

COUNCIL

JUNE 29, 2016

#16-09A

The Parrsboro Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 29th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers with Mayor Lois Smith presiding.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Lisa Ward
Councillor David Harrison
Councillor Norman Rafuse
J. Raymond Hickey, CAO
Kevin Yorke, Secretary

REGRETS: 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 Councillor Rafuse, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ward that the Agenda be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

3. **PRESENTATION OF BARRY WOOD MEMORIAL OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

Mayor Smith presented the Barry Wood Memorial Outstanding Achievement Award to the following recipients:

Archery

Austin Ellis: Austin recently became a Provincial Champion in his age category at an Indoor Shoot, a Provincial Champion in a 3D Shoot as well as an Overall Shooter on the Provincial Level Indoor Target. Also, Austin will be attending Nationals.

Ashley Hamel: This year, Ashley acquired the Provincial Champion title in her age category as well as for the 3D Shoot Category.

Jerrid Willigar: Jerrid placed 3rd at a Provincial Shoot for his age category.

Kara-Lyne Shaw: Kara-Lyne placed 1st in Provincials for her age category at a Provincial Shoot.

All Barry Wood Memorial Archery Recipients are coached by Randy Elliott.

Senior Boys Softball

The 2015-2016 Senior Boys Softball team hosted Provincials in June, and finished 3rd in the Province.

Members of the 2015-2016 team are as follows:

Grayson McCrindle
Noah Perrin
Nicolas Leopold
Jerrid Willigar
Corey Merriam
Jackson Colborne
Alex Goodwin
Matthew Morris
Maxwell Hoar
Cole Dowe
Jacob Willigar
Tyler Millar-Hatfield

The 2015-2016 team was coached by Head Coaches Samantha McCrindle and Matthew Smith and by Assistant Coaches Kolby Benjamin, Seth Lake, Jerry Boutilier, Logan Legere and Riley McCulley.

Senior Girls Softball

The 2015-2016 Senior Girls Softball team attended Provincials in Antigonish in June and finished 3rd in the Province.

Members of the 2015-2016 team are as follows:

Dakota Ferdinand
MacKenzie Ferdinand
Kylee Smith
Danielle McLellan
Meana Oliveira
Haley Harrison
Ella Harrison
Rhianna Odlin
Erin Trottier
Casey Hamel
Ashley Hamel
Sarah Merriam

Jasmine Walton
Bryanna Jeffers
Victoria Trottier

The girls were coached by Charlene Smith and Bliss Walton.

4. PUBLIC HEARING RE: REZONING 451 UPPER MAIN STREET

Andrew Fisher, Planner, advised that this was the Public Hearing for a request to amend the Zoning Map of the Land Use Bylaw for a specific property at 451 Main Street. The property is currently zoned Architectural Residential where it fronts on Main Street and the rear of the property is zoned General Residential. The request is to change the zone from a residential designation to an institutional designation to permit the intended use of the property which is a religious institution or church. The Planner reviewed the process leading up to the Public Hearing and advised after the Public Hearing and considering all submissions from the public, the Council can then vote to give it second reading, deny it or defer a decision and ask for more information. If given second reading the amendment is then published in a local newspaper and the public are given 14 days to appeal their decision. After the 14 days the amendment is in effect. The Planner noted that whenever there is an amendment to a planning document it is incumbent upon Council to follow the policies adopted through the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw and that it is his job to explain what policies are relevant in the amendment and how the subject relates to those policies. In this case there are three main policies that are relevant and the Council must consider: that the proposal conforms to the general intent of the Planning Strategy; that the proposal is not premature or inappropriate by reason of financial capability of the Town to absorb costs; that it is not unduly going to impact municipal services such as water, sewer, storm sewer, road system, etc.; and that consideration is given to the extent to which the proposed development might conflict with adjacent land uses. The Planner pointed out that this amendment would generally conform to the intent of the Municipal Planning Strategy and that, in fact, there is a Municipal Planning Strategy Policy that lists other uses that Council would permit in the Residential Zone, and churches and religious institutions are one of them. The Planner noted that his recommendation would be, after consideration, to adopt the amendment. At this point questions and/or comments were invited from the public and Council.

Mr. Lewis Brown, owner of the property in question, noted that the entire property consists of approximately 7 ¼ to 7 ½ acres including 4 acres of blueberry land and what they are looking at is approximately 3 to 3 ½ acres fronting on Upper Main Street which would be subdivided off the main parcel.

The Planner noted that whether the entire property is zoned Institutional or Residential would not impact the blueberry operation as an agricultural use and that whether or not it can be subdivided and how it would be configured is beyond what is being considered here this evening. However, he did note that if there is a subdivision there would have to be access to the back property from the public street. Mr. Brown noted the understanding that there would be sufficient space for a right-of-way.

