

COUNCIL

JULY 24, 2012

#12-09

The Parrsboro Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 14th, 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
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 Councillor McCully, seconded by Councillor Howe that the Agenda be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

3. **RCMP REPORT**

Not available.

4. **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

Fire Chief Randy Mosher presented the following report:

Fires/Protective Services:

July 22nd: 111 Queen Street. Transformer (fuse) fire. NSPI response time approximately 1 hour. (not with the truck stationed in Parrsboro)

Note: Forest fires have occurred in Eatonville and Lynn Mountain. Handled by DNR (including Parrsboro Captain Alex Matthews and firefighter Matt Stewart). Departments involved included Jogjins, Advocate, FPW, Five Islands and Economy.

Training Completed:

Water rescue techniques
Several sessions of filling swimming pools = good pump training.
Mule is now equipped with 2 water tanks for forestry/blueberry fires.

Membership:

Current active members based on alarm response/training attendance: 14
Roster currently lists 19 active firefighters, plus 1 auxiliary (of max. 22 plus 3 aux.)

Meetings/Functions:

- June 28: Presented 3 bursaries of \$300 each to high school graduates.
June 29: Utilized CICR Radio for the first time to promote Firemen's Field Day.
July 1: Very successful Field Day. \$3,700 net, including \$408 from paddle boats.
July 4: Provided fire protective services during fireworks display. Attended Five Islands training session. Building rapport for mutual training, mutual aid, especially for motor vehicle accidents using our Jaws of Life.
July 8: Chief attended full day practical training in Joggins, viewed how their Mule is equipped.
July 9: Met CAO, along with President of Friends of Firefighters to express concerns regarding "Day Camp" use of Fire Hall, corrective action required.
July 10: Attended meeting regards Youth Centre. Attended Historical Society meeting at Ottawa House, offered advice on new fire extinguishers, dealings with Fire and Building Inspectors.
July 11: Met with new Building Inspector Brian Wood. Three fire trucks in Old Home Week Parade.
July 12: Meetings all day in Amherst and Halifax regarding new Training Program as developed by HRM. Travelled to Halifax with Amherst Fire Chief Bill Crossman and County Fire Protection Coordinator Mike Carter.
July 13: Again used CICR radio to air warning of Province-wide ban on open fires.
July 22: Prepared French fries for 1,200 runners and volunteers at "Not Since Moses Run" in Five Islands.

Fire Hall Maintenance/Operations:

Tenant issues: cleanliness, lights being left on, etc.
One light switch near state needs to be replaced.

After giving his report the Fire Chief requested permission to add lettering to the overhead doors of the fire hall for identity purposes. The department would cover the cost of the peel and stick lettering which would be installed by volunteers. The Chief circulated a diagram showing the proposed lettering and noted that he was bringing this to Council first as it is a Town owned building before taking it to the membership for their approval.

After a discussion the Council voiced their approval of the proposed plan.

Councillor Howe asked about the advantages of participating in the HRM training program. The Chief noted that the most significant advantage is that the courses are available on-line at any time and instructors are available to answer individual questions by email. He also noted that there are fewer classroom sessions and they are more concentrated and interactive in nature. The Chief added that it is a cheaper alternative that is worth trying.

Deputy Mayor Ward noted the understanding that work associated with maintaining the fire trucks is given to one particular auto repair business and that a local mechanic has expressed an interest in getting a share of this work. The Deputy Mayor noted that there is a policy that Council will try to share work around and asked if it would be possible to direct some of the repair work his way. The Fire Chief indicated that he would have no problem with it as long as the mechanic is qualified to do it and that he would contact him to verify what he is able to do.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Smith asked if there were any errors or omissions noted in the Council minutes of June 26, 2012 (#12-08). Hearing none she declared the minutes approved as circulated.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

JULY 2012

Report given by Deputy Mayor Ward

LED Lighting - The C.A.O. advised that plans are moving forward to replace existing street lights with LED technology which will translate into significant savings for the Town on power bills. He noted the understanding that it is Council's intention to purchase, install and maintain the lights and that there are two financing options available for the project which will be in the vicinity of \$225,000.

After debating the financing options the Committee recommended that the Town borrow the required capital to fund this project.

Cameras on Main Street - The need for surveillance cameras on Main Street was discussed in light of recent late night activity. The recommendation was for two cameras, one at either end of the downtown core.

After a discussion the C.A.O was asked to investigate prices and locations.

TV for Youth Centre - It was noted that the organizers of the new Youth Centre are seeking donated items such as a large screen TV. In the discussion the Committee agreed that the Town should do something to support the new youth centre and recommended that the C.A.O. contact the organization and offer to purchase a TV or some other similarly priced piece of equipment they may need. C.A.O. Hickey also recommended the purchase of a large screen TV for the Council Chambers that could be used for Power Point presentations, etc. The Committee agreed to this purchase as well.

Directional Signs - The deteriorated condition of the sign on Main Street directing tourists to attractions, accommodations, etc. was brought to the Committee's attention and it was agreed to have a new sign produced similar in design to the Town Hall signs on the civic grounds. The sign near the former deli directing tourists to Glooscap Park was also discussed and it was agreed that a more visible sign is needed.

Banners - The C.A.O. reported that the shared Development Officer has been asked to look into pricing for banners for the main entrances into Town and that it is the intention to have them up by the end of the season.

Spring Clean-up - Discussions regarding expanding on the Spring Clean-up are continuing. At this point the Committee is recommending an electronics pick up tentatively scheduled for October 1st.

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

JULY 2012

Report given by Councillor Harrison

(a) Building Inspector's Report - Following is the activity in the Building Inspector's Office for the month of June 2012:

Permit

Value

Residential Garages/Sheds	1	\$8,500
New Construction, Alterations and Additions (Commercial)	1	\$150,000
Demolition (Commercial)	1	N/A
Total	3	\$158,500

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

Motion carried.

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

JULY 2012

Report given by Councillor McCully

Recreation Director's Report – Tissy Bolivar reported that the summer recreation program has started with six students on staff and that participant numbers seem to be on the increase this year for most activities. She also reported that renovations at the Triassic and Don Yorke Memorial ball fields are nearing completion and that work is progressing on the new Youth Centre, which is an initiative of a recently established youth committee. The Director has been reviewing the Recreation Strategic Plan and has started thinking about new activities for fall programming. A special outdoor movie event is being organized for the end of summer and a community survey is planned for the fall. The Fundy Director's Group is planning a fall conference in Truro with the focus on inter-governmental cooperation.

Moved by Councillor McCully, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ward that the Recreation Committee Report be accepted.

Motion carried.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Ward the meeting adjourned.

Mayor

C.A.O.

