

April 20, 2006

The regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Yarmouth was held in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall on Thursday, April 20, 2006.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the playing of O'Canada.

**RECORD OF ATTENDANCE**

Mayor Charles Crosby  
Councillor Byron Boudreau  
Councillor Esther Dares  
Councillor Clifford Hood  
Councillor Murray Judge  
Councillor Wally Strickland  
Greg Barro, Town Solicitor  
Rose Earle, Executive/Recording Secretary

**REGRETS**

Jeff Gushue, C.A.O.  
Deputy Mayor Martin Pink (part of council)

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

MOVED BY Councillor Strickland, SECONDED BY Councillor Boudreau that the Agenda be approved, with the following deletion:

7 a) Delegation – Richard Hurlburt

MOTION CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOVED BY Councillor Strickland, SECONDED BY Councillor Boudreau that the minutes of March 9, 2006 (Public Hearing), be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED BY Councillor Dares, SECONDED BY Councillor Boudreau that the minutes of March 9, 2006 (Regular Council), be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING**

**MARKETING AND PROMOTIONS LEVY BYLAW – SECOND READING**

Mayor Crosby brought forward the revised draft of the proposed Marketing and Promotions Levy Bylaw. He gave a brief review of meeting with involved stakeholders and a subsequent meeting with the CAOs and Warden of the Municipality of the District of Yarmouth. He advised revisions included a flat rate of \$2 per room per night instead of 1.5% and that the effective date would be January, 2007.

MOVED BY Councillor Dares, SECONDED BY Councillor Strickland that the Second Reading of the Marketing and Promotions Levy By-law be approved.

MOVED BY Councillor Strickland , SECONDED BY Councillor Dares that the Second Reading of the Marketing and Promotions Levy By-law be approved with the following amendment:

“A Joint Committee be established for the administration of funds collected through the Marketing and Promotions By-law. The committee will be made up of one representative from each of the motel/hotel properties that will be charging and collecting the levy, plus one councillor from each of the Town and Municipality of Yarmouth. CAOs will be ex-officio on the Committee;”

“That funds raised by the Marketing and Promotions Levy are not meant to replace the funding provided to the local Tourism Association from the Municipal Units;”

Councillor Hood advised that by making such a motion it did not fall within the statute and that he did not agree with giving authority for the use of funds collected from the Levy to a committee.

The Solicitor advised the Committee structure wouldn't be included in the By-law as the By-law only authorizes the collection of monies.

Mayor Crosby invited members of the Public to comment on the proposed Marketing and Promotions Levy By-law and amendments.

Mr. Brian Rodney commented that as long as the concerns of the stakeholders were addressed, whether it be through by-law or policy then he was happy with the proposed by-law.

THE MOVERS AND SECONDEES AGREED to withdraw their earlier motions.

MOVED BY Councillor Strickland, SECONDED BY Councillor Dares that the Second Reading of the Marketing and Promotions Levy By-law be approved including a start date of January, 2007 and changing the room rate per night from 1.5% to \$2.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED BY Councillor Strickland, SECONDED BY Councillor Boudreau that Council instruct staff to draft a policy that a Joint Committee be established for the administration of funds collected through the Marketing and Promotions Levy By-law. The Committee will be made up of one representative from each of the motel/hotel properties that will be charging and collecting the levy, plus one councillor from each of the Town and Municipality of the District of Yarmouth. CAOs will be ex-officio on the committee. Funds raised by the Marketing and Promotions Levy By-law are not meant to replace the funding provided to the local Tourism Association from the municipal units.

After discussion whereby Councillors expressed their concern regarding the base amount from municipal units for tourism within the budget,

MOTION DEFEATED

**Editor's Note:** Deputy Mayor Pink arrived at 7:51 p.m.

MOVED BY Councillor Judge, SECONDED BY Councillor Hood that a Joint Committee be established for the administration of funds collected through the Marketing and Promotions Levy By-law. The Committee will be made up of one representative from each of the motel/hotel properties that will be charging and collecting the levy, plus one councillor from each of the Town and Municipality of the District of Yarmouth. CAOs will be ex-officio on the committee.

MOTION CARRIED

**GAS TAX PRIORITIES**

Mayor Crosby gave a brief review on gas tax priorities.

