

## COUNCIL

JUNE 26, 2012

#12-08

The Parrsboro Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers with Mayor Lois Smith presiding.

**PRESENT:** Deputy Mayor Lisa Ward  
Councillor David Harrison  
Councillor David Howe (until 7:25 p.m.)  
Councillor Dawn McCully  
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**

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

**Motion carried.**

3. **RCMP REPORT**

Cpl. Janet LeBlanc presented a report of activity over the past month including:

- A meeting of the Police Advisory Committee
- 47 calls for service
- 30 charges under the MVA
- Completion of the D.A.R.E Program
- Chaperoned an overnight Cadet campout
- Safe Grad went well
- 6 checkpoints resulted in 9 written warnings, one 24 hour suspension and 3 impaireds
- Recertification training

Councillor Howe asked the Corporal if she had a sense of how the number of incidents in Parrsboro compares to other towns of a similar size. Cpl. LeBlanc advised that the number of incidents in Parrsboro is actually a little less than in other towns and that overall it is a very safe community in which to live.

#### 4. **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

Fire Chief Randy Mosher presented the following report:

##### **Fires/Protective Services:**

May 25<sup>th</sup> Moose River-forestry equipment on fire. Quick action by operators prevented forest fire.

May 31<sup>st</sup> Received telephone call for smell of smoke at Radio Station. Captain Matthews and Chief attended. No fire issues – furnace had “backfired”.

June 2<sup>nd</sup> Greenhill. Medical – assist EHS

June 2<sup>nd</sup> 21 Prince Street. Barn Fire. Siding melted on nearest house. 3 other houses and a motorhome in danger. Called Port Greville and Southampton for Mutual Aid. Was able to return them 20 minutes later after we had fire contained. Unsupervised youth caused fire.

June 17<sup>th</sup> 177 Main St. Trash can fire. Deliberately set. No RCMP on scene. Not requested by 911 caller no offered by 911 operator?

##### **Training Completed:**

Pump operations/driver training, while filling swimming pools as a fundraiser.

##### **Membership:**

Current active members based on alarm response/training attendance: 14  
Dean Rowe (with over 10 years experience) has resigned due to change in employment (Alberta). Roster currently lists 19 active firefighters, plus 1 auxiliary (of max. 22 plus 3 aux.)

##### **Meetings/Functions:**

June 2<sup>nd</sup> Attended Jamie Baillie dinner in uniform (had to leave for Prince Street fire)

June 4<sup>th</sup> Met CAO regarding above mentioned 21 Prince Street – now a “dangerous and unsightly premises”. Openings in barn were secured on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Also discussed budget issues.

June 9<sup>th</sup> Hosted County Fire Protection Coordinator and consultants (Stantec) at station as part of their review of County Fire Departments. Provided them with copy of Fire Protection Agreement between the Town and the County.

June 10<sup>th</sup> Cumberland County Firefighters Meeting, Springhill as Secretary

June 21<sup>st</sup> Traded a set of bunker gear one-for-one with the County. We did not have any to fit new FF Alan Heckbert. We do not have ANY spare bunkers gear that meets modern NFPA standards.

June 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting with Friends of Firefighters. Summary: the Fire Hall is “open for business”

June – all Filling swimming pools – fundraising.

June – all Preparations for (expanded) field day

**Fire Hall Maintenance/Operation:**

Request permission to have fundraisers (funeral receptions) take precedence over Day Camp during July and August.

**Planning:**

Pump Operators course in Advocate was cancelled as Nova Scotia Firefighters School could not supply instructor. This is an example of how volatile training budgets vs. expenditures can be (\$1,000 for 3 students).

Purchased small water tank to outfit Kawasaki Mule for grass fires.

Destination Gallery – unsafe work practices during demolition could have resulted in a “rescue” call.

Destination Gallery – disposal of debris may create fire hazard – coordinate with building inspector.

**Trucks:**

Seeking pricing on fire truck seats for Rescue truck.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Smith asked if there were any errors or omissions noted in the Council minutes of May 22, 2012 (#12-06). Hearing none the minutes were declared approved as presented.

