

## COUNCIL

JANUARY 25, 2011

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The Parrsboro Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers with Mayor Lois Smith presiding.

**PRESENT:** Councillor David Harrison  
Councillor Dawn McCully  
Councillor Lisa Ward  
J. Raymond Hickey, C.A.O.  
Kevin Yorke, Secretary

**REGRETS:** Deputy Mayor David Howe

### 1. **WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. Mayor Smith noted being particularly pleased to have three young citizens of the town observing the proceedings this evening, Avery, Haley and Will Harrison.

### 2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved by Councillor Ward, seconded by Councillor McCully that the Agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried.**

### 3. **RCMP REPORT**

Cpl. Janet LeBlanc noted the following activity of the detachment since the last meeting.

- spoke with newly licensed drivers to warn them of the dangers of speeding as well as driving while intoxicated.
- attended the last school dance.
- partnered with the Lions Club to do identification kits for primary students in Advocate and Parrsboro.
- kept up with the school patrol handing in a log of activity to the principal monthly.
- complaints received from concerned citizens regarding the cross walk from Eastern Avenue to Beaverdam Road resulting in extra patrols and the Town being requested to relocate the cross walk signs to a better location.
- a warrant was executed in the town for marijuana and contraband cigarettes with one male currently before the courts.

- investigation ongoing into a fire at an unoccupied house on Eastern Avenue.
- dealt with numerous off-road vehicle complaints beginning with ATV's in the fall and now snowmobiles resulting in extra patrols in conjunction with DNR and issuing of summary tickets.
- some youths that broke into the Legion and Fire Hall have completed restorative justice and others are in the process of completing it.
- all members are back on staff now with many engaged in mandatory training.

Following the report Cpl. LeBlanc was asked about the specifics of the snow mobile complaints. In her response she noted that as long as snowmobilers use a common sense approach to this recreational activity and respect private property there is usually no problem.

**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 November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 (#10-12). Hearing none she declared the minutes approved as presented.

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**JANUARY 2011**

**Report given by Councillor McCully**

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**(a) Presentation RE: Relay for Life** – Frank Hartman and Sharon Bristol advised that the 2011 Relay for Life will take place on June 11<sup>th</sup> and they requested that the Mayor and Council officially kick off the campaign in Parrsboro by declaring February 4th “Wear Your T-Shirt Day”. During the presentation Ms. Bristol thanked the Town and its citizens for being so generous in terms of their time and donations to the Relay for Life which is held to raise funds for cancer research and support programs and Mayor Smith commended the organizers of the event for their hard work and dedication.

**(b) FCM Expo** – The Committee discussed a proposal that the five municipal units in Cumberland jointly sponsor a booth at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities’ expo at their annual convention being held in Halifax. After reviewing the funding formula and having a discussion the Committee recommended that the Town Council approve a contribution of \$1,000.

(c) **Sears House** – The Committee discussed its options regarding the Sears property on James Street which has reverted back to the Town by agreement made in 1990. After a discussion the Committee recommended that the property be appraised and sold. The C.A.O. noted that the Town would have to advertise a request for proposals and that the Council has the option not to sell if there are no offers for fair market value.

(d) **Sewer Line Extension** – The Department of Community Services has inquired about the possibility of extending the Town’s sewer line on Western Avenue to a home with a malfunctioning septic system noting that the Department would agree to cover part of the cost. After a discussion it was recommended that the C.A.O. pursue the option of extending the sewer line to this home in conjunction with Community Services.

(e) **2011 Tax Exemption** – The 2010 Tax Exemption was reviewed for possible amendment to the income level and amount of the tax exemption for 2011. After a discussion the Committee recommended an increase of \$500 in the income level bringing it up to \$16,000 and an increase of \$50.00 in the tax exemption bringing it up to \$250.00. It was also recommended that applicants be required to provide proof of household income from all sources for the previous year (2010).

(f) **Newsletter** – A draft of the winter edition of the Town of Parrsboro Newsletter was reviewed and recommended for distribution to residents through the mail.

(g) **Deputy Mayor** – The Committee recommends that the appointment of Councillor Dawn McCully as Deputy Mayor for the following year be ratified by Council.