MOVED BY Councillor Dares that the priorities of road construction and reconstruction be the Town's priorities for the gas tax.

THERE WAS NO SECONDER THEREFORE THE MOTION WAS LOST.

IT WAS AGREED this item would be tabled until clarification was received from the CAO.

**CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**

**FCM RE: SUPPORT FOR WOMEN IN MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT – SHELLEY GOODWIN**

Correspondence from Shelley Goodwin requesting support for Women in Municipal Government, was reviewed.

MOVED BY Dares, SECONDED BY Boudreau that Council support the request from Shelley Goodwin by supporting the following resolution:

WHEREAS, in Canada, women's representation in municipal government is 21.7 percent and women make up just 21.1 percent of Members of parliament, placing Canada 37<sup>th</sup> out of 181 countries for the number of women in national politics;

WHEREAS there is a democratic deficit; one that sees half of our population under-represented in our political institutions;

WHEREAS we want to close that gender gap because Canada and our communities cannot afford to lose the insights and expertise of half their citizens; and

WHEREAS we need women in municipal government to reflect the life experiences of women;

BE IT RESOLVED that Council will strive to address the barriers that impede women's participation in our community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council support the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' national campaign to increase women's participation in municipal government.

MOTION CARRIED

**FCM – CONSENT RE MAYOR CROSBY**

Correspondence regarding consent for nomination information for Mayor Crosby to have his name submitted for consideration as a member of the National Board of Directors of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, was considered.

MOVED BY Councillor Strickland, SECONDED BY Councillor Hood that Mayor Crosby be authorized to submit his name for consideration as a member of the National Board of Directors of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

MOTION CARRIED

**SOUTH SHORE LABOUR COUNCIL**

Correspondence from the South Shore Labour Council requesting that the Town of Yarmouth lower its flag to half mast on April 28, 2006 in honour of those who died or were badly maimed at the workplace, was considered.

MOVED BY Councillor Boudreau, SECONDED BY Councillor Strickland that the Town of Yarmouth lower its flag to half mast on April 28, 2006 in honour of those who died or were badly maimed at the workplace.

MOTION CARRIED

**YARMOUTH AREA INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION**

Correspondence from Roger King, Chair Yarmouth Area Industrial Commission, requesting representation on a committee representing the Town of Yarmouth, Municipality of the District of Yarmouth, Municipality of the District of Argyle, the Tri County School Board and Eric Ruff, Director Emeritus of the Yarmouth County Museum and Archives to submit to the Yarmouth Area Industrial Commission a proposed name for the new school board building, was considered.

MOVED BY Councillor Strickland, SECONDED BY Councillor Boudreau that Mayor Crosby represent the Town of Yarmouth on a committee to submit a proposed name to the Yarmouth Area Industrial Commission for the new school board building.

MOTION CARRIED

**NOVA SCOTIA BUSINESS INC.****22<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL NOVA SCOTIA EXPORT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

Correspondence from Stephen Lund, President and CEO of Nova Scotia Business Inc. regarding the Nova Scotia Export Achievement Awards, was considered.

IT WAS AGREED that Council support, in principle, the request from Stephen Lund, Nova Scotia Business Inc.

**SOUTH WEST SHORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
DINNER FOR PREMIER RODNEY MACDONALD**

An invitation was received from the South West Shore Development Authority to Council inviting them to attend a dinner for Premier Rodney MacDonald.

IT WAS AGREED that the Town would absorb costs for the Mayor to attend the Premier's dinner, however, individual councillors would cover their own costs.

**SOUTH WEST SHORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT – SOUTH WEST SHORE ENERGY OFFICE**

Correspondence from the South West Shore Development Authority requesting a letter of support for their South West Shore Energy Office, was considered.

IT WAS AGREED the Mayor would check with the South West Shore Energy Office to see what they need.

**LIBRARY – ADOPT A BOOK CAMPAIGN**

Councillor Judge encouraged Councillors and the Public to support the Western Counties Regional Library and adopt a book through their Adopt A Book campaign.

**CANADIAN UNION OF POSTAL WORKERS**

Correspondence from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers requesting Council to write to the new minister expressing Council's support to stop the closure of postal outlets, was considered.

