

COUNCIL

APRIL 27, 2010

#10-04

The Parrsboro Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers with Mayor Lois Smith presiding.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor David Howe
Councillor David Harrison
Councillor Dawn Reid
Councillor Lisa Ward
J. Raymond Hickey, C.A.O.
Kevin Yorke, Secretary

1. **WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Reid, seconded by Deputy Mayor Howe that the Agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried.

3. **PRESENTATION OF VOLUNTEER CERTIFICATES**

Several community volunteers were recognized for their exemplary service to the Town of Parrsboro.

Karine McGregor – Mayor Smith introduced Karine McGregor as Representative Volunteer of the Year for the Town of Parrsboro and indicated that Karine was also the recipient of the Provincial Representative Volunteer Award. Mayor Smith noted that she had the pleasure of having lunch with Karine and her daughter in Halifax at the volunteer awards banquet and was thrilled to have her representing the Town of Parrsboro. She then read the following:

The Town of Parrsboro proudly presents Karine McGregor as its Representative Volunteer for 2010. Karine's commitments include the Parrsboro Relay for Life, the Canadian Cancer Society, the Ship's Company Theatre, the Parrsborough Shore Historical Society and St. Brigid's Catholic Church, as well as Parrsboro Communities in Bloom. At her church Karine takes part in the service by being a minister of the Eucharist and a reader. Karine is a member of the St. Brigid's Catholic Women's League working at all the casserole suppers and teas. Karine not only helps at her own church but has been know to help out other churches in

the community. If there is something going on in our town you can be sure Karine is likely involved, lending a helping hand. Thank you Karine.

Councillor Reid presented Karine with a Volunteer Certificate and extended congratulations on behalf of Council and the Town.

Kenny Gillis – Councillor Ward presented Kenny Gillis with a Volunteer Certificate in recognition of outstanding volunteer service benefitting our community and thanked him on behalf of Council and the Town. Kenny was nominated for his volunteer work with Parrsboro Community Radio.

Ron Scott – Mayor Smith presented Ron Scott with a Youth Volunteer Certificate noting that it was particularly special for her to do so as she had initiated the Youth Town Council in 1997. She noted that Ron is the Vice-chair of the Youth Town Council this year and has been a really dedicated worker they couldn't have done without.

The Hebb Family (Kyle, Lynn and Dylan) – Mayor Smith noted that Kyle and Lynn were on a very much deserved vacation and asked Councillor Harrison to accept the volunteer certificate on their behalf. Kyle and Lynn were recognized for their outstanding contribution to the figure skating program and Dylan for his volunteering with the Student Council, South Cumberland Community Care Centre and minor hockey.

Ron and Doreen Smith – On behalf of the Council and citizens of Parrsboro Deputy Mayor Howe presented Ron and Doreen Smith with a certificate for their outstanding volunteer service in our community. Ron and Doreen were nominated by the organizers of the Don Yorke Memorial Ball Tournament.

Following the presentations Mayor Smith again expressed the gratitude of the Council and citizens of Parrsboro to all volunteers and volunteer organizations noting that without them there would not be a lot of activity going on. She invited the volunteers present to remain for a photo and brief reception.

4. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

No report.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Smith asked if there were any errors or omissions noted in the Council minutes of March 23rd, 2010 (#10-03). Hearing none she declared the minutes approved as circulated.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Finance – Report given by Deputy Mayor David Howe:

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

APRIL 2010

(a) Tax Sales – The C.A.O. reviewed the properties that will be advertised for tax sale in the Chronicle Herald and local papers and informed the Committee that the tax sale is scheduled to take place on May 28th at the Town Hall.

**The C.A.O. noted that the three O’Mullin properties are going to be removed from the tax sale on May 28th as it appears they may have an owner.*

(b) Nursing Home – The Committee was informed that the developer interested in building a nursing home in Parrsboro is still waiting for a response from the Province regarding the status of their application. After a discussion the Committee agreed that this is a very important matter to the Town and that our MLA and the Minister of Health should be contacted and advised that we are still very interested in the nursing home being built here and we do not want to lose it.

(c) Road to Partridge Island - Councillor Reid noted concerns from the Tourism Committee about the deteriorated condition of the road to Partridge Island and that it should either be repaired or warning signs posted. The C.A.O. noted that he has contacted the Department of Natural Resources who owns the road and is responsible for it and he is still waiting for a reply.

