

**COUNCIL**  
**APRIL 28, 2009**  
**#09-04**

The Parrsboro Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers with Mayor Doug Robinson presiding.

**PRESENT:** Deputy Mayor David Harrison  
Councillor David Howe  
Councillor Dawn Reid  
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.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved by Councillor Dawn Reid, seconded by Deputy Mayor David Harrison that the Agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried.**

**3. PUBLIC MEETING RE: SEWER CONNECTION BYLAW AND SEWER DISCHARGE BYLAW**

Mayor Robinson opened the public meeting and invited public presentations, either written or oral, regarding the proposed Sewer Connection Bylaw and Sewer Discharge Bylaw.

There were no presentations forthcoming.

Mayor Robinson at the point closed the public meeting.

**4. SECOND READING OF SEWER CONNECTION BYLAW AND SEWER DISCHARGE BYLAW**

Deputy Mayor David Harrison presented the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Town of Parrsboro Sewer Connection Bylaw and the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Sewer Discharge Bylaw (copies attached).

**Deputy Mayor Harrison moved the acceptance of the Town of Parrsboro Sewer Connection Bylaw and the Town of Parrsboro Sewer Discharge**

**Bylaw. The motion was seconded by Councillor Dawn Reid. Motion carried.**

**5. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

No report.

**6. APPROVAL OF CHEQUE SHEET**

**Moved by Councillor David Howe, seconded by Deputy Mayor David Harrison that the General Cheque Sheet in the amount of \$101,478.49 be approved. Motion carried.**

**7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Robinson asked if there were any errors or omissions noted in the Council minutes dated March 24, 2009 (#09-03). Hearing none he declared the minutes approved as presented.

**8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**(8.1) Finance Committee Report April 2009 – Report given by Deputy Mayor Harrison:**

- a) Ship's Company Theatre – David Beattie, Chair and Michael Levy, Treasurer of the Board of the Ship's Company Theatre reviewed the program for the upcoming season and special events planned to celebrate the Ship's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Town was asked to consider some special events funding for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and a proposal was presented to the Committee as to how this funding might be used.

The Committee recognized the importance of promoting the Ship's Company Theatre's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and agreed to look further into the request for special events funding.

- b) Letter from Lions Club – Correspondence from Frank Hartman advised that the "Walk for Dog Guides", an annual Lions Foundation of Canada fund raising event, is scheduled for Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Plans for the event were outlined and there was a request to have the power on at the bandstand.

The Committee has no objection to this event and requests staff to ensure that power is available at the bandstand on the date requested.

- c) Letter from Band Association – A letter from Brenda Wheaton and Patricia Burke, Co-chairs of the annual Bernie Burke Memorial Golf

Tournament requested the donation of a gift certificate or prize to be given out during the event. It was noted that the tournament will take place on Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009 at the Parrsboro Golf Club and that beneficiaries of funds raised will be the Palliative Care Unit of the South Cumberland Community Care Centre and the "Save the Hall" campaign.

After a discussion the Committee recommended donating a gift certificate for two nights camping at Glooscap Park for the 2009 season.

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Harrison, seconded by Councillor Dawn Reid that the Finance Committee report and recommendations contained therein be accepted. Motion carried.**

**(8.2) Public Works Committee Report April 2009 – Report given by Deputy Mayor Harrison:**

- a) Superintendent's Report – John Henwood reviewed his report for the past Month noting the following activity:
- road work included routine maintenance of gravel roads and paved streets
  - gates at the Aboiteau bridge have been regulated during the spring thaw and there has been no damage from flooding
  - the covers have been removed from the dugouts at the Don Yorke Memorial Ballfield
  - road salt has been hauled in and stored for the 2009/10 winter season
  - the sidewalk machine has swept sidewalks, intersections and the school grounds
  - work is progressing on the water project at the well field with the works crew clearing an area for the new utility poles
  - spring maintenance of vehicles and equipment is ongoing
  - work has begun on the dinosaur lights to get them ready for installation in May
- b) Requests for Street Lights – Letters have been received from three residents of the town requesting the installation of street lights.

The requests have been referred to staff for their review and recommendation.

