

COUNCIL

MAY 2, 2006

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The Parrsboro Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 2nd, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers with Mayor Doug Robinson presiding.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith
Councillor Lois Smith
Councillor Lyle Yorke
A.D. Brown, C.A.O.
Kevin Yorke, Secretary

REGRETS: Councillor Gleneida Canning

1. **WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Robinson welcomed all those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He advised that Councillor Canning was absent due to an illness in the family.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith, seconded by Councillor Lois Smith that the Agenda be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

3. **RCMP REPORT**

Cpl. Phil Oliver presented the following report from March 28th to today: 4 - 911 False calls; 1 - Assault complaint; 1 - Assistance to a U.S. agency regarding the MVA; 1 - Disturbing the Peace call; 1 - Family relations assistance call; 1 - Fraud complaint; 1 - Mental Health Act issue complaint; 6 - Motor Vehicle Act offenses; 1 - Theft Under complaint; 1 - Property Act complaint (trespassing/noise); 1 - Uttering threats to cause death or bodily harm complaint; 1 - Career Day talk at the High School.

Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith advised that at the last Council meeting Cst. Colin Morton noted that there was going to be some information sessions regarding child car seats and their proper installation.

Cpl. Oliver noted the understanding that this was an initiative of the Traffic Services Section of the Department of Motor Vehicles in Amherst and that he was not aware of any information sessions taking place in this area.

4. PRESENTATION OF 2006 VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Mayor Robinson advised that the next order of business was to present the 2006 Volunteer Awards to all those who were nominated for their outstanding service to the community. He emphasized the great impact that volunteers have and that their service is constantly available to the community. The Mayor mentioned that a study that was recently undertaken by Mount St. Vincent University indicates that our area, including the Parrsboro shore, really stands out in volunteerism and he expressed the opinion that in general rural municipalities throughout Nova Scotia are solidly behind volunteerism. He also indicated that it was nice to see so many young people in the council chambers as quite often volunteers are perceived to be only people over 65 years of age and this is certainly not the case here in Parrsboro. Mayor Robinson advised that he had originally planned to remark upon the biographies of each of the volunteers, however, feeling that he may miss something important, he made the general comment that what the individual volunteers have put forward, and what they represent means an awful lot to any community, especially ours. He noted that it has been said that when people come to Parrsboro they get a really nice feeling@being here, and that what volunteers have done over many years is very representative of where that feeling comes from. On behalf of the Council and the citizens of the Town, the Mayor thanked the volunteers for that.

Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith indicated that he would like to echo the Mayor=s comments. He noted that at the Provincial Volunteer Awards ceremony in Halifax it was pointed out that provincially 33% of the people of Nova Scotia volunteer and that he is confident that that number has been reached and probably surpassed here in Parrsboro and area. He indicated that this speaks volumes for the people that do volunteer in this area and it is greatly appreciated. The Deputy Mayor also noted the important role of the people who nominate the volunteers to be recognized because without them the Town would not be able to thank the volunteers in the proper manner.

At this point Mayor Robinson presented certificates and pins to the volunteers in alphabetical order. The first certificate was presented to Lewis Brown whom the Mayor indicated was selected as Representative Volunteer for the Town of Parrsboro and received Provincial recognition for his volunteer efforts. The Mayor stated that Lewis is very deserving of the award and that he is truly a role model to all volunteers. He described Lewis as a dedicated individual who is always there and performs his volunteer duties quietly and sincerely.

Lewis expressed his appreciation to Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith who nominated him and that he appreciated the award and the recognition very much.

Mayor Robinson advised that the next award was for Bill Connors who was unable to attend the meeting tonight due to other commitments. The Mayor noted that having been involved in a couple of

organizations with Bill he knows that he devotes a great deal of time to his volunteer efforts and that most people do not realize it because he too works quietly in the background. The Mayor stated that Bill is definitely worthy of the certificate.

The next volunteer award was presented to high school student Kelsea Gillis. The Mayor noted that it was really a great pleasure to see so many young people being involved in volunteer organizations and he thanked them for their hard work and dedication.

