection of Main Street and Two Island Road. It was noted during the discussion that there had previously been three parking spaces and that the space nearest the intersection had been eliminated for the same reason. There is still a problem, however, with the two remaining spaces especially when larger vehicles such as trucks and vans are parked there.

After a discussion the Committee agreed that to improve safety at this intersection it would be within reason to remove both of the remaining parking spaces with appropriate signage being installed.

(b) **Fire Truck** - The Parrsboro Volunteer Fire Department's new fire truck was delivered on Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup> by Metalfab of Centreville, New Brunswick and the firemen were trained by representatives from the company on how to use the new vehicle. The firemen have indicated that they are very satisfied with the new pumper truck and that it is a very much appreciated

addition to the department.

(c) **Valley Communications** - Valley Communications Incorporated submitted the new contract for pager services for the Parrisboro Volunteer Fire Department noting that there is a slight increase in our rate from \$200.00 per month to \$234.67 per month based on a per capita rate of \$2.01 which falls in line with other municipal units.

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

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

(d) **Recreation** - Report given by Councillor Lloyd Smith:

#### **RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

#### **JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2008**

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(a) **Director's Report** - Marc Chagnon reported the final numbers for the summer programs: Day Camp - 156, Kiddie Camp - 53 and Sport Camp - 69. He noted receiving a lot of positive feedback from parents, children and staff at the year end awards ceremony and football game which were well attended and enjoyed by all. Marc expressed his gratitude to Wright's Pharmasave, Parrisboro Home Hardware and House of Yorke for donating trophies for the summer programs and to the High School for the use of the gym during rainy days. Projects ongoing include Walkabout celebration on October 17<sup>th</sup>, skatepark project with the YTC, Physical Activity Strategy, after school programs for youth/adults, Parrisboro New Initiatives Grant and Seniors' Activities.

**Moved by Councillor Lloyd Smith, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lois Smith that the**

**Recreation Committee report be accepted.**

Deputy Mayor Lois Smith added to the item regarding Marc working with the Youth Town Council on the skateboard park project. She advised that the present skateboard park is going to be disbanded, the reason being that there was a great deal of vandalism this past summer about which the Town Council, YTC and youth that use the park were very disturbed. It has come to be realized that there is no point to repairing the wooden structures and ramps because they have been damaged so badly, therefore, a major project is going to be started to have a new cement bowl set up which is fairly expensive. The Deputy Mayor advised that the YTC hope to start a fund raising effort and she expressed the belief that with the help of other organizations it will be a reality. She added that Marc is looking at designs with the YTC, the youth are very enthused and that they are also working with the high school and appropriate Provincial Government agencies.

The mover and seconder of the motion agreed to the addition of this item to the report.

**Motion carried.**

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

**PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE REPORT****JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2008**


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**(a) Building Inspector's Report** - The following activity was reported in the Building Inspector's Office during the months of June, July and August 2008:

	<b><u>No. of Permits</u></b>	<b><u>Value</u></b>
New Construction, Alterations, Additions (Residential)	3	\$61,500

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Garages and Sheds  
(Residential)

1

\$15,000

Demolition

1

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**Total**

**5**

**\$76,500**

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

Mayor Robinson noted for information that the Town has a new Building Inspector named Tim Peters who services Parrsboro under contract with the Town of Amherst. The Mayor advised that normally Tim is in Parrsboro on Wednesdays and that from reports he has had he is very competent and extremely helpful.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

**(a) Restorative Justice Week** - The Clerk read the following proclamation regarding Restorative Justice Week:

**Restorative Justice Week 2008**

**Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, in the face of crime or conflict, restorative justice offers a philosophy and approach that views these matters principally as harm done to people and relationships; and

**WHEREAS**, restorative justice approaches strive to provide support and opportunities for the voluntary participation and communication between those affected by crime and conflict (victims, offenders, community) to encourage accountability, reparation and a movement towards understanding, feelings of satisfaction, healing and closure; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's theme for Restorative Justice Week is "**Fostering a Restorative Worldview**", it is an opportunity to learn, educate and celebrate along with other communities across the country about restorative justice during the week.

**THEREFORE**, I, Doug Robinson, Mayor of the Town of Parrsboro, do hereby proclaim **November 16 - November 23, 2008 as Restorative Justice Week in the Town of Parrsboro.**

(b) United Way - The Clerk advised that correspondence from the United Way advised that today they held their flag raising ceremony in celebration of their 50 years of supporting local organizations that provide much needed programs to the residents of Cumberland County.

Mayor Robinson advised that he had attended the flag raising ceremony and that he had brought back with him information on the United Way's drive and donation cards. He noted that at the ceremony the United Way had mentioned several agencies that are supported by the organization and although he realizes that the UW is not central in Parrsboro there are a lot of their services of which the residents of Parrsboro take advantage. The Mayor added that he would certainly recommend to anyone who wishes to give to any charity that the United Way should be considered.

(c) Randy Mosher - The Clerk noted a letter from Randy and Patricia Mosher who own a house on 35 Church Street requesting permission to borrow some old underwriter maps from the Town to copy for a project they are undertaking. Mr. Mosher advised that he is doing some research into the old Springhill to Parrsboro railway and the town in general and he has dealt with Conrad Byers and Kerwin Davison who have offered to help him. The project involves the construction of a miniature garden railway in his yard depicting the coal wharf and other parts of the town and surrounding area. The Clerk advised that Mr. Mosher would need the maps for about a month and that he would have no objection to him borrowing them if Council are agreeable.

After a discussion the Council agreed to grant Mr. Mosher permission to borrow the maps for the purposed intended.

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Lois Smith the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.