

COUNCIL

MAY 28, 2013

#13-06

The Parrsboro Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 28th, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers with Mayor Lois Smith presiding.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Lisa Ward
Councillor Robert Fancy
Councillor David Harrison
Councillor Ron Shaw
J. Raymond Hickey, CAO
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.

On behalf of Town Council, Mayor Smith extended condolences to Parrsboro's Fire Chief, Randy Mosher, on the death of his mother and also to the family of Doug Trewin who passed away suddenly this morning.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Ward, seconded by Councillor Fancy that the Agenda be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

3. **PRESENTATION: SHIP'S COMPANY THEATRE**

David Beattie, Board Chair of the Ship's Company Theatre introduced Natasha MacLellan, the new Artistic Producer of the theatre. The Council was given a brief synopsis of the upcoming season featuring a main stage play based on the novel "Diligent River Daughter" by Parrsboro native, Bruce Graham, and the first ever performance by a rock band in the concert series. Theatre attendance and employee statistics were reviewed to demonstrate the financial impact on Parrsboro's economy as well as new initiatives to increase audience numbers. Mr. Beattie noted that next year will be the 30th anniversary of the Ship's Company Theatre and that special events are already being planned to add to the program.

On behalf of Town Council, Mayor Smith welcomed Ms. MacLellan to Parrsboro and wished her every success in her new position.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Smith asked if there were any errors or omissions noted in the Council minutes of April 23rd, 2013 (#13-05). Hearing none the minutes were declared approved as presented.

5. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

(a) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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Report given by Deputy Mayor Ward

Solid Waste Collection – The Committee was advised of two proposals received for contracted garbage collection in the Town of Parrsboro. After a discussion it was agreed by the Committee that the proposal from Greg Matthews and sons should be selected to provide residential collection on an ongoing month-to-month basis.

Smoke-Free Spaces Bylaw – The Committee viewed a presentation regarding smoke-free spaces bylaws in Nova Scotia. Some communities in the Province have voted to ban smoking in all public spaces, and on some streets and sidewalks around schools and parade routes. The Committee decided to review this concept further and obtain copies of bylaws passed in other areas.

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

Motion carried.

(b) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/TOURISM COMMITTEE REPORT

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Report given by Councillor Fancy

Taylor Redmond updated the Committee on various economic development and tourism projects underway. One project set to commence right away was the summer time display of iron sculptures created by Doris Soley. These sculptures would be loaned to the Town free of charge and be displayed throughout the downtown area. Other initiatives include signage, town brochures, tourist maps and other promotional and beautification efforts. The Committee also agreed to join the Parrsboro and Area Board of Trade as members to support local business.

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

Motion carried.

(c) GLOOSCAP PARK COMMITTEE REPORT

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Report given by Councillor Harrison

The CAO updated the Committee on various improvement initiatives underway at the Park. The CAO recommended that the Committee proceed with hiring Frank Warren to complete electrical work on six new trailer sites at the park. The Committee agreed with this recommendation.

Moved by Councillor Harrison, seconded by Councillor Fancy that the Glooscap Park Committee report and recommendations contained therein be accepted.

Motion carried.

(d) PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

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Report given by Councillor Shaw

Mike Carter of Cumberland County Protective Services and Parrsboro Fire Chief Randy Mosher presented to the Committee on initiatives to collaborate efforts to provide ever-increasing levels of fire protection while minimizing costs to both the Town and County. The Committee was advised that further collaborations could include the inspection and supply of specialized fire protection equipment. The Committee agreed with the recommendation and advised Mr. Carter and Mr. Mosher to proceed, provided any work that could be done locally would still be considered for local workers.

Moved by Councillor Shaw, seconded by Councillor Fancy that the Protective Services Committee report and recommendations contained therein be accepted.

Motion carried.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Deputy Mayor Ward advised that Ship's Company Theatre brochures are available in the Town Hall lobby and that the Classics By-The-Bay Festival is coming up on June 28th – 30th and all are welcome to attend.

Mayor Smith noted an invitation to an open house at the FORCE Visitor Centre during Oceans Week on Monday, June 3rd, 12 noon to 2:00 p.m.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Ward the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.