The Mayor asked for errors or omissions in the Special Council minutes of May 31, 2012 (#12-07) noting that the purpose of this meeting was to set the 2012/13 budget and tax rates. Hearing none the minutes were declared approved as presented.

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**JUNE 2012**

**Report given by Deputy Mayor Ward**

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**(a) Presentation at CAPSO** – The Committee discussed a joint promotional advertising campaign proposed at the last CAPSO meeting in conjunction with the visit of the tall ships at Pugwash on July 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>. The Committee generally supported the idea of the Town of Parrsboro taking part if the other municipal units are on board and also felt that there might be other opportunities to showcase the town at the event.

The Committee agreed to discuss this further at a future meeting.

**(b) Tax Write-Off** – Tax account no. 09709452 in the amount of \$460.91 was presented to be written-off as uncollectible as the mobile home is no longer on the property.

The Committee agreed that this tax account be written-off as recommended.

(c) **Tree for Phillip Forbes** – The Committee was informed that the staff are proposing that a tree be planted on the civic gardens in memory of Phillip Forbes.

The Committee agreed that this is an excellent idea and that staff be given the go ahead to order a tree.

(d) **Athol Forestry** – The Committee was advised that the C.A.O. had been approached by a representative of the Athol Forestry Co-op requesting that the Town of Parrsboro join the co-op at a cost of \$25.00 in return for providing management services for forested property owned by the Town.

After a discussion the Committee agreed that there would be value to the Town joining the co-op and recommended that the C.A.O. proceed.

(e) **Gavin Park Benches and Tables** – C.A.O. Hickey presented his proposal for benches and tables at Gavin Park and associated cost estimates.

After a discussion the Committee recommended that he be given the authority to place an order for these items.

(f) **Dog Park** – The C.A.O. presented a diagram of the wooden fence proposed for the Pier Road playground dog park.

After a discussion the C.A.O. was asked to obtain contractor's estimates for the fence.

(g) **Walkway at Old Nursing Home** – Deputy Mayor Ward proposed repairing the foot bridge on the walkway at the old nursing home site noting that the trail has been promoted as an Eco-tour site in the past and is still being used by the public.

In the discussion it was noted that this property is owned by the Provincial Department of Transportation and it was recommended that the department be contacted first.

(h) **Band Stand** – Deputy Mayor Ward noted that the Band Stand needs painted and some lights need replaced. The C.A.O. advised that the lights will be replaced in the near future by Efficiency Nova Scotia as part of a project to replace lighting in town owned buildings.

After a discussion the Committee recommended that the Band Stand be painted.

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

**Motion carried.**

## PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE REPORT

JUNE 2012

Report given by Councillor Harrison

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(a) **Building Inspector's Report** - Following is the activity in the Building Inspector's Office for the months of April and May 2012:

	<u>Permit</u>	<u>Value</u>
Residential Garages/Sheds	1	\$12,000
Demolition (Commercial)	1	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$12,000</b>

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

Motion carried.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

JUNE 2012

Report given by Councillor Harrison

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(a) **CREDA** – The Committee discussed options for the delivery of economic development support and agreed in the short term to a meeting dedicated to mapping out a set of goals for the joint Economic Development Officer to work on followed by a meeting with her at the Committee-of-the-Whole in July.

(b) **Promoting Parrsboro on PCR** – In response to a suggestion by a local merchant at the last Committee meeting, Mayor Smith will approach our local radio station about doing some public service announcements promoting shopping locally.

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

Motion carried.

## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

JUNE 2012

Report given by Deputy Mayor Ward

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(a) **Partridge Island Sign** – The C.A.O. advised that the sign that will be installed at the end of the Town’s roadway at Partridge Island has been ordered. The purpose of this sign is to advise that the road to the island is not a publicly maintained road and that the Town does not recommend it for vehicular use.

(b) **Annual Spring Clean-Up** – Deputy Mayor Ward noted that a few years ago limits were placed on the type and number of items that are accepted in the annual spring clean-up and to her understanding the reductions were due to cost. She expressed the opinion that it was time to look at expanding the list again to include items such as bathroom fixtures and electronics which were left behind after the last clean-up.