(d) Cumberland Energy Office/Joint Council Meeting – The Committee was advised that all members of Council are invited to attend a joint council meeting in Springhill on April 26th regarding the CREDA Energy Office which is dedicated to developing strategies for wind, tidal, geothermal and solar energy in Cumberland County. The Town of Parrsboro is invited to join this group for which there is an annual fee. In the discussion the Committee felt that the Town could potentially benefit from participating in this joint venture and agreed to attend to get more information before committing to it.

(e) UNSM RE: Sustainable Transportation Funding – The Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities advised that the Green Mobility Capital Grants Program is accepting applications for the creation of community-based sustainable transportation infrastructure. Applicants can apply for up to \$25,000 towards the capital costs of a project to be completed by March 1, 2011. Matching funding of at least 50% of the total cost of the project is required. Project funding can be used to support initiatives such as:

- Purchase of an accessible van, feeder bus or carshare program vehicle
- Construction of a commuter trail connecting a neighborhood to a transit terminal
- Infrastructure to support the operation of small-scale passenger ferry
- Purchase of bike racks for transit vehicles

- Installation of bike racks
- Creation of a pedestrian zone, bike lane or car-free area
- Share-the-road signage

After a discussion the Committee agreed that the Town could benefit from the installation of bike racks and signage and recommended that the C.A.O. look into submitting an application.

(f) Clean Up Day – Councillor Reid requested a budget of \$250.00 for the BBQ at the Band Shell following the Beach Clean-Up on May 29th which would be used if donations of food and supplies are not sufficient. She advised that the Adopt-a-Space Program and Painted Door campaign will be launched during this event. Also, that there will be a Community Clean-up on May 8th followed by a community picnic.

After a discussion the Committee recommended approval of the request for a budget for the BBQ.

**Councillor Reid noted the understanding that a total of \$500 was approved, \$250 for the BBQ and \$250 for the Birthday Bash in July. After a discussion it was agreed to include the \$250 for the Birthday Bash in the report.*

(g) Town Clean-Up – The Committee recommends a Town Clean-Up again this year following the long weekend in May. The clean-up schedule and list of accepted items will be advertised in advance.

(h) Chairs – The Committee agreed that they should look into replacing the chairs around the boardroom table in the Council Chambers and recommends that the C.A.O. do some comparison pricing and report back with figures for the budget.

(i) Letter from Alvin Crossman – Correspondence from Alvin Crossman asked the Town Council to explain its decision to relinquish ownership and responsibility for what is known as the Old Road, historically the main link between Partridge Island and Mill Village before the town's present location. The C.A.O. advised that the issue is not that the Town is relinquishing control, the Town does not feel that it ever had control as the ownership of the road is unknown.

After a discussion the Committee recommended that the C.A.O. respond to Mr. Crossman explaining the Town's position.

(j) Sexual Health Centre for Cumberland County – Correspondence requested financial assistance for the "Go Girl" Self Esteem workouts during the summer of 2010. After a discussion the Committee recommended a financial contribution of \$50.00.

(k) Girl Guides RE: Glooscap Park – A letter from the Girl Guides requested the use of Glooscap Park again this year as the venue for their Spooktacular hayride on October 18th to 26th.

After a discussion the Committee recommended approval of this request.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Howe, seconded by Councillor Ward that the Finance Committee Report and recommendations contained therein including that \$250 be budgeted for the Birthday Bash be accepted. Motion carried.

(b) **Tourism** – Report given by Councillor Reid.

TOURISM COMMITTEE REPORT APRIL 2010

(a) **CIB RE: Town Flower** – The Communities in Bloom Committee is suggesting that a Town Flower be chosen that represents something significant to Parrsboro. After a discussion it was recommended that the CIB look at this and bring back a recommendation to Council.

**Councillor Reid added that the suggested flower this year is the purple petunia and people are encouraged to plant purple petunias around town.*

(b) **CIB RE: Adopt-a-Space Program** – Communities in Bloom has developed an Adopt-a-Space program that it hopes will instill enthusiasm among businesses and individuals resulting in unique beautification efforts across the town. Any business, organization or person who wishes to adopt a space will be asked to maintain the area for the spring, summer and fall seasons including clean-up, plantings, mulching, weeding and watering. Those adopting a space will have the option to dedicate it in memory or honour of someone with a 6x3 brass sign. After reviewing the Adopt-a-Space program information and application the Committee recommended it for the approval of Council.