The Mayor presented the next volunteer award to Frank Hartman. He advised that Frank is a more recent and very welcomed addition to our town and is someone who has really jumped into volunteer work.

Frank thanked the Town for the award and indicated that he appreciated the recognition very much.

Merton Kay was the next to be recognized. Mayor Robinson noted that Merton was unable to attend due an illness in the family and that again he is one of those who is dedicated to the cause of volunteerism but works away in the background. The Mayor advised that Merton's efforts are very much appreciated.

Mayor Robinson presented the next volunteer certificate to Ryan Matthews and congratulated him for also being the recipient of the Provincial Youth Volunteer Award. The Mayor noted that he knew Ryan best for his involvement in the air cadets, however, there are a number of other activities that he is involved in. He described Ryan is an individual who puts a great effort forward to work for the community and thanked him for all he does.

The Mayor advised that the next certificate was for Keith Odlin who could not be here due to family commitments. He advised that Keith is a very dedicated worker to any cause that he is involved in and that he is certainly well deserving of this award.

The final certificate was awarded to the Robinson/MacAloney family. Accepting the award were Ross Robinson, Rose MacAloney, Selina Robinson and Rebecca MacAloney. Savannah Robinson and Christene MacAloney were unable to attend due to work commitments. Mayor Robinson noted that when he has attended the volunteer luncheons in Halifax the families that are recognized really do an awful lot for their community and that is why he took such great pride in presenting this award to a whole family of volunteers who do so much as a family unit, but also individually.

At the end of the presentations Mayor Robinson noted that another group present in the council chambers that did not win a volunteer award but that does a lot of volunteering is the Youth Town Council. He asked Councillor Lois Smith, the Youth Town Council's mentor, to introduce them.

Councillor Smith introduced YTC members Miranda Bowden, President, Linda MacPhee, Vice-chair, and Rebecca MacAloney. She noted that the YTC does attend Council meetings occasionally and that they are very hard workers who have done a lot this year. Councillor Smith noted that the majority of the members of the YTC would be lost next year due to graduation and that they will be missed. She noted

that the Council is very proud of the young people and she thanked them for coming.

5. PRESENTATION - SENIORS= SECRETARIAT RE: A STRATEGY FOR POSITIVE AGING@

Valerie White, Executive Director of the Seniors= Secretariat thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to speak regarding the A Strategy for Positive Aging in Nova Scotia@ . As an introduction to the Seniors= Secretariat, Ms. White advised that it is a Provincial Government agency governed by a committee comprised of the Ministers of Health, Community Services, Education, Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, Health Promotions and Justice. Last year the Secretariat celebrated its 25th anniversary and due to its unique structure providing horizontal management across government it has become a role model for other provinces in the process of establishing secretariats. The Secretariat responds to all kinds of seniors= issues on a toll free telephone line, facilitates and supports a variety of committees, hosts regular consultations with seniors groups, and produces various publications including the Programs for Seniors booklet. Besides the A Strategy for Positive Aging@ , the Secretariat was involved in a strategy for the prevention of elder abuse. Ms. White noted that she brought a supply of these publications for distribution at appropriate places around the town. The Secretariat also coordinates the planning and development of government policies, programs and services for seniors and within this mandate they were honoured to be chosen to lead the task force on positive aging. Phase one of the strategy was just completed which is the document A Strategy for Positive Aging@ . The strategy reflects direct input of more than 1000 Nova Scotians who attended public and stakeholder meetings across the province. At the Parrsboro Legion 17 people came out for a very lively discussion that covered a broad range of subjects including the need for high speed internet access. The Secretariat also got to here about a wonderful inter-generational program in Parrsboro, specifically the Host Sleep Over and Movie Nights, designed to get children involved in community activities and was an idea the Secretariat introduced at subsequent meetings in other areas.

