

**COUNCIL**

**OCTOBER 25, 2016**

**#16-13**

The Parrsboro Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers with Mayor Lois Smith presiding.

**PRESENT:** Councillor David Harrison  
Councillor Norm Rafuse  
Councillor Ron Shaw  
J. Raymond Hickey, CAO  
Kevin Yorke, Secretary

**REGRETS:** Deputy Mayor Lisa Ward

**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**

As there were no additions to the Agenda, Mayor Smith declared it approved as circulated.

**3. MOTION RE: DONATION TO PARIS FAMILY**

**Moved by Councillor Rafuse, seconded by Councillor Harrison that the Town make a donation to the family of the late Josh Paris in the amount of \$1,000.00**

**Motion carried.**

**4. MOTION RE: JOHN HENWOOD'S RETIREMENT CONTRACT**

**Moved by Councillor Harrison, seconded by Councillor Rafuse that Town Council approve the continuation of health care benefits for John Henwood to age 70 as per his retirement contract.**

**Motion carried.**

**5. MOTION RE: APPOINTING AUDITORS**

**Moved by Councillor Harrison, seconded by Councillor that the accounting firm Jorgensen and Bickerton be appointed as auditors for the partial 2016 year.**

**Motion carried.**

**6. PAVING QUOTATION**

The CAO advised that a quotation from the Miller Group for all patching of pavement that is required in the town had come in at approximately \$34,000 which is \$9,000 over the amount that had been budgeted. He noted that part of the reason for the higher quote is that there is more patching required this year than the average and that the quote also includes some private work in error which would be subtracted from the total. The CAO advised that if the Council wanted to do all of the patching in town an additional \$9,000 would be required which could come from Gas Tax money.

**After a discussion there was a motion by Councillor Rafuse, seconded by Councillor Shaw to approve the quote from Miller Group provided the Council is satisfied with the quote after the estimate for private work has been deleted.**

**Motion carried.**

**7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Smith asked if there were any errors or omissions noted in the minutes of a Special Council meeting (#16-11) held on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016. She noted that the purpose of this meeting was to set the budget for 2016/17 and to approve a motion to withdraw money from the Water Reserve to cover 50% of the King Street water project.

Hearing none the minutes were declared approved as presented.

Mayor Smith asked if there were any errors or omissions noted in the minutes of a regular Council meeting (#16-11A) held on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Hearing none the minutes were declared approved as presented.

The Mayor asked if there were any errors or omissions noted in the minutes of a Special Council meeting (#16-12) held on October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 the purpose of which was to pass a motion to apply to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board for changes in its rates for water and water service, fire protection to the Town of Parrsboro and changes to its rules and regulations as set out in the Water Rate Study by G.A. Isenor Consulting Limited in association with Blaine S. Rooney Consulting Limited. The Mayor noted that Mr. Isenor had been a long associate of the Town and had an immense knowledge of its Water Utility.

Hearing none the minutes were declared approved as presented.

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence presented, however, it was noted that members of the Council had received a letter from MLA, Jamie Baillie, thanking them for their service.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Councillor Rafuse, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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**10. CITIZENS' FORUM**

Following are some comments from the Council and those in the gallery regarding this, the final meeting of the Parrsboro Town Council.

Mayor Smith noted that on behalf of Council she would like to congratulate Norm Rafuse on his success in the municipal election becoming the first Councillor on the County Council for Parrsboro. She noted that she was sure that he would serve the community well in his new role. She also acknowledged with appreciation the support of the CAO, administrative staff and staff of public works over the years.

On behalf of the past and present members and executive of the Parrsboro and District Board of Trade, Board President David Beattie, noted that on this historical day he would like to thank past and present Councils and staff for all the time and effort they put into managing the town. He noted that while the Board of Trade and Council were not always in agreement, the Board feels that ultimately the town has been managed well over the years and that it has been due to a lot of hard effort by many people to make it happen. He also acknowledged their strong leadership through the past year which has been stressful and difficult for many going through the transition process.

Andrew Wagstaff of the Citizen/Record thanked Council for all the memories he has had covering Council meetings for the past 21 years. He also noted that he has had a great relationship with many Mayors and Councillors over the years which he will miss.