- c) Spring Clean-up – The Public Works Committee is recommending another spring clean-up this year on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> and that the former Swan Creek Landfill be open to receive yard waste on May 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. The clean up will be advertised in advance with specific details about pick up routs and what items will or will not be accepted. Cumberland Joint

Services will also be promoting the event in their spring Solid Waste newsletter for the Town of Parrsboro.

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Harrison, seconded by Councillor Dawn Reid that the Public Works Committee report and recommendations contained therein be accepted. Motion carried.**

**(8.3) Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority Report April 2009 – Report given by Councillor Dawn Reid:**

- a) 2009/10 Budget – The Committee reviewed the Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority's 2009/2010 budget dated April 6, 2009 for Solid Waste Services.

After a discussion the Committee recommended that the budget as submitted by CJSMA be approved by Town Council.

**Moved by Councillor Dawn Reid, seconded by Deputy Mayor David Harrison that the Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority Report and recommendations contained therein be accepted. Motion carried.**

**(8.4) Sustainable Tourism Committee Report April 2009 – Report given by Councillor David Howe:**

- a) Clean-Up Day, May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Councillor Reid presented the following update on plans for Clean-up Day which will take place on May 23<sup>rd</sup>:

- letters have gone out to groups and organizations seeking their participation and to stores notifying them of the event and encouraging the promotion of "Green" items.
- there will be a household hazardous waste drop off at the Town Shed from 9 am – 11 am
- CREDA will be funding the purchase of T-shirts for participants through Sustainable Tourism. The T-shirts will have an original logo just for Parrsboro on them
- we are currently looking for a sponsor to donate some work gloves
- a permit to hold the BBQ is still pending as the Food Inspector is currently away from the office. The Town will budget for supplies for the BBQ
- CJSMA will set up an information booth on "Green" related issues and will also be holding some "Green" related games for kids including a recyclable relay and Jeopardy
- there will be face painting by Lori Whitnack for which there will be a small fee charged to cover supplies

- the Recreation Department will be setting up an information booth about upcoming events for children and adults. Other activities are still pending for recreation
- Greg Matthews is donating his time and a truck to haul away debris that is collected
- a waiver for participants is being looked into
- volunteers who will be assisting with the Clean-up are Travis Anderson, Ron Forbes, Dawn Reid, Marc Chagnon and Martina Yorke

**Moved by Councillor David Howe, seconded by Councillor Dawn Reid that the Sustainable Tourism Committee report be accepted. Motion carried.**

**(8.5) Library Board Report April 2009 – Report given by Councillor Dawn Reid:**

a) Following is a summary of the Cumberland Regional Library’s report for April 2009:

- just under 300 children attended March Break Programs held at library branches throughout the County
- 121,268 Canadians participated in the Family Literacy Day World Record Attempt for the “Most Children Reading with an Adult, Multiple Locations”. All branches took part in this event and it looks like we’ve beaten the record previously held by the U.S. We’re just waiting for official word from Guinness World Records
- in January and February over 19,000 items were checked out of libraries in the County
- the public access computers were in use for over 3,800 hours and our WiFi connections were used for 600 hours
- upcoming events include a reading in the Amherst Branch by Douglas Arthur Brown, author of “Quintet”, on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

b) Signage – Chief Librarian Beth Clinton has written a letter requesting that the Town purchase three uniform, universally recognized street signs (2 located on Main Street and one at the bottom of Queen Street) to raise the profile of the Parrsboro Branch of the Cumberland Regional Library for local residents and tourists.

After a discussion the Committee recommended seeking the input of the Sustainable Tourism Committee which is in the process of reviewing signage throughout the town.

**Moved by Councillor Dawn Reid, seconded by Deputy Mayor David Harrison that the Library Board report be accepted. Motion carried.**