MOVED BY Councillor Hood, SECONDED BY Councillor Strickland the correspondence received from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers be placed on file.

MOTION CARRIED

**VON – CARING FOR LIFE WALK**

Correspondence from the Victorian Order of Nurses requesting support from Council in the form of a team to participate in the Caring For Life walk, was considered.

Mayor Crosby encouraged Councillors and the Public to participate in the Victorian order of Nurses "Caring for Life Walk".

Councillor Boudreau advised he would try to attend.

### **ARBOUR DAY**

Correspondence from Mary Louise Killam requesting Council support Arbour Day with by planting a tree, was considered.

It was noted that Arbour Day is Friday, May 12, 2006 beginning at 11:00 at Dunn Irving Park. Council and the Public are encouraged to attend.

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Deputy Mayor Pink advised the budget was still in process and Council was waiting for staff to bring forward the budget for presentation. Mayor Crosby interjected on behalf of the CAO and advised he was taking a short leave to be home with his family and new baby. On behalf of Council the Mayor extended best wishes to the CAO and his family.

Deputy Mayor Pink asked for everyone' indulgence in the matter.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

On behalf of the CAO, the Executive Secretary brought forward the following recommendations from the Public Works Committee meeting held on March 29, 2006:

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Pink, SECONDED BY Councillor Hood that the engineering proposal for odor treatment at the wastewater treatment plant be accepted from ADI Ltd. in the amount of \$20,000.00.

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

MOVED BY Councillor Dares, SECONDED BY Councillor Boudreau that the 12" wood chipper that is owned by the Town of Yarmouth Operational Services Department be loaned to the Yarmouth County Trail Development Association subject to a proper agreement satisfactory to staff and signing of a contract by parties involved.

**Editor's Note:** Concern was expressed that this motion be carried subject to approval by the Solicitor, however, the Solicitor advised he drafted the Agreement so it was agreed the motion could be carried as it stands.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED BY Councillor Boudreau, SECONDED BY Deputy Mayor Pink that the Mayor send correspondence to Jean Brown stating that the Town of Yarmouth has met traffic safety requirements by making select streets one way and by erecting lit crosswalk signs to ensure the safety of children while crossing the street in the school districts.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED BY Councillor Hood, SECONDED BY Deputy Mayor Pink that the tender for Brooklyn Street Extension be prepared and sent out as soon as possible, including a decline clause that will allow the Town of Yarmouth to accept or decline the tenders received, and those tender results be brought back to Council for approval at the next meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

**Editor's Note:** Councillors Boudreau and Strickland voted nay.

MOVED BY Councillor Hood, SECONDED BY Councillor Boudreau that Council approve hiring two "Green Team" student employees, complete with uniforms and necessary equipment, to clean litter from sidewalks and bushes in the town and educate the public during the 2006 tourist season.

MOTION CARRIED

On behalf of the CAO, the Executive Secretary brought forward the following recommendations for tenders from the Public Works Department.

Proposals were requested from two suppliers for the treatment of hydrogen sulfide gas which vents from the sludge digester at the wastewater treatment plant. After reviewing the two proposals, it was recommended that we accept the proposal submitted by ADI International Inc. for the supply of an iron based fixed absorption filter media scrubber in the amount of \$12,000.00 + HST. The cost of installation would be a separate item and would involve the installation of heat traced and insulated piping from the blower to the scrubber. The installation will be tendered separately and it is estimated that the cost will be approximately \$10,000.00.

MOVED BY Councillor Hood, SECONDED BY Councillor Dares that the proposal submitted by ADI International Inc. for the supply of an iron based fixed absorption filter media scrubber in the amount of \$12,000.00 + HST, be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

Invited tenders were requested from four mechanical contractors for the replacement of the existing roof top ventilation/dehumidifier unit complete with electrical and mechanical controls and replacement of corroded duct work in the pump/mechanical room at the wastewater treatment plant. After reviewing the tenders, it was recommended that the contract for the ventilation system upgrade be awarded to the lowest tenderer, Germain Mechanical & Electrical Ltd. in the amount of \$103,650.00 + HST including a contingency allowance of \$10,000.00.

