

COUNCIL

MAY 24, 2011

#11-06

The Parrsboro Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 24th, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers with Mayor Lois Smith presiding.

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

1. **WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councillor Howe asked to have Glooscap Park added to the agenda due to a matter of some urgency to do with beach access. Mayor Smith recommended adding it as item (d) under Committee Reports.

Moved by Councillor Dawn McCully, seconded by Councillor Lisa Ward that the Agenda be approved as amended. Motion carried.

3. **RCMP REPORT**

Cpl. Janet LeBlanc reported the following activity over the past couple of months.

- the DARE program wrapped up with a graduation ceremony. The children responded very well to the program which was instructed by Cst. Roswell.
- a bicycle safety campaign has been initiated to educate the public about wearing a helmet which is required under the Motor Vehicle Act.
- a bike rodeo was held during Bike Safety Week and was a great success.
- the RCMP responded to 131 calls for service over the last two months which included an accident, a child pornography case resulting in one person being charged, a few assaults, complaints about noise and traffic, and loitering.
- an internet safety session was held at the elementary school that was well attended.
- the detachment is down one member as Cst. Monroe has received a transfer to Eskasoni. His replacement is currently in Bible Hill and will be coming as soon as his house is sold.

Cst. LeBlanc followed up her report by answering questions about a recent missing person case and the specifics of the activity in the Co-op parking lot that have prompted loitering concerns.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Smith asked if there were any errors or omissions noted in the Council minutes of April 26th, 2011 (#11-05). Councillor Howe recalled that Councillor Ward's motion to approve funding for the Classics-by-the-Bay Festival was contingent on the Council being able to afford it and the minutes did not reflect this.

This error was noted by the Secretary.

Being no further errors or omissions the minutes Mayor Smith approved the minutes as amended.

5. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

(a) **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

MAY 2011

Report given by Deputy Mayor McCully

(a) **Sustainable Tourism and Economic Development Committees** – There was a discussion regarding the Sustainable Tourism Committee and the Economic Development Committee with particular emphasis on how they might be restructured to improve on their workability and effectiveness.

After the discussion the Committee recommended that the current Sustainable Tourism Committee and Economic Development Committee be disbanded and that the responsibilities of these committees be assumed solely by the Council.

(b) **NSLC – Handley Page Photo** – The Committee was advised that Jost Vineyards is interested in doing a special label this year for the NSLC with the Handley Page and would like permission to use the “Summer of the Handley Page” picture and part of the article from our web site.

After a discussion the Committee agreed that they had no objection to the picture and article being used for this purpose.

(c) **Discover Cumberland Cover** – For information the C.A.O. advised that the Town of Parrsboro will be featured on the cover of the “Discover Cumberland” tourism publication this year.

(d) **Wind Turbine Power Generation** – Councillor Howe reported that there can be health issues for people living in close proximity to wind turbines and recommended that

these health risk factors be taken into consideration when considering any proposal for wind turbine power generation in Parrsboro.

Moved by Deputy Mayor McCully, seconded by Councillor Ward that the Finance Committee Report and recommendations contained therein be accepted. Motion carried.

(b) RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

MAY 2011

Report given by Councillor Ward

Triassic Park – Recreation Director, Tissy Bolivar reported that our application for funding for improvements to the Triassic Park ball field has been approved for such things as the back stop, fencing from the back stop to the dug outs, fresh paint on the dugouts, some field maintenance and putting a sign by the road. She recommended that the Council move forward with this project and provide a maximum of \$10,000 in matching funds, some of which can be in-kind contributions, to cover the projected cost of approximately \$15,000. Tissy also noted that she would be filing another application for a grant through Farm Credit Canada to see if they would be willing to fund a small portion of the project as well, however, she will not hear back from them until mid June. After a discussion the Committee recommended that Tissy be given the authority to proceed with this project and that the Council approve funding to a maximum of \$10,000 with the funds to come from the General Operating Reserve.

Moved by Councillor Ward, seconded by Councillor Howe that the Recreation Committee Report and recommendations contained therein be accepted. Motion carried.

For information Councillor Ward noted that the signs honouring the contributions of Philly Legere and Bernie Pettigrew to baseball in Parrsboro have been made and will be installed by Public Works at the ball field.

(c) PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

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Report given by Councillor Howe

REMO – The C.A.O. reminded the Committee that the Council had previously approved joining Cumberland Regional Emergency Measures and that to become a member the Town will be required to rescind its current Civil Emergency Planning Bylaw and pass a new Regional Emergency Measures Bylaw and the Town will also have to sign an inter-

municipal emergency services agreement with the County and the Towns of Oxford and Springhill.

After a discussion the Committee recommended proceeding with the first reading of the Town of Parrsboro Regional Emergency Measures Bylaw at the next regular Council meeting.

Moved by Councillor Howe, seconded by Deputy Mayor McCully that the Protective Services Committee Report and recommendations contained therein be accepted. Motion carried.

(d) GLOOSCAP PARK

Road to Beach – Councillor Howe noted being informed that the access road to the beach has collapsed and the beach is no longer accessible from the campground. This was confirmed by the C.A.O. who indicated that the damage is weather related. The Deputy Mayor also noted a complaint from a camper about the dangerous situation and that a warning sign should be erected before the road is fixed. The C.A.O. advised that signs would be put up as soon as possible and the road repaired quickly as well. Councillor Howe questioned how the road repairs would be financed. The C.A.O. indicated that would depend on how much the repairs are going to cost. If the cost is not too significant the money could come from public property maintenance, however, a larger expenditure may have to be put in the budget as a separate item.

6. CJSMA/NRSWM

Councillor Howe noted that the aim is that everybody should get down to 300 kg per person per year for garbage which is where Parrsboro is currently at and that the number in the CJSMA area is 425, down from 480. However, it is not really as good as it seems because 70% of the garbage is commercial and we don't have much of that. Construction and demolition waste also play a big part in the overall equation and our tonnage will probably go up when Berry's Restaurant is taken down. There was also a redistribution of money for enforcement which is based on 1/3, 1/3, 1/3 which is good for us.

7. 1ST READING OF REMO BYLAW

Councillor Ward moved and Councillor Howe seconded the 1st reading of the Town of Parrsboro Regional Emergency Measures Bylaw. Motion carried.

8. COMPOST BINS

The C.A.O. reported that a large number of compost bins were left after the give-away at the Street Clean-up event and that he was looking for direction from Council as to what to do with them.

After a discussion the Council recommended giving away the remainder of the compost bins to residents on a first come, first served basis.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) **Fundy Geological Museum** – Mayor Smith noted an invitation to attend the 22nd annual General Meeting of the Fundy Geological Society on Wednesday, June 8th at 10:00 a.m. at the museum. Guest speaker will be Dr. Tim Fedak who will do a presentation on dinosaurs.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor McCully the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Mayor

C.A.O.

SUMMARY OF APPROVED EXPENDITURES:

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