Ms. White advised that her job is to make sure these kinds of programs as well as the insight and experiences of all the people who contributed to the strategy continue to guide decision making today and in the future. It is also to provide a sense of why the strategy is important and what the Secretariat hopes it will achieve. This is why they have embarked on the awareness tour and over the spring and this coming fall they will be directing their talks to municipal governments, regional development agencies, community health boards, district health authorities any other interested groups. The primary objective of the strategy is to get people talking and thinking about our aging population and planning accordingly, making sure that our decision makers are aware of the strategy and encouraging everyone to use the strategy as a planning tool. Ms. White advised that more than 700 people turn 65 in Nova Scotia every month and that Nova Scotia has the second oldest population in the country. With the aging of the baby boom generation the number of seniors in Nova Scotia, currently 132,000, will nearly double in the next 20 years. In the last census the percentage of seniors in Parrsboro was 22.9% ranking it the 10th oldest town in Nova Scotia. An aging population brings a number of challenges such as expenditures for health, continuing care, housing, and community based transportation. It also brings many opportunities and if we start planning now to maximize these opportunities it will do a great deal

to overcome the challenges in the future. Ms. White advised that community development is key as most of the characteristics of a community that make it senior friendly are decided at the local level. Creating supportive communities is important and one of the things the Secretariat hopes is that everyone will become aware of how vital and essential community support will be in the future. Volunteerism is the backbone of a strong community and one of the challenges will be to nurture volunteerism. According to one study Nova Scotia lost 30,000 volunteers between 1997 and 2000 and many non-profit groups have indicated how difficult it is to recruit and maintain volunteers. Fewer people are carrying the burden of the work which is why volunteers are experiencing burn out. However, retiring baby boomers represent a very large pool of highly skilled, capable, active volunteers and this is the opportunity. If baby boomers volunteer in their retirement at the same rate as in their 40's, one in three will do so. But tomorrow's seniors have different expectations and interests and many organizations will have to adapt in order to attract them and that is why planning is so important. The second challenge and opportunity has to do with interaction between the generations. Currently the two most segregated groups are young people and old people and we are becoming increasingly aware of the damage this has caused. Each group has too many misconceptions about the other, there are too many unwarranted fears and too many missed opportunities. The two groups have much to learn from each other and it is hoped that in the future interaction between the two groups will be common place in schools, long term care facilities and in countless other places. Another of the challenges has the potential to seriously impact our economy, specifically, there is a declining labour force as baby boomers retire. In fact, the labour force growth will drop to zero by 2010. The opportunities are workplaces where older people are truly valued, where flexible work hours and phased retirement policies encourage people to work longer if they wish to and where people with elder care responsibilities have the same support as those with child care responsibilities. Other opportunities include the many new products on the market that can be adapted to make life easier for seniors and help them stay at home longer and changes to legislation such as the Building Code to make housing more accessible. Sustainable community based transportation services are also important that provide for a wide range of needs and abilities. It is not only just for getting seniors to medical appointments, it is also necessary for accessing recreation and social activities. There are nine communities currently developing transportation systems through Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations programs that provide funding for community based projects. Also important is infrastructure to support other forms of transportation such as sidewalks and safe trails for scooters. These are the kinds of opportunities that can be maximized at less cost to both seniors and governments so long as we plan for the future in a way that recognizes that today's decisions have a major impact and planning for the future is exactly why the Province created the task force on aging. Ms. White advised that phase II is the real work that begins now, part of which is establishing an interdepartmental working group tasked at looking at the 190 recommendations in the document and what the Provincial government is to take a lead on. They will have to set priorities, cost the programs and create action around the recommendations. Every department and agency has to develop a business plan outlining what they plan to achieve that year around seniors issues. The following year they will have to state what progress was made. The Secretariat will be monitoring that and will be putting out a two or three page document each year to show the progress made. In this way it becomes a living, working document that will be useful over the next 10 to 15 years. The section in the document titled A Making the Strategy Work encourages all levels of government, community groups and others to use the strategy as a guide for identifying priorities and developing action plans relevant to their individual situations. However,