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

## **PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE REPORT**

**JANUARY 2011**

**Report given by Councillor Harrison**

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

	<u>No. of Permits</u>	<u>Value</u>
New Construction, Alterations and Additions (Residential)	1	\$ 5,000
Garages and Sheds	1	\$17,000
Demolition	1	N/A

Total

3

\$22,000

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

## RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

JANUARY 2011

Report given by Councillor McCully

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(a) **Recreation Director's Report** – Tissy Bolivar presented the following report of activity in the Recreation Department:

1. Strategic Plan
  - a. In the works, setting up meeting dates with Dawn to revise.
  - b. Have revised Result Area Priorities
    - i. Facilities and Trails
    - ii. Increase Physical Activity
    - iii. Information
    - iv. Programs and Activities
    - v. Support to Community Groups
    - vi. Leadership Development
2. Outdoor Skating Rink
  - a. Well underway – waiting to flood and assess from there.
3. Funding Opportunities
  - a. HPP Regional Development Grant to be submitted to cover part of the cost of purchasing 10 sets of snowshoes and 5 cross country skies to promote winter physical activity. Programs will be put in place when granted.
  - b. Hockeyville 2011 – Deadline January 30<sup>th</sup>. Submit stories online for our area to win.
  - c. Pepsi Refresh Grant – Deadline February 7<sup>th</sup>. Suggestions welcome for project.
  - d. HPP Facility Development Grant – Opens April 1<sup>st</sup>. Will apply for ball park funding.
4. Programming
  - a. Winter Walking club has been consistently successful averaging 14 people each day.
  - b. Ski Trips to Wentworth – February 4, March 4 & 25.
  - c. Met with Pam Hoar regarding contract for school use for evening programming.

- d. YMCA Activity Nights – Waiting to hear back from staff.
  - e. Snowshoeing/Cross Country Skiing – Waiting on grant and instructor contact.
  - f. Yoga – Charlene Smith would like to start under Recreation Department; formulating contract for outsourced instructors.
5. Community Development
- a. Continuing to have responses from community group programs
  - b. Attended Lions Club dinner meeting to give presentation January 13
  - c. Attending Leo Club meeting February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Youth Town Council will also attend.
  - d. Volunteer Awards – Deadline: February 11<sup>th</sup>

**Moved by Councillor McCully, seconded by Councillor Harrison that the Recreation Committee report be accepted. Motion carried.**

Mayor Smith commented on item 2. of the Recreation report indicating that concerns have been expressed that the Town's skating rink will have a negative impact on the Lions Club arena. The Mayor expressed the opinion that this fear is unfounded and stated that the Town has no intention of taking over skating from the Lions. She noted that the primary purpose of the Town's skating rink is for the public to use and that the size is especially suited for small children, and as well, there are no sports such as hockey allowed on the rink. Mayor Smith also pointed out that, in fact, the Town is working with the Lions Club by providing snow plowing of the arena parking lot in exchange for ice time.

## **SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT REPORT**

**JANUARY 2011**

**Report given by Councillor Ward**

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**(a) Green Carts** – The C.A.O. advised that the Town of Parrsboro has been approved for funding through the MAP program in the amount of \$3,000 and that the approval of Council is needed for the Town to match those funds for a total of \$6,000 to purchase a quantity of green carts which will be distributed to residents free of charge. After a discussion the Committee recommended that the \$3,000 expenditure be approved and that the C.A.O. check into retailers and pricing.

**Moved by Councillor Ward, seconded by Councillor Harrison that the Solid Waste Management report and recommendations contained therein be accepted. Motion carried.**

7. **1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF AMENDMENT TO TRADES AND LICENSING BYLAW**

**Councillor McCully moved and Councillor Ward seconded the First Reading of the Amendment to the Trades and Licensing Bylaw. Motion carried.**

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) **Parrsborough Shore Historical Society** – Mayor Smith read correspondence from Past Chair, Frank Hartman thanking the Town for the \$500 donation. He noted that it was used in conjunction with other donations to hire a local contractor and finally get the back wall and the west end to the Ottawa House painted.

Mayor Smith added that she had recently attended the PSHS's annual meeting and that Colin Curleigh is the new Chair of this organization.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Councillor Ward the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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Mayor

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C.A.O.