(c) **Lighting on Main Street** – There was a general discussion regarding lighting on Main Street during which the idea of concrete containers with lamp posts in the centre was introduced as a possible way to enhance the shopping atmosphere and improve lighting at the same time. After a discussion the Committee recommended that the C.A.O. do some preliminary investigation into the cost.

Moved by Councillor Reid, seconded by Deputy Mayor Howe that the Tourism Committee report and recommendations contained therein be accepted. Motion carried.

(c) **Planning, Development and Housing** – Report given by Councillor Harrison.

PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE REPORT

APRIL 2010

(a) **Building Inspector's Report** - Following is a summary of activity in the Building Inspector's Office for the month of March 2010:

	<u>No. of Permits</u>	<u>Value</u>
New Construction, Alterations and Additions (Commercial)	3	\$282,000
Garages and Sheds	1	\$ 7,500
Total	4	\$289,500

(b) **Phinney Lane** – The C.A.O. reported on our engineer’s preliminary inspection of Phinney Lane. Mr. Isenor’s main concern is the quality of gravel used for the road base which he recommends be tested. Mr. Brewer has been informed of this and we are currently waiting for a response.

Moved by Councillor Harrison, seconded by Councillor Reid that the Planning, Development and Housing Committee report be accepted. Motion carried.

(d) **Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority** – Report given by Councillor Ward.

CUMBERLAND JOINT SERVICES MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY REPORT

APRIL 2010

(a) **Budget** – The Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority has submitted their 2010/2011 operating budget for the approval of the five municipal units in Cumberland. After reviewing the budget there was a recommendation from our representative on the CJSMA board that the budget be approved by Town Council and that a letter be forwarded advising of our approval.

(b) **Presentation** – The Committee was advised of an invitation to the presentation of the report regarding garbage treatment in Cumberland County taking place at the community centre in Springhill on Thursday, April 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Ward, seconded by Councillor Harrison that the CJSMA report and recommendations contained therein be accepted. Motion carried.

(e) **Recreation** – Report given by Councillor Reid.

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

APRIL 2010

(a) **Volunteer Awards** – As there was only one response to our call for nominations for our local volunteer awards the Committee recommended that the awards banquet be cancelled and that all nominees for the Provincial and local volunteer awards be invited to the April 27th Council meeting to be recognized for their outstanding service to the town.

(b) **Ball Fields** – A concern has been raised by the organizers of the Don Yorke Memorial Ball Tournament that a utility pole at the ball field requires padding around it for the safety of ball players. The Committee would like staff to look into this and bring back a recommendation.

A quote has been obtained for the repair of the backstop at the Jurassic ball field and to extend fencing to the dugouts on both sides totaling \$5,425. The Committee would like this work to be considered in the 2010/2011 budget.

**Councillor Reid added that on May 1st from 1 – 5 p.m. there is a one day session with photographer Lawrence Nicolls at the Gillespie House Inn at a cost of \$10.00. Also, on May 1st there is a bus trip to the YMCA in Amherst for “Parrsboro Night” for youth aged 5 – 17 and parents are welcome. The “Y” will be closed to the public and there will be activities, the pool is open, and there is a babysitting course (extra fee). The cost is \$10.00 per participant. Those interested in either event must pre-register with the Recreation Coordinator.*

Moved by Councillor Reid, seconded by Deputy Mayor Howe that the Recreation Committee report and recommendations contained therein be accepted. Motion carried.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) **Parrsboro Band Association** – Mayor Smith read correspondence from Patricia Burke, Facilities Chair, regarding a couple of issues. First, she thanked the Town for assisting the Band Association with snow removal last year by winging back snow from the end of the driveway back onto the street when passing by and she requested the same assistance again this coming winter. Secondly, there has been an ongoing problem with cars parking on the side of the road going down King Street which has not been resolved with the “No Parking” sign that was erected. She asked that the Town consider painting “No Parking” directly on the asphalt going down the hill when line painting is undertaken this year.

After a discussion it was agreed that this correspondence be referred to Public Works.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Councillor Ward the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Mayor

C.A.O.

SUMMARY OF APPROVED EXPENDITURES:

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