

## COUNCIL

MAY 22, 2012

#12-06

The Parrsboro Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 in the Council Chambers with Mayor Lois Smith presiding.

**PRESENT:** Deputy Mayor Lisa Ward  
Councillor David Harrison  
J. Raymond Hickey, C.A.O.

**REGRETS:** Councillor David Howe  
Councillor Dawn McCully

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**

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Ward, seconded by Councillor Harrison that the Agenda be approved as circulated.**

**Motion carried.**

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Smith asked if there were any errors or omissions noted in the Council minutes of April 24, 2012 (#12-05).

Hearing none she declared the minutes approved as circulated.

4. **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

Fire Chief Randy Mosher presented his monthly report and added for Council's information that the County has hired a consulting firm to review their 14 departments and that their mandate includes vehicles, buildings and looking at possibly amalgamating some departments. Where the County of Cumberland is a funding partner with the 4 towns, the consultants will also be talking to the 4 town chief's regarding their respective fire services agreements.

5. **RCMP REPORT**

Cpl. Janet LeBlanc presented the following report:

- Check points have resulted in four impaired drivers being charged so far this month
- There was a lecture for the adult defensive driving course as well as students.
- Cpl. LeBlanc was elected to talk to the law class.
- The RCMP participated in Anti-Bulling Day
- Cst. Roswell is facilitating the DARE course which will wind up shortly.
- There were 19 school visits this month
- There have been 16 traffic enforcement tickets, 18 written warnings, and 66 calls for service including impaired drivers, false alarms, missing person, property checks, assaults, high risk domestic, and breach of probation.
- S/Sgt. Christie and Supt. Beaton visited the detachment and the town.
- The members are going through various training courses.
- Conditional sentence order checks were performed.

Deputy Mayor Ward asked when Cst. Roswell would be leaving and another officer coming to replace him. Cpl. LeBlanc advised that he would not be leaving until his house is sold and that there is an officer slated to replace him once that happens. She also noted that Cst. Roswell is a valued member of the Parrsboro Detachment and will be missed.

**6. PRESENTATION OF BARRY WOOD MEMORIAL OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

At this point proceedings moved outside the Town Hall for the presentation of the Barry Wood Memorial Outstanding Achievement Award to the Midget 'A' Girls Hockey Team for their first place finish at the Provincial Championship. Those receiving the award were: Shelby Leopold, Madison Currie, Ava Winters, Kirsten Willigar, Megan Johnson, Khristine Bowden, Brianna Smith, Alysha Canning, Erin Quinn, Victoria McCrindle, Brooke Walton, Jessica Johnson and Kylee Smith. Coaches and staff: Matt Smith, Bliss Walton, Laurie Currie, Charlene Smith, Health Winters and Patti Willigar.

**7. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**MAY 2012**

**Report given by Deputy Mayor Ward**

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**(a) Presentation RE: Dog Run** – A citizen brought forth the idea of an off-leash dog park and requested the Town Council to consider incorporating such a facility in a secure area within the Pier Road playground or at another location.

The Council agreed to look at the playground and other Town owned properties as possible locations for a dog park.

**(b) Presentation by Merchants** – Main Street merchants Joan Jones and Ron Shaw met with Council to voice their concerns and make recommendations on a number of issues pertaining to their own businesses and the business community in general and to ask for the Town's assistance and cooperation in coming up with solutions in areas such as parking, litter, and promotion of shopping locally. The merchants also asked about current and future plans and were advised that the Town has applied for ACOA funding for a number of initiatives including façade improvements, beautification of public spaces, and LED lighting.

The Council felt that the dialogue with the merchants was very helpful and assured them that the Town will do what it can to address their concerns.

**(c) Tax Exemptions** – The C.A.O. advised that of the applications received for the 2012/2013 tax exemption, six met all necessary criteria and that he would recommend that they be approved.

The Committee agreed with the C.A.O.'s recommendation.

**(d) Appointments to Cumberland Energy Authority Board** – The Committee was advised that the Cumberland Energy Authority Board requires the appointment of two representatives from the town and that one must be from Town Council and the other may be a citizen at large.

After a discussion the Committee recommended that Councillors Harrison and Howe be appointed to this board.

**(e) Flower Baskets** – The Committee reviewed quotes for hanging flower baskets that had been requested from two local greenhouses.

After a discussion the Committee recommended that the quote submitted from Michael Gee be accepted.

**(f) CJSMA Budget** – The Committee reviewed the Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority's 2012/13 Solid Waste Services budget and recommend that it be approved.

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

**Motion carried.**

## TOURISM COMMITTEE REPORT

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### Report given by Deputy Mayor Ward

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(a) **Gavin Park** – The Committee was presented with a cost estimate of approximately \$2,000 to replace vandalized benches with a more durable concrete chess set and benches.

After a discussion the Committee recommended deferring this for consideration in the 2012/2013 budget and the placement of a couple of other benches and a picnic table in the meantime.

(b) **Kiosk Signs and Brochure Rack** – The C.A.O. noted that Bernie Murphy from CREDA has been working on the signs and rack and that he would have an update for him on Thursday.

(c) **Warning Sign on Road to Partridge Island** – Warning signs for the road to Partridge Island have been ordered and will be installed as soon as they are available.

(d) **Dinosaur Lights Toward FGM** – The Committee was advised that new LED lighting will be ordered for the dinosaur lights that will be more durable than the present rope lighting.

(e) **Glooscap Park – Playground Equipment & Closing Date** – The Glooscap Park committee was asked to purchase another piece of playground equipment this year for smaller children and has agreed to look into it. The closing date for the park was also discussed and it was recommended that it remain open until October 8<sup>th</sup>.

(f) **Tide Chart** – The C.A.O. reported that the design for this year's tide chart has been completed, however, a space remains where voting for the Bay of Fundy was advertised last year.

After a discussion the Committee recommended a tourist greeting with the Glooscap Park logo and town's website address.

(g) **Appointment to CNTA** – The Committee felt that it would be appropriate to have a merchant appointed to the Central Nova Tourist Association Board and it was agreed to refer the matter to the two merchants who were coming to make a presentation to see if there is interest among their group.

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Ward, seconded by Councillor Harrison that the Tourism Committee report and recommendations contained therein be accepted.**

**Motion carried.**

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

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(a) **Attracting Residents to Parrsboro** – Further discussions were held on this topic with the focus on marketing and promotion. The Committee came up with several ideas to enhance marketing and promotion such as an updated reprinting of the “Small Town/Big Heart” brochure and recognized the potential benefits of having someone dedicated to coordinating economic development for the Town. As there are financial costs associated with these and other initiatives, they will be discussed in more detail during budget deliberations.

(b) **Developers** – The Committee remains committed to attracting developers to construct suitable housing in the town and have asked C.A.O. Hickey in his capacity as town manager to offer his assistance to any interested developer.

**Moved by Councillor Harrison, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ward that the Economic Development Committee report and recommendations contained therein.**

**Motion carried.**

### **8. APPROVAL OF RECREATION STRATEGY**

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Ward, seconded by Councillor Harrison that the Town Council approve the Recreation Strategy as submitted on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012.**

**Motion carried.**

### **9. CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence.

### **10. ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Ward the meeting adjourned.