governments cannot do everything by themselves, it involves all kinds of groups such as church groups, service clubs, etc. because it affects everyone. The issues addressed in the strategy cover virtually every aspect of society and this wide range of approaches and solutions are needed. The strategy therefore ignores the boundaries that exist between each level of government, business, not-for-profit organizations and so. Instead it views the province as a whole and considers how all the parts can work together in the pursuit of a shared vision. The Secretariat believes that planning for Nova Scotia's aging population can bring the kinds of changes that create profound social gains and that it can provide better services, stronger, more caring communities and better working conditions for everyone, the kind that will not only keep our young people here, but attract others to this special place that we have the great fortune of calling home. In closing Ms. White emphasized that the needs of communities and the needs of seniors are intrinsically linked. Responding to the needs of one will positively impact the health and well being of the other, but it is a two way street. Seniors who are able must take steps to contribute to their community and the communities must in turn support and encourage seniors to remain active and healthy. Creating supportive communities requires active participation, creative initiative, and optimistic attitudes, it also requires leadership. Ms White indicated that the Secretariat hopes this strategy will support the Council's efforts and that as community leaders they will see the strategy as a source of both inspiration and information. She noted that as Council goes through the document, if there is something that they would like to see happen in their community, the Secretariat would be more than willing to provide them with some models of programs in other areas.

After the presentation Ms. White answered some questions from Council.

Mayor Robinson indicated that in rural areas the community health boards have more of a direct connection with seniors and he asked if she had spoken to any community health boards.

Ms. White noted that she had spoken to the community health board in Bass River the previous evening and that through this effort they are trying to speak to as many community health boards and district health authorities as possible. She indicated the Secretariat is trying to help them connect and be the link to helping them in any way. She also noted at this point that she had brought some posters based on the guiding principles of the strategy for community groups or anyone planning a program or service for seniors and that she would leave 4 or 5 for anyone interested.

Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith advised that he could see a strategy such as this working in a municipality with a recreation or leisure services department. He noted that unfortunately Parrsboro does not have a leisure services department and he asked how she would suggest that the strategy be promoted in the community without full time staff doing that type of work.

Ms. White indicated that recreation is just one aspect and that there are others such as town planners, people in the construction industry and any community groups who are looking at the needs of the community, the demographics, what type of housing is going to be required, how people will access services, etc. She recommended circulating the strategy as widely as possible as there may be some community groups that may pick up on some of the recreation needs in the community and decide that it

may be a good project for them or maybe two or three community groups in cooperation.

Councillor Lois Smith advised Ms. White that there is a very active senior citizens= club in Parrsboro called the Over Sixties Club and that it may be an avenue to go through.

Ms. White noted this and emphasized the importance of getting the document into the hands of as many groups and individuals as possible who the Council may know as those who are creative thinkers because one idea leads to another.

At this point there were no further questions Mayor Robinson thanked Ms. White for her presentation.

6. FIRE CHIEF=S REPORT

Fire Chief Will Dunphy presented the following report of activity from March 28 to May 2, 2006:

Emergency Calls:

False Alarms:	0
Fire Alarms:	0
Flue Fires:	2
Vehicle Fire:	0
MVA:	0
Medical First Responder:	0
Structure Fires:	1
Grass/Brush Fire:	5

We had a very busy month with grass and brush fires leading the list for responses. Aubrey Fenton and Arnold Wood attended a PSI Visual Cylinder Inspection Course and we are now equipped to fill SCUBA tanks at the Fire Hall.

For training the department did pre-incident planning for a few of the local businesses that we had done pre-incident surveys for in the past. Informative videos on flashover and fire safety education for children were also reviewed. Upcoming training will include water supply and drafting as well as DNR training for forest fires.

The Parrsboro Fire Department will be hosing a Blood Donor Clinic on June 1. We are asking for public support on making this the best and most generous year ever.

There were no questions for the Fire Chief.

7. APPROVAL OF CHEQUE SHEET

Moved by Councillor Lois Smith, seconded by Councillor Lyle Yorke that the general cheque sheet in the amount of \$93,482.60 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Robinson asked if there were any errors or omissions noted in the Council minutes of March 28, 2006 (#06-03).

Hearing none he declared the minutes approved as presented.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Finance - Report given by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith:

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

APRIL 2006

(a) Tax Exemptions - The Clerk advised that twelve applications had been submitted for the \$100 municipal tax exemption eligible to homeowners with a household income of \$13,500 or less.

After reviewing the applications it was determined that all applicants met the criteria for the exemption.

