

The Village of Bible Hill Regular Monthly meeting was held on March 8, 2011 in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. The meeting was called to order by Chair Burke at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 10:13 pm.

Call to Order

Chair Burke
Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg
Commissioner Mahar

Regrets: Commissioner McLean

Staff: Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
Solicitor Barrett
Recording Secretary Curry

In Attendance: B. Smithson, Parks and Recreation Director
M. Chiasson, Truro Daily News

**Approval of the Minutes of
February 8, 2011 and February
15, 2011**

*Moved by Mahar
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

*“That the minutes of February 8, 2011 and February 15,
2011 be approved as presented.”*

Motion carried.

**Review and Approval of
Agenda, Call for New or Other
Business**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Mahar*

*“That the agenda be approved with the addition of a
transfer of \$250,000 from the Operating Fund to the
Capital Reserve and approving the expenditure of \$2,000
for the pre-approved Fire Brigade Wellness Initiative.”*

Motion carried.

**Miscellaneous Business
Including Delegations**

Chair Burke welcomed Mr. Smithson to the meeting.

**Business Arising out of the
Minutes**

There were no items noted as business arising from the last meeting.

Review of Correspondence

Association of Nova Scotia Villages Correspondence

A letter was read from the Chair of the Association of Nova Scotia Villages requesting active participation of the Village of Bible Hill's Clerk in the Association. The Clerk explained that, through the Village of Bible Hill, he had been active in the inception of the Association and that the Village currently maintained the association website and he was

the official agent for the association under the Nova Scotia Societies Act. The Clerk pointed out that in the bylaws of the association it stated that: *Staff employed by a Village that has a Commissioner as a Director shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Directors. They will not have voting privileges.* As Bible Hill currently does not have a member on the Board of the Association, he did not think it was his responsibility to attend Association Board Meetings; the initial concept was that the Clerks of Village's represented on the Board would act as resource and administrative staff to the Board.

*Moved by Mahar
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

"That the Village of Bible Hill acknowledge the correspondence from Chair Benedict and request further clarification in regards to the request for the active participation of Bible Hill's Clerk and Treasurer in the Association."

Motion carried.

Chair Burke welcomed Ms. Chiasson to the meeting.

Reports of Commissioners

Environmental Services Report

The Clerk noted that this report would be covered in the In-Camera session this evening as it would deal with contractual negotiations.

Protective Services Report

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg reviewed the Fire Brigade Report and stated that she would be attending the Officer's Meeting on behalf of the Village.

Recreation and Culture Services

The Clerk read the Recreation Report and highlighted the Senior Fitness classes, the progress in Active Transportation, the Strategic Plan, the trail signage and mapping project, current after school programs, the Village skating oval and the Recreation Director's participation on the Nova Scotia Senior Games Committee.

Transportation Services

Commissioner Mahar reported on the recent meeting at East

Court Road Elementary School regarding parking, child drop-off issues and safety of the children at that school. He also mentioned an idea for a drop off zone in front of the school. The Village continues to await a response to their request to participate on the Site Selection Committee for the proposed new elementary school in Bible Hill.

Commissioner Mahar also mentioned the proposed interchange between Exits 15 and 17 and he was awaiting the outcome of this situation.

*Moved by Mahar
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

"That the Village of Bible Hill write a letter to the Superintendent of the Family of Schools regarding the possibility of a drop off driveway entrance in front of the East Court Road Elementary School."

Motion carried.

Clerk and Treasurer's Report

The Clerk and Treasurer did not have a report this evening.

Chair's Report

The Chair reported on events he had attended on behalf of the Village.

Accounts

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the accounts be approved for payment"

Motion carried.

New Business

Truro POMBA Hall Request

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the Village of Bible Hill approve the use of the hall by Truro POMBA at the discounted non-profit rate of \$10 per hour for a 9 hour total of \$90."

Motion carried.

**Provincial Volunteer Award Ceremony & Luncheon,
Monday, April 4th, 2011**

Chair Burke, Recreation Director Smithson, and the Village's Volunteer representative will be attending the Provincial Volunteer Award Ceremony on Monday, April 4th, 2011. The Finance Officer will arrange for the purchase of one additional ticket.

Celebrate Canada Program - Canada Day, 2011

The Clerk reported that the Village of Bible Hill has received confirmation of \$2,250 from the Federal Celebrate Canada Program for Canada Day Festivities.

2011-2012 Property Assessment Information

The Clerk reported on the 2011-2012 property assessment values. There has been a 6.6% overall increase in assessment values within the Village.

2011-2012 Commission Meeting Schedule

*Moved by Mahar
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

"That the Village of Bible Hill approve the 2011-2012 Commission Meeting Schedule cancelling both the July and August Commission in Committee meetings."

Motion carried.

Election Calendar 2011

The Clerk brought the 2011 election calendar to the Commission as an information item.

Increase Credit Limit on Village Credit Cards from \$5,000 to \$10,000

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the Village of Bible Hill approve the increase on the Village Credit Cards from \$5,000 to \$10,000 that is to be shared between the four Village corporate credit card holders."

Motion carried.

The Commission requested a specific breakdown of credit card usage by credit card.

Nova Scotia Power Lighting Solutions Program

Commissioner Mahar discussed the new program through Nova Scotia Power that is to be implemented within the Village. This program will be replacing fluorescent lights in the hall, the maintenance shop, the old fire chief's office, and within the Village Office.

Moved by Mahar

Seconded by Van Kroonenburg

"That the Village of Bible Hill sign the contract with Nova Scotia Power and move forward with this program."

Motion carried.

Village of Pugwash Questionnaire

The Clerk was instructed to complete