

## COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 23, 2016

#16-03

The Parrsboro Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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  
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.

### 2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**Motion carried.**

### 3. **1<sup>st</sup> READING OF AMENDMENTS TO PLANNING DOCUMENTS, AND A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT TO ALLOW THE DEVELOPMENT OF A RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION ON A PORTION OF THE LAND AT 14 CHAMBERS BLVD.**

Councillor Rafuse declared a conflict of interest and was excused from the Council Chambers for this agenda item.

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Ward, seconded by Councillor Harrison that the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Amendments to Planning Documents, and a Development Agreement to Allow the Development of a Residential Subdivision on a Portion of the Land at 14 Chambers Blvd. be approved.**

**Motion carried.**

### 4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Smith asked if there were any errors or omissions noted in the Council minutes of January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 (#16-01). Hearing none the minutes were declared approved as presented.

Mayor Smith asked if there were any errors or omissions noted in the Special Council minutes of February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 (#16-02). 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**

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(a) **Presentation** – Taylor Redmond updated the Committee regarding the STEP (Sustainable Tourism Expansion Program) which is designed to increase the quality and caliber of visitor experiences offered by operators and communities in Atlantic Canada in order to help generate and sustain tourism revenues. Taylor reviewed actions taken by the group to date and 9 key action items that were identified through the program including the Parrsboro Shore Ambassador Program, Parrsboro Shore Calendar of Events and Trade Show event.

(b) **Aboiteau Gates** – The Committee discussed the problem of water leaking around the gates at the Aboiteau bridge and agreed to proceed in the spring to build up the berm in front of the structure and also to investigate the replacement of the gates that have deteriorated.

(c) **Sewer Extension Update** – The Committee was advised that the Department of Environment has given the go head to proceed with the sewer extension project on Upper Main Street and that design plans have been drawn up for the tender documents that will be out in the very near future.

(d) **Parrsboro Citizens Band Request** – The Parrsboro Citizens Band has requested that the Town consider providing tax free status for the Band Hall building and an amendment to the agreement turning over the Band Hall to the Association.

After a discussion the Committee asked that staff investigate what would need to be done to accommodate these requests and report back.

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

**Motion carried.**

**(b) CUMBERLAND PUBLIC LIBRARIES REPORT**

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### Coming Soon

March Break 2016 is fast approaching and planning well under way. Last year the Cumberland Public Libraries had over 250 kids attend programs that week despite the bad weather. March Break 2016 is March 14-18 and all libraries in the Cumberland Public Library system will have programs for kids in grades Primary to six. Call your local library or check our website for more information.

### Did you know?

The Cumberland Public Libraries (CPL) has received a \$10,000 donation from Paul Christie of Halifax in memory of his late mother, Thelma Christie. This donation will be dedicated to purchasing new books for CPL, with a focus on CPL's large print collection, for which there is a high demand among library users.

### Statistics

In the month of December, Cumberland Public Libraries signed out over 8,000 items. This includes books, movies, TV shows, magazines and more.

Also in December, the 7 libraries held 32 programs County-wide for children and adults, with 532 people in attendance.

### Find out what's going on

Check out the library's webpage ([www.cumberlandpubliclibraries.ca](http://www.cumberlandpubliclibraries.ca)) to see our Calendar of Events and get information on upcoming programs.

Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter (@CumberlandPL) to get information on coming events, find out about new books and movies, and see pictures of our programs.

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Ward, seconded by Councillor Shaw that the Cumberland Public Libraries report be accepted.**

**Motion carried.**

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) **Parrsboro Citizens Band** – Deputy Mayor Ward noted an invitation from the Parrsboro Citizens Band Association to attend their Annual General Meeting followed by a celebration marking the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary since the beginning of “Save the Hall”. This will take place on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:00 p.m.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Ward the meeting adjourned.

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