(b) Heritage Books - The Committee discussed what to do with the remainder of the A Heritage Homes and History of Parrsboro@ books which to this point have been available for sale only through the Town Office.

After a discussion it was recommended that the books be offered at a cost of \$24.00 each to any business or organization interested in reselling them at their own price. The books will continue to be available from the Town Office at a cost of \$32.50 plus \$5.00 shipping and handling where applicable.

(c) Appointment to CJSMA - Correspondence from the Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority advised that the Authority Chair position is due to change again and that it is Parrsboro= s turn to fill the position.

After a discussion the Committee recommended that Councillor Lyle Yorke be appointed as Chair of CJSMA and that Councillor Gleneida Canning be appointed to the board to replace Councillor Yorke as voting delegate.

(d) Lucky Paws Cat Club - Correspondence from the Lucky Paws Cat Club advised that the not-for-profit hobby club has selected the Parrsboro arena to host their annual championship and household pet cat show this coming September. Anne-Marie Brown of the Show Committee indicated that the club would like to partner with Parrsboro to create a successful event and asked for a person to contact to discuss the various options to promote this venue.

After a discussion the Committee agreed that it would be appropriate to refer this correspondence to the Board of Trade.

(e) Police Advisory Committee - A letter from the Department of Justice advised that with the passing of the new Police Act and Regulations on January 1, 2006, there is a requirement for municipalities being policed by the RCMP to establish a police advisory board. Executive Director, Alex Steeves, indicated that the department will be working with municipalities and the RCMP in setting up police advisory boards in their communities.

After a discussion the Committee recommended setting up a meeting with a member of the Department of Justice to review the requirements for a police advisory board.

(f) May Committee and Council Meetings - Due to the conflicting schedule of a member of Council required to be out of town for work commitments, it was agreed to move the May Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to the 23rd and the May Council meeting to the 30th.

(g) LA Animal Shelter - Correspondence from Catherine McKay, Treasurer of the LA Animal Shelter asked the Town of Parrsboro to provide a grant for the year 2006 to help defray the cost of operating the shelter.

The Committee recommended that this request be referred to the 2006/07 budget for consideration.

(h) Tax Collection - The Clerk advised that the 2005/2006 fiscal year was a very successful year for tax collection in the Town of Parrsboro. He noted that tax bills totaled \$907,340 and all but \$5,000 of it was collected. He advised that this speaks very well of the tax collection policy adopted by Council several years ago and the staff that administer the policy.

The Deputy Mayor added that he had been speaking with Mr. Brown earlier this evening and was informed that since the meeting there has been more tax money collected. He indicated that even \$5,000 represents less than half of one percent of outstanding taxes which he believes speaks volumes for the employees who administer the collection policies. Deputy Mayor Smith noted the understanding that there are other towns with much larger percentages of taxes outstanding after the end of the fiscal year.

(i) Request for De-Registration of Heritage Property - The Clerk read a letter from Joyce Murray requesting that her property at 357 Main Street be de-registered as a Municipal Heritage property. She noted that her house is for sale and that the prospective buyer would like to put vinyl siding on the house

which is prohibited under the Heritage By-Law.

In the discussion the Committee agreed that there would be no significant benefit to maintaining the home as a municipal heritage property and recommended that it be deregistered. The Clerk was requested to take whatever steps are necessary to deregister the property as quickly as possible.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith, seconded by Councillor Lyle Yorke that the Finance Committee report and recommendations contained therein be accepted. Motion carried.

(b) Public Works - Report given by Councillor Lyle Yorke:

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

APRIL 2006

(a) Superintendent's Report - John Henwood reported the following activity over the past month:

- the unusually mild weather allowed the crew to fix potholes and rough spots along the shoulders of the gravel roads and apply some cold mix to the paved streets
- ditches and the Town Hall yard were raked and cleaned up
- the Christmas and dinosaur lights were removed from the utility poles with the kind assistance of Nova Scotia Power. The crew is in the process of repairing and repainting the dinosaur lights and they will be reinstalled when finished
- a new screen for filtering sand was constructed
- water was pumped off the reservoir cover
- some seasonal water services were turned on
- a couple of water shut off valves were repaired that had been broken off during snow removal by private contractors
- a complaint regarding discoloured water from a resident at the end of Park Street was investigated. They were advised to let the water run for a couple of days which allowed it to clear up
- a leaking fire hydrant on Pier Road was replaced with a new hydrant which was set further back off the street