MOVED BY Councillor Hood, SECONDED BY Deputy Mayor Pink that the contract for the ventilation system upgrade be awarded to the lowest tenderer, Germain Mechanical & Electrical Ltd. in the amount of \$103,650.00 + HST including a contingency allowance of \$10,000.00.

MOTION CARRIED

### **PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Councillor Judge brought forward the following recommendations from the April 10, 2006 Public Participation Meeting:

MOVED BY Councillor Judge, SECONDED BY Councillor Boudreau to advertise for a public hearing in order to consider and if deemed advisable amend the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law to enable home based aesthetics practice as a permitted home-based business as outlined in the Planner's report.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED BY Councillor Judge, SECONDED BY Councillor Dares to advertise for a public hearing in order to consider and if deemed advisable amend the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use by-law to implement residential compatibility standards as outlined in the Planner's report.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Judge also brought forward a recommendation from administration to close Third Street and Rogers Lane.

MOVED BY Councillor Judge, SECONDED BY Councillor Boudreau that Council close Third Street and Rogers Lane in keeping with Section 315 of the Municipal Government Act and the attached Policy.

MOTION CARRIED

**Editor's Note:** Deputy Mayor Pink did not participate in the voting for these motions as he was not present at the Public Hearing held earlier this evening.

#### **FIRE POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Deputy Mayor Pink provided Council with a review of the Fire Policy Advisory Committee meeting. He advised the main topic for discussion was dispatching and they were awaiting a report from the Fire Chief.

#### **YARMOUTH WATER UTILITY.**

Councillor Hood advised there was no report for this month.

#### **JOINT HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Councillor Dares advised the Joint Heritage Advisory Committee met at 2:00 p.m. on March 28, 2006. She commented they did a walk about around the proposed new heritage conservation district which could involve between sixty to eighty properties. She advised they were trying to set up a meeting with the residents and property owners in the area. She requested support, in principle, for the creation of a new Heritage Conservation District in Yarmouth should the residents approve the idea.

MOVED BY Councillor Dares, SECONDED BY Councillor Boudreau that Council support, in principle, the creation of a new Heritage Conservation District in Yarmouth.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Dares advised the Committee had received a letter from the Dalhousie School of Planning looking for research projects for students to work on next semester. The Committee advised they will be looking at opportunities that will allow them to work for the research of the Conservation District through this program.

Councillor Dares advised they received a request to register 21-25 Willow Street as a Registered Heritage Property.

MOVED BY Councillor Dares, SECONDED BY Deputy Mayor Pink to proceed to a Public Hearing to consider and if deemed advisable, register 21-25 Willow Street as a Municipal Registered Heritage Property.

#### MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Dares also advised the Historic Places Initiative project had been completed. The properties that the Town of Yarmouth received funding for under the Heritage Places Initiative project have been entered and are up on the website.

Councillor Dares advised that Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia will be holding their monthly meeting in Yarmouth on May 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> and the Provincial Heritage Property Owners Association of Nova Scotia will also be holding their Annual General Meeting in Yarmouth on that same weekend.

#### **JOINT LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Councillor Dares advised the Joint Leisure Services Committee met on April 5, 2006. She advised the floating docks from Lake Milo will be donated to the Chebogue River Aquatic Club and to Camp Wapomeo. They will each have eight docks and are responsible to truck them off the site by the end of April. She also advised that interviews for the Recreation Coordinator are scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

Councillor Dares reminded Council and the Public of the Volunteer Reception scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2006 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. She encouraged councillors to RSVP to the Department of Leisure Services if they were planning to attend. She offered her congratulations to Bruce Hopkins, recognized volunteer for the Town of Yarmouth, and Keith Bridgeo, recognized volunteer for the Municipality of Yarmouth for the awards they would be receiving from the Premier at the Provincial banquet.

Councillor Dares advised the tennis nets are up at St. Ambrose court and the Hebron Recreation Complex and that the facility maintenance crews have started working on the fields, courts and facilities.

Councillor Dares also reminded Council and the Public of the Mayor's Tea scheduled for May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2006 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Western Regional Health Complex. She noted the tea is being held in recognition and appreciation of our Health Professionals. She encouraged all Council to attend.