**9. PRESENTATION: RANDY CORCORAN RE: FISH PASSAGE**

Randy Corcoran, Secretary/Executive Officer, of the Parrsboro and Area Fishing Association, accompanied by Association President, Carl Carmeron, advised the Council that between March 15<sup>th</sup> and April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 the fish passage at the Aboiteau was damaged beyond repair as a result of the number one gate being open for two to three weeks during this period. He noted that the gate where the fish passage is housed is not normally opened, however, his understanding from Public Works is that it was necessary to open it this year due to high water levels and problems with another gate that had malfunctioned. During his presentation Mr. Corcoran noted that the Association has maintained and operated the fishway in cooperation with the Town and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans since 1996 and that a successful salmon re-introduction to the Parrsboro watershed has taken place over the past 12 years. As well, many tens of thousands of brook and sea trout have been stocked to the system. Mr. Corcoran advised that the purpose of his coming to Council was to find a solution to getting the system back in place, only if on a temporary basis, by September when the salmon are running. Specifically he asked that the Town cover the cost of materials with the Association getting the engineering and survey done and the fishway installed as its contribution. He noted that the Association would like to go with steel instead of wood this time because it is more durable and will last longer and there is also the option of using stainless steel which would be twice as expensive as steel but would also last twice as long. Mr. Corcoran also noted that he would like to have some kind of agreement so that hopefully that particular gate would not have to be opened again and if it did have to be opened it would be at a time of low water when there wouldn't be any damage.

Mayor Robinson noted that there is a budgetary process that the Council has to go through to spend money and he asked Mr. Corcoran for a fairly close ball park figure of the expenses for what he is talking about. He also indicated that Public Works would have to be consulted about what agreement the Town could legitimately get into, then there could be a meeting called to discuss the matter further. The Mayor added that the Town and anyone involved in the Aboiteau and the fishery and game end of things appreciate what the Fishing Association has done.

**10. PROCLAMATION RE: NORTH AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK**

Mayor Robinson read the following proclamation:

## MAKE IT HOME SAFE EVERYDAY!

May 3 to 9, 2009 has been designated as this year's North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week.

Now in its thirteenth year, governments, employers and workers across Canada, the United States, Mexico and the Province of Nova Scotia will take time out from their normal activities to promote the importance of preventing illness and injury in the workplace.

The Goal of NAOSH Week is to focus the attention of all stakeholders on this important topic and encourage them to equip themselves with tools, information and knowledge, educate each other with positive attitudes and behaviours that will convey commitment at work, at home and in the community.

NAOSH Week is managed through an effective partnership with the Canadian Society of Safety Engineering (CSSE), the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS), Human Resources and Social Development Canada (HRSCD) and the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE). Together many safety partners now throughout North America work hard to promote the goals of NAOSH Week.

The NAOSH Week Logo – Three hands forming an equilateral triangle – symbolizes a joint venture, cooperation and commitment to the common goals shared by all partners in Occupational Health and Safety.

We are pleased to proclaim May 3 to 9, 2009 to be North American Occupational Safety and Health Week in the Town of Parrsboro, Nova Scotia.

### **11. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION**

The C.A.O. read aloud correspondence dated April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (copy attached) which had been received from Bruce Klinger with a request that it be distributed to the C.A.O., Mayor and Council. The C.A.O. noted that a copy had already been forwarded to David Howe. The C.A.O. read another piece of correspondence from Mr. Klinger which had been received the morning of April 28<sup>th</sup> (copy attached) addressed to the Mayor and Council and copied to the C.A.O.

The C.A.O. commented that normally this type of thing is not brought to Council but he felt that it was appropriate to do so this evening, partly because in both pieces of correspondence Mr. Klinger is threatening him personally, and he is also threatening the former Council and the current Council. The C.A.O. also took exception to Mr. Klinger's criticism of staff salaries and wondered whether his motive for threatening to go the media is to embarrass

the Mayor, Council and staff for his own amusement. The C.A.O. advised that while he may not always have responded within the prescribed time period legislated by the Province for inquiries through FOIPOP due to other commitments and lack of staff resources, he is confident that he has followed the proper procedures and given Mr. Klinger the information that he had requested and that the FOIPOP Office agrees. The C.A.O. advised that Mr. Klinger remains dissatisfied and persists with his campaign submitting yet another application through FOIPOP which is currently on file in his office. The C.A.O. expressed the opinion that the only way the matter will ever be resolved is if Mr. Klinger takes the issue to court and he noted advising FOIPOP to make this recommendation to him. The C.A.O. indicated that the Council should be aware that although this long standing issue began when the former Council was in office and Mr. Klinger and the Ship's Company Board disagreed with the taxation of the new theatre, it will be inherited by the current Council and the new C.A.O. who will have to deal with Mr. Klinger and the financial implications of a court case should one proceed.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Councillor Dawn Reid the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.