- garbage cans have been put out at the First Beach, Boardwalk and Skateboard Park

- a couple of culverts were installed, one in a driveway that had to be moved and the other in a new driveway

(b) Spring Clean-Up Dates - The Clerk noted that the annual spring clean-up usually takes place during the week following the long weekend in May and this year the dates would be Tuesday, May 23rd, Wednesday, May 24th and Thursday, May 25th. Leaf and yard waste will not be picked up at curbside this year, however, the former Swan Creek Road Landfill will be open on the three Saturdays before the clean up, the 6th, 13th and 20th and again on Friday, May 26th and 27th for people to deposit their own yard waste.

After a discussion the Committee agreed to these dates with the appropriate advertising in advance.

Moved by Councillor Lyle Yorke, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith that the Public Works Committee report and recommendations contained therein be accepted. Motion carried.

(c) Planning, Development and Housing - Report given by Councillor Lois Smith:

PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE REPORT

APRIL 2006

(a) Building Inspector=s Report - Following is the activity in the Building Inspector=s Office for the month of March 2006:

	<u>No. of Permits</u>	<u>Value</u>
New Construction, Alterations & Additions (Residential)	2	\$5,000
Garages & Sheds	1	\$1,300
Total	3	\$6,300

Moved by Councillor Lois Smith, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith that the Planning, Development and Housing Committee report be accepted. Motion carried.

(d) **Recreation** - Report given by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith:

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

APRIL 2006

(a) **Volunteer Awards** - Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith attended the Provincial Volunteer ceremonies in Halifax on April 18th recognizing the important contribution of volunteers in Nova Scotia. Also attending the ceremonies were Parrsboro residents Ryan Matthews who was selected as the Provincial Youth Volunteer and Lewis Brown, Representative Volunteer for the Town of Parrsboro. All volunteers that were nominated will be honoured at the Council meeting on May 2nd.

(b) **YMCA Budget** - The Committee was advised that the budget for the Summer Recreation Program has been received from the YMCA to provide supervision and administration of the program. The budget is basically the same as last year with an increase of \$1.00 in the hourly rate. The YMCA is hoping to find a quality person to fill this position.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Lloyd Smith, seconded by Councillor Lois Smith that the Recreation Committee Report be accepted. Motion carried.

(e) **CREDA** - Report given by Councillor Lois Smith:

CUMBERLAND REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REPORT

APRIL 2006

(a) **Council Appointment** - Correspondence from Dan Burke, Chair of CREDA Board of Directors, advised that the elected position held by Councillor Gleneida Canning will expire as of May 31st, 2006 and he requested that Council address this situation on or prior to the term expiration. Mr. Burke noted that according to CREDA's bylaws Councillor Canning may be reappointed as only one complete term has been served.

After a discussion the Committee agreed to recommend the reappointment of Councillor Canning as Council's representative on the CREDA board.

Moved by Councillor Lois Smith, seconded by Councillor Lyle Yorke that the CREDA report and the recommendations contained therein be accepted. Motion carried.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) **Parrsboro Minor Hockey Association** - Correspondence from Wayne Cormier, President of PMHA

requested Council to consider financial support for the hockey association.

It was recommended that this request be referred to 2006/07 budget deliberations.

(b) Canada Day Fire Works Committee - The Canada Day Fire Works Committee also asked for financial support for 2006.

The Council recommended referring the request to the 2006/07 budget.

(c) Murray Scott - The Mayor noted correspondence addressed to himself and Councillors from the Honourable Murray Scott inviting them to joint the staff of the Seniors= Secretariat and Springhill Police Department at the launch of the new Seniors= Safety Program on Friday, May 5th at 3:00 p.m. at the Springhill Fire Hall. Mayor Robinson indicated that he planned to attend and encouraged anyone else from Council to go if they can fit it into their schedules.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Councillor Lois Smith the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.