**OTHER COMMITTEES**

**WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Councillor Hood advised a letter had been received from Warner Comeau resigning as Chair and member of the Waterfront Development Corporation. He noted that Mr. Comeau advised he would be available to participate in other endeavours if the Town so desired.

MOVED BY Councillor Hood, SECONDED BY Councillor Dares that the resignation from Warner Comeau as Chair and member of the Waterfront Development Corporation, be accepted with regret and that correspondence be sent to him acknowledging the valuable contribution he made to the Town and community during his long tenure with the Corporation.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED BY Councillor Hood, SECONDED BY Councillor Dares that the request from the Waterfront Development Corporation to request from Irving Oil a lease for the spur line (track) in order to complete the trail to Bunker Island, be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

**JOINT EMO COMMITTEE**

Councillor Strickland advised the Joint EMO Committee met on April 4, 2006. He gave a brief review of the meeting for Council.

Councillor Strickland advised there would be a table top exercise on June 4, 2006 and they are doing emergency planning revisions now and everything is being brought up to standards. He reported on the pandemic flu situation and that the hospital is taking a lead role. He advised the Coordinator is on the hospital committee and the EMO is the back up for them. He also advised the EMO facilities would be required by the hospital and that a coordinated effort would be required from all EMO organizations in case something should happen. He advised the next meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2006 at the Carleton Fire Hall. He provided an update on the Community Alert Network telephone network system whereby a company in Toronto can dial everyone in the community and advise them of any situation or disaster. He further advised there were problems with this system as they couldn't obtain all the phone numbers, i.e., unlisted or cell numbers. At present they are about 60% though in getting phone numbers and are continuing to work on this.

Councillor Strickland also commented on the continuation of training sessions on weekends at the fire hall in the fall. He advised these sessions will be for council and executive members and encouraged everyone to attend.

Discussion took place regarding the seriousness of the Pandemic Flu. Councillor Hood commented the Pandemic Flu would be a serious situation but probably would not be classified as serious as a disaster.

### **YARMOUTH ARGYLE HOME SUPPORT SERVICES**

Mayor Crosby advised that Councillor Hood is the Solicitor for the Yarmouth Argyle Home Support Services and that they would soon be starting negotiations for a new collective agreement. He further commented that the success of the last agreement was due mostly to the efforts of Councillor Hood. He also advised that Councillor Judge was member of this Board and that good things were happening for this area. Councillor Hood advised the Board is one of the best Boards that he has served on that they have a good contract and good employees that work there.

### **YARMOUTH COUNTY TOURIST ASSOCIATION**

Councillor Strickland advised the Yarmouth County Tourist Association met on March 9, 2006. He advised they discussed the advantages of amalgamation however, that decision depends on their Annual General Meeting scheduled for May 16, 2006. He further advised the general membership will vote on whether or not they will pursue amalgamation and have asked them to send information to the secretaries to circulate to their respective councils. He commented that they need everyone working together in order to be successful and advised that Argyle and Clare would be included. He further commented that one of their goals is to bring everyone together, to market this area.

### **SOUTH WEST SHORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Mayor Crosby advised he met today with the Municipalities of Argyle, Clare and Yarmouth to discuss how the councils could work together. He also advised he attended a meeting yesterday in Clare with the South West Shore Development Authority whereby they discussed getting the east side building of the Dom Tex site ready for sale.

### **YARMOUTH INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION**

\_\_\_\_\_ Councillor Boudreau advised the Yarmouth Industrial Commission met at 5:00 p.m. at the Grand Hotel on March 27, 2006.

He provided an update on the Register.Com expansion and advised paving was the only thing left to be done outside and the cafeteria was the last to be completed on the inside and should be finished by May 8, 2006.

Councillor Boudreau also provided an update on the JCP program and that the deadline had been extended until May 12, 2006. He advised they had received approximately \$12,000 from Community Services which will be used to employ clients for seven weeks for the Four Corners Housing Coop.

### **PORT OF YARMOUTH**

Councillor Boudreau advised the Committee met at the same time as Industrial Commission. He commented that some committee members weren't attending meetings and that it was suggested Craig Smith and Richard White be asked to serve on that Committee as well as a nomination from the Acadia Band. He inquired if anyone had contacted them. The Mayor advised these nominations were done through the Commissions and Committees themselves.