Mayor Smith noted having spoken to an individual who was unable to attend the Public Hearing, but had a concern that cars may be parking on either side of Main Street.

Doug Lake indicated that a parking area is part of the plan and that there will be plenty of room for parking on the property.

There were no further questions or comments.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Ward, seconded by Councillor Rafuse that the Zoning Map of the Land Use Bylaw be amended to change 451 Main Street to the Institutional Zone.

Motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Smith asked if there were any errors or omissions noted in the Council minutes of May 24th, 2016 (#16-08) and the minutes of a Special Meeting held on June 23rd, 2016 (#16-09).

Hearing none the minutes were declared approved as presented.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

JUNE 21, 2016

Report given by Deputy Mayor Ward

Fundy Connect – The Committee received a presentation from Mary Anne MacGrath, Community Data Coordinator, regarding the Fundy Connect project funded by the Province and partnering municipalities. Fundy Connect is a user friendly, online searchable data base for all things related to recreation and physical activity and is a resource for both local residents and tourists. There will be a link to Fundy Connect from the Town’s website in the near future.

Randy Corcoran Re: Partridge Island – Randy Corcoran approached the Committee with a concern about the future of Partridge Island, in particular, the property currently owned by the Town where the look-off is located, and he proposed options for maintaining the land undeveloped.

In the discussion the Committee shared Mr. Corcoran’s concern for the future of this property and agreed to investigate the best option for preserving it for public enjoyment.

Pier Rd. Playground – The Committee was advised that the Lions Club has expressed an interest in raising funds to upgrade and expand the playground on Pier Rd. near the museum and that they are looking for approval from Council to proceed with the project. The Lions Club also requests that Council consider moving the adjacent dog park to another location so that the entire area could be devoted to playground space.

In the discussion the Committee was supportive of this initiative and recommended that another location be investigated for the Pier Rd. dog park which was intended only as a temporary facility.

Request from Harbour Commission – The Committee was advised that the Parrsboro and Area Harbour Commission has expressed an interest in acquiring three Town owned properties in the First Beach area.

After a discussion the Committee recommended that the Town’s legal counsel be consulted with regard to the divestiture of these properties that would address such issues as future public access to the beach area and maintenance of the road.

Capital Purchases – The CAO requested confirmation of funding sources for capital projects and purchases in preparation for the audit. Following are the recommendations of the Committee:

| <u>Project/Purchase</u> | <u>Source of Funding</u> |
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| Library ramp design & construction | Library Reserve |
| Tennis court | Capital out of Revenue |
| Dry well @ ball field | Public Property Maintenance |
| Rowing machine for fitness centre | Capital out of Revenue |
| Band Shell drawings, engineering and demolition of old structure | Operating Reserve |
| Fire Truck | Fire Department Reserve |
| Public Works truck | Public Works Equipment Reserve/Capital |

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

Motion carried.

(b) PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

JUNE 2016

Report given by Deputy Mayor Ward

The Public Works Department would like to purchase a tandem trailer which is estimated to cost approximately \$6,000. \$1,350 has already been collected toward this purchase from the sale of the old truck body and that the Committee is requesting approval of funds for the balance.

Electrical work is being done at the Public Works shed.

The outflows of sewage are being monitored.

Hydrant flushing took place last week which is maintenance performed on a yearly basis.

The replacement of a culvert on Whitehall Road will take place during the second or third week of July.

The fence at the dog park has been repaired.

Clean up week went well.

The date of John Henwood's official retirement is November 1st.

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

Motion carried.

(c) PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

JUNE 2016

Report given by Deputy Mayor Ward

The firemen are busy planning for their July 1st Field Day which will take place on the grounds of the fire hall this year.

If funds are available after the budget and audit are completed, the Fire Department would like the Council to consider assisting with the purchase of a battery operated jaws-of-life estimated to cost approximately \$16,000. This equipment purchase would be cost shared on a 50/50 basis with the County of Cumberland.

The Fire Chief is requesting approval to proceed with repairs to the Fire Hall building including a cover for the generator, bathroom exhaust, and snow stops for the metal roof.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Ward, seconded by Councillor Rafuse that the Protective Services Committee report and recommendations contained therein be accepted.

Motion carried.

(d) LIBRARY REPORT

JUNE 2016

Report given by Deputy Mayor Ward

Statistics for Parrsboro Branch for 2015-2016:

| <u>Circulation</u> | <u>Holds</u> | <u>Active registered users</u> | <u>New users</u> |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| 8,809 | 2,239 | 704 | 87 |
| <u>Adult Program Attendance</u> | | <u>Children's Program Attendance</u> | |
| 12 | | 508 | |

The Library would like to request that the Town donate a number of Heritage Homes and History of Parrsboro books to give out as prizes for the Adult Reading Program.

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

Motion carried.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Ward, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Mayor

CAO