After a discussion the Committee agreed to look at it and asked the C.A.O. to get some information on costs and what is and what is not currently accepted.

(c) **Guardrail in Whitehall** – The Committee revisited the matter of a guardrail for a section of road on the harbour side of the Whitehall Road near the intersection with Philadelphia Avenue and recommended that the C.A.O. obtain an estimate of the cost.

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

**Motion carried.**

With regard to the Partridge Island sign, Mayor Smith noted having spoken with Eric Layton of the Department of Natural Resources who indicated that the sign could be affixed to the Eco Tour sign.

## **TOURISM COMMITTEE REPORT**

**JUNE 2012**

**Report given by Councillor McCully**

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(a) **Telephone Service/Internet at Park** – It was brought to the Committee’s attention that since the switch from Bell Aliant to Eastlink for telephone and internet service the convenience of direct phone contact between the Administration Building and Recreation Building has been lost. The C.A.O. advised that he will look into this to see if the service can be restored. He also noted that for the camper’s convenience Eastlink will install wireless internet service at both the office and rec hall and that there is surplus computer equipment at the Town Office that can be located in the rec hall for campers who may not have access to a computer.

(b) **New Building at Park** – The Park Committee agreed to meet in the near future to begin preliminary planning for a new multi-purpose building at Glooscap Park.

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

**Motion carried.**

## **LIBRARY REPORT**

**JUNE 2012**

**Report given by Councillor McCully**

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### **Summer Reading Clubs for All Ages**

Summer Reading Clubs will start on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Everyone from ages 3 to 100+ can take part in one of our Summer Reading Clubs, read library books throughout the summer and win prizes. Pop by any library for more information and check the Calendar of Events on our website to see some of the fun programs planned for the summer.

### **Did you know?**

Cumberland Public Libraries has some great biographies, such as the very funny “Bossypants” by Tina Fey, the extremely popular biography of Steve Jobs or the saddening diary of Anne Frank. See what we have at:

[www.cumberlandpubliclibraries.ca](http://www.cumberlandpubliclibraries.ca)

### **Statistics**

The amount of Active Registered Users (residents who have a library card and have used it in the last 3 years) has increased by 1.7% in the last year. This increase is made even more impressive as the population of the County has decreased by 2% in the last 5 years. Also, 29% of residents in the County have a card.

Over the last year, CPL saw a 10% increase in children attending programs (such as story times, Summer Reading Club, etc.) and a 9% increase in adult attendance.

The library added almost 7,000 new items (books, movies, TV shows, magazines) last year, this number doesn't include the over 5,000 audiobooks and e-books available for download from the library's website.

Our free public access computers were in use for more than 21,000 hours during the last fiscal year and our free wi-fi was in use for over 8,000 hours.

**Moved by Councillor McCully, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ward that the Library report be accepted.**

**Motion carried.**

7. **FIRST READING OF THE SOLID WASTE BYLAW**

Councillor McCully moved, and Deputy Mayor Ward seconded the first reading of the Town of Parrsboro Solid Waste Bylaw.

**Motion carried.**

8. **APPROVAL OF BUILDING INSPECTOR/DEVELOPMENT OFFICER/FIRE INSPECTOR**

Moved by Councillor McCully, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ward that the Town Council appoint Brian Wood as the Building Inspector/Development Officer/Fire Inspector for the Town of Parrsboro.

**Motion carried.**

9. **FIRST READING OF AMENDMENT TO LAND USE BYLAW TO CHANGE 4008 EASTERN AVENUE TO AN OPEN SPACE ZONE**

Deputy Mayor Ward moved, and Councillor Harrison seconded the first reading of the Amendment to the Land Use Bylaw to Change 4008 Eastern Avenue to an Open Space Zone.

**Motion carried.**

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) **Request to Use Civic Grounds** – C.A.O. Hickey presented correspondence from a group who is organizing a walk as a fund raiser for the families of the Woods' brothers. He noted the group would like permission to use the civic grounds as a base for the walk which is taking place in September.

The Council noted that they had no objection to the civic grounds being used for this purpose.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Councillor McCully, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

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C.A.O.