### **HEALTH HUMAN RESOURCES AND YARMOUTH HOSPITAL CHARITABLE FOUNDATION**

Councillor Hood advised the foundation had made arrangements for prospective medical students to visit Yarmouth, including a flight over the area, and they were very pleasantly surprised when they saw our facilities. He thanked Gordon Wood for his part in all the arrangements. He also advised he attended the opening of the clinic at the hospital on behalf of Mayor Crosby and commented on the wonderful facility and new staff.

Councillor Hood commented on the new announcement for another medical clinic on Main Street and the number of health professionals that have been added to the area and that this was very positive news for Yarmouth.

### **WASTECHECK**

\_\_\_\_\_ Councillor Hood brought forth a recommendation from the Material Recovery Facility sub-committee to construct a Material Recovery Facility (MRF) in the Yarmouth County area for an estimated building cost of \$2.0 million, subject to the approval of each municipal council. This approval includes the revised MRF estimated budget that the General Manager will be circulating to each of the municipal CAOs. Also, the Yarmouth Landfill site location has to be approved by each municipal unit. The building and operating cost budget will be shared by utilizing Waste Check's present cost shared formula. The CAOs are directed to encourage each of their councils to proceed with the MRF building project and report back to this Authority for final approval.

MOVED BY Councillor Hood, SECONDED BY Councillor Dares that the recommendation provided by the Material Recovery Facility sub-committee to construct a Material Recovery Facility (MRF) in the Yarmouth County area be approved for an estimated building cost of \$2.0 million, subject to the approval of each municipal council. This approval includes the revised MRF estimated budget that the General Manager will be circulating to each of the municipal CAOs. Also, the Yarmouth Landfill site location has to be approved by each municipal unit. The building and operating cost budget will be shared by utilizing Waste Check's present cost shared formula.

MOTION CARRIED

**Editor's Note:** Councillor Hood is the Town representative for the Material Recovery Facility sub-committee.

Councillor Dares brought forward the following recommendation.

MOVED BY Councillor Dares, SECONDED BY Councillor Boudreau that the recommendation regarding the elimination of tipping fees for residents bringing separated household waste not including C & D and not weighing more than 200 kg, per day, to the landfill, would not have to pay a tipping fee at the landfill, effective June 1, 2006, be approved. Also, that the waiver of tipping fees is contingent upon agreement of all three municipal units, Municipality of the Districts of Argyle and Yarmouth and the Town of Yarmouth.

MOTION CARRIED

**Editor's Note:** The tipping fees will be shared by the three municipal units of Yarmouth County according to our usual blended formula of population and assessment. Using the formula is the simplest and least administratively burdensome approach to the issue. In conjunction with this initiative, the representatives of the three municipal units agreed that we should direct WasteCheck to bring clear bag garbage to our area by the same date. Councillor Dares acknowledged there wasn't enough time to implement a clear bag garbage program by June 1, 2006, however, they are investigating an implementation program.

**WESTERN COUNTIES REGIONAL LIBRARY**

Councillor Judge commented on the Adopt A Book program and encouraged everyone to adopt a book.

**TAXI COMMITTEE**

Councillor Hood advised there was no report this month for the Taxi Committee.

**YARMOUTH DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Councillor Boudreau advised the Committee met April 11 at Lovitt Plaza. The Committee heard a presentation regarding lights in Frost Park. He advised the Yarmouth Development Corporation would be interested in purchasing the lights if the Public Works Department could put them up.

IT WAS AGREED to refer the matter of installation of lights in Frost Park to the Town Engineer.

Councillor Boudreau also advised the Corporation heard a presentation from Joan Thibeau, Yarmouth Garden Club. Joan displayed the baskets that would be hung in the Downtown on every second pole. They are aluminum baskets, are very light and will have materials to absorb the water so they will not have to be watered so often, i.e., twice a week through the summer and otherwise once a week.

IT WAS RECOMMENDED to request the Town Engineer to include fertilizer in the water when the Public Works Department watered the baskets.

