

COUNCIL

APRIL 23, 2013

#13-05

The Parrsboro Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 23rd, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers with Mayor Lois Smith presiding.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Lisa Ward
Councillor Robert Fancy
J. Raymond Hickey, CAO
Kevin Yorke, Secretary

REGRETS: Councillor David Harrison
Councillor Ron Shaw

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 Fancy that the Agenda be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

3. **PRESENTATION: QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE MEDAL**

Mayor Smith presented the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal to Ken Snowdon noting that Mr. Snowdon was away when the medals were presented at the Fundy Geological Museum in January. The Mayor read the following from the certificate in Mr. Snowdon's name signed by the Governor General:

"By command of Her Majesty the Queen, the Diamond Jubilee Medal is presented to you in commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of Her Majesty's ascension to the throne and in recognition of your contribution to Canada".

On behalf of Town Council and the citizens of Parrsboro, Mayor Smith thanked Mr. Snowdon for his contribution to the community, his peers and the organizations to which he belongs, and for serving his country.

Upon accepting his medal, Mr. Snowdon noted that he had also recently received recognition from the American Defense Minister for serving in the Korean War.

4. **APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

Mayor Smith asked if there any errors or omissions noted in the minutes of March 26, 2013 (#13-04). Hearing none the minutes were declared approved as circulated.

5. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

(a) **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

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Report given by Deputy Mayor Ward

(a) **Garbage Collection** – The Committee has proposed that the Town contract garbage collection services for residential garbage.

After a discussion the CAO was asked to research the feasibility of providing this service.

(b) **Tax Exemptions** – The Committee was advised that six applications had been submitted for the \$350 tax exemption and that all applicants satisfied the income requirements. The applications were therefore recommended for approval.

(c) **Aboiteau Bridge** – The CAO reported on meetings with government officials regarding cost sharing for the Aboiteau Bridge upgrade.

In the discussion the Committee was concerned that the project as proposed does not address the water leakage issue and asked the CAO to enter into further negotiations to have this included.

(d) **Flyers** – The Communities in Bloom Committee has a concern with litter issues associated with the weekly door-to-door delivery of flyers.

After a discussion the CAO was asked to contact the person in charge of the distribution of the flyers to see if anything can be done to alleviate this problem.

(e) **Communities in Bloom Budget** – The Communities in Bloom Committee has requested a budget for the upcoming clean-up in May to cover the cost of t-shirts, BBQ supplies, etc.

After a discussion the Committee recommended a maximum budget of \$500.

(f) **Sewer Update** – The CAO reported that he would be speaking with our Municipal Advisor with Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations following the announcement by the Province of an infrastructure program in the budget.

(g) **Walkway** – The Committee has been discussing how to go about getting the foot bridge repaired that is located on the walkway on the former nursing home property on Two Island Road and recommended a grant of up to \$500 to assist with the repairs.

After a discussion it was agreed that the Board of Trade and Museum be approached with the proposal.

(h) **Letter from Suzanne Burchell** – Correspondence from Suzanne Burchell was read in which she reviewed the gardening work she had done last year and made suggestions to further improve the appearance of the civic grounds and Main Street.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Ward, seconded by Councillor Fancy that the Finance Committee Report and recommendations contained therein be approved.

Motion carried.

(b) PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

APRIL 2013

Report given by Councillor Fancy

(a) **Spring Clean-Up** – The Committee is recommending May 21, 22 and 23 for the annual spring clean up this year with the former Swan Creek Landfill open on May 24th and 25th for leaf and yard waste. Complete details will be available in the CJSMA spring newsletter that will be distributed by mail or at the Town Office. At the next Cumberland Joint Services meeting Councillors Fancy and Shaw will also be looking into the possibility of having a separate pick-up at another time for items that are not included in the spring clean up. The Committee also discussed a plan of action for dealing with unsightly premises.

(b) **Yield Sign at Intersection of Pleasant and Main** – A complaint has been received from a resident who had three near misses in one week at the intersection of Pleasant and Main Streets due to motorists failing to yield to traffic coming from the Whitehall Road.

After a discussion it was recommended that the CAO contact our Traffic Authority to see if a stop sign at this intersection would be advisable.

Moved by Councillor Fancy, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ward that the Public Works Committee Report and recommendations contained therein be approved.

Motion carried.

(c) RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

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Report given by Deputy Mayor Ward

(a) **Community Garden** – The Recreation Committee has been looking into a community garden and the proposed location is the rear portion of the former Trewin property that is now owned by the Town. A total budget of between \$1,500 and \$1,700 is required for construction and soil of which \$1,000 has been donated by SPAR. The Recreation Director is investigating other sources of funding for the project, however, if there are none available the Committee would like the Town to cover the \$500 to \$700 shortfall.

After a discussion the Committee recommended approval of the request to use the Town's property and for funding if no other sources can be found.

(b) **Tennis Court** – The Recreation Director has been researching costs and funding opportunities for a new fence and resurfacing of the tennis court and has found that currently all grant money has been allotted for projects of this type. While we wait to apply for the next round of funding it is recommended that Public Works repair the fence on a temporary basis. The CAO also reported on negotiations with the Tennis Society for the Town to take over ownership of the tennis court property and it is hoped that an agreement will be finalized in the near future.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Ward, seconded by Councillor Fancy that the Recreation Committee Report and recommendations contained therein be approved.

Motion carried.

(d) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/TOURISM COMMITTEE

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Report given by Councillor Fancy

(a) **Project Facilitator Update** – Taylor Redmond updated the Committee regarding several projects that are in the planning stages including the pallet project, wedding destination project and youth project. She also presented a mock-up of the Harbour storyboard and a quote for having it made.

After a discussion the Committee recommended that Taylor continue on the course she is following and that the Harbour storyboard be approved.

Moved by Councillor Fancy, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ward that the Economic Development Committee Report and recommendations contained therein be approved.

Motion carried.

6. **MOTION RE: SOLID WASTE COLLECTION**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Ward, seconded by Councillor Fancy that the CAO seek out proposals to provide Solid Waste Collection throughout the town on a contracted basis.

Motion carried.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Ward the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.