Councillor Boudreau advised the overall costs for the hanging baskets will be approximately \$4,000. The baskets themselves are \$75.00 each and the cost of the flowers is approximately \$53.00. He acknowledged that the Town had received correspondence from Shirley Bradshaw, President of the Yarmouth Garden Club, requesting a water source for the Brown Street parking lot. Mayor Crosby advised he was working with the Town Engineer regarding a water outlet.

MOVED BY Councillor Dares, SECONDED BY Councillor Boudreau that the Public Works Department be instructed to make available a water source for the Garden Club to use for their great initiative to beautify the Brown Street parking lot.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Boudreau questioned the costs associated with the Public Works Department watering the hanging baskets (\$1,500) and if it would be possible to eliminate part of that amount if the plants did not have to be watered every day.

Councillor Dares advised the quote from the Public Works Department was an overall quote for the summer which allowed for watering the baskets twice a week, not daily.

### **TIDAL VIEW MANOR**

Councillor Strickland advised he attended a meeting for Tidal View Manor and had met with the Regional Director for South West Nova Scotia regarding Tidal View Manor and Harbourside Lodge. He further advised there would be a facility review for upgrading and the addition of an Alzheimer's unit. He commented that with the large number of people who require such a facility there is a very real need for one in this area. He further commented that the areas of Digby and Shelburne had such facilities and hoped the three municipal units would get involved and submit applications for the same type of unit and support for Yarmouth.

### **PENSION COMMITTEE**

The Chair advised there was no report for this month.

### **COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM**

Councillor Dares advised the Committee had met on Tuesday, April 4, 2006. She commented the Committee had agreed to participate in the Clean Nova Scotia Spring Pick-up Campaign and had set up a Spring Adopt A Block Program which is set to start on Saturday. She advised that residents can all the office of the Town Engineer, 742-7525, to sign up to participate in the Adopt A Block Program and commit to the area they want to clean and pick up bags, which are supplied by sponsors of the program, Tim Hortons and Resource Recovery Fund Board. She advised the program runs until the end of the month and they have had many calls already from volunteers to pick up litter, especially in more offensive areas, which is much appreciated. She commented the goal was to have a much improved Town after this program has been completed. She advised she would provide a report to Council after the completion of this program.

Councillor Dares advised the Communities In Bloom had struck a budget of \$5,000 to plan for flowers in front of the Town Hall and offer a planting workshop. She also advised the Committee plans to create an Adopt a Day Lily program which will be celebrated in late July in preparation of judging that will take place at the end of July regarding Communities In Bloom.

MOVED BY Councillor Dares, SECONDED BY Deputy Mayor  
Pink that Council put aside \$5,000 in the budget for Communities  
In Bloom.

THE MOVER AND SECONDER AGREED to amend this motion and recommend to the Finance Committee that \$5,000 be put aside for the Communities In Bloom Committee.

MOTION CARRIED

### **COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE**

Councillor Boudreau advised free compost would be available soon for members of the community.

### **YARMOUTH AIRPORT COMMISSION**

Deputy Mayor Pink advised he attended part of the meeting for the Yarmouth Airport Commission and reported the Keith Condon has been reappointed as Chair of the Commission for one year. He also advised the Councillor Hood has been appointed to the Executive Committee and Councillor Robichaud had been appointed as Vice Chair for the Commission.

Deputy Mayor Pink advised that since that meeting he met with Keith Condon and other members including Warden Smith and others, and they had a discussion with Minister Hurlburt regarding funding and a business plan. This is required in order to arrange for additional funding to obtain an airline in Yarmouth. He advised there may be assistance through ACOA and hopes this business plan will be available within the next six to eight weeks then the Commission can approach the Provincial and Federal Governments for further assistance.

Councillor Hood advised it was a very productive meeting and emphasized that Yarmouth needed to secure a scheduled airline service. He commented on the importance of economic development and the willingness to work together to reach their goal.

Deputy Mayor Pink advised the Commission will be meeting the first Thursday of every month and if the Chair was not available then the Vice Chair would conduct the meeting. He advised there was good representation from all three municipal units, including the CAOs and that they were making progress. He hoped to have more and better news to bring to Council in the near future.

Councillor Strickland inquired if the business plan was along the lines of providing an airline and Deputy Mayor Pink advised the airline service is one component. He advised that any airline will come to Yarmouth if they are subsidized but a business plan is required to look beyond that so that we do not pay a subsidy for one year and then have the airline pull out after that year. He advised they were looking at economic development and all components to help make a viable airport. He further advised that the monies that have been supplied by the municipal units have only gotten the Commission to the break-even position and just gets the bills paid and no further. He commented that in order to subsidize a passenger service they will have to generate a fair amount of money and they would need to go to other

levels of government to make that happen. He further advised that a business plan would be required to determine the amount of money that would be needed to present to the Provincial and Federal Governments. He also commented the Commission is contracting with a group to develop a business plan for them and that they should have it within two months.

Councillor Hood advised that Keith Condon had attended a conference in Fredericton and commented they used a very creative and innovative way to pre-sell tickets, etc. and have also engaged the government, community and businesses to sell tickets. He advised this was a learning experience and will be reflected at the Commission level.

### **ART GALLERY**

Deputy Mayor Pink advised the official opening of the Art Gallery is scheduled for May 28, 2006 and encouraged everyone to attend. He specifically requested Mayor Crosby to attend and take part in the ceremony.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **CANADIAN CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPTIONS (FIRST READING)**

MOVED BY Councillor Boudreau, SECONDED BY Deputy Mayor Pink that First Reading of the Canadian Charitable Organizations Exemptions, be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

### **YARMOUTH HEALTH CLINIC ACTION GROUP**

Mayor Crosby addressed correspondence received from the Yarmouth Health Clinic Action Group. He commented on the acquisition of the building for a medical clinic, which was done through political means, and advised there was no intent to ignore or exclude anyone regarding the operation of a health clinic. He advised that once the clinic is ready to proceed those involved should be the first to be consulted as they are the ones who started the committee and wanted the clinic in the first place. Mayor Crosby extended his apologies to the Yarmouth Health Clinic Action Group and advised that obtaining the building was of the utmost importance and was, in no way, meant to disrespect the Clinic Action Group. He recommended the Yarmouth Health Clinic Action Group be contacted first when it was the appropriate time to commence plans for the interior of the building and running of the clinic.

IT WAS AGREED that the Yarmouth Health Clinic Action Group would be contacted for representation on a Committee to establish the criteria for the medical clinic.

Councillor Hood advised they had an opportunity to obtain the building and had people in positions to obtain it and they were successful. He further advised there was no structured Committee that has been committed to this project as yet. He suggested contacting Frank Anderson to establish a building committee similar to what was done for Mariners Centre.

Deputy Mayor Pink advised they need to have a user Committee or Steering Committee or Building Committee to design what will take place within so many square feet of space and they need to make certain that Mr. Anderson knows this and that the Yarmouth Health Clinic Action Group be included to participate with others in the community on this important venture.

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Pink, SECONDED BY Councillor Dares that correspondence be sent to Mr. Frank Anderson regarding the medical clinic, insuring the Yarmouth Health Clinic Action Group is contacted for representation on a building committee. Also that correspondence be sent to the Yarmouth Health Clinic Action Group advising them they were not intentionally slighted and that when the building committee is established they will be contacted for representation on that committee.

MOTION CARRIED

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **CHILDREN'S WISH FOUNDATION**

On behalf of the CAO, the Executive Secretary read a letter from the Children's Wish Foundation whereby they request Council to participate in the "Run For Nova Scotia" or make a donation to their cause.

Councillor Dares advised she went to the launch of the race last year and took a letter of support and a donation from the Town.

MOVED BY Councillor Dares, SECONDED BY Councillor Boudreau that Council support the Children's Wish Foundation initiative when they start their "Run For Nova Scotia."

MOTION CARRIED

## **APPROVAL OF INVOICES**

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Pink, SECONDED BY Councillor Strickland that the invoices as okayed by the various chairpersons, be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

IT WAS AGREED the next regular meeting would be held on Thursday, May 18, 2006.

**Editor's Note:** Councillor Judge gave his regrets as he will be unable to attend on that date.

Also, a written notice will be sent to the press advising of the change of date from the regularly scheduled time for the May and any future meeting changes.

Mayor Crosby extended his apologies to Eastlink Cable and the press for the lack of notice for the change in the meeting date for April.

**ADJOURN**

\_\_\_\_\_ The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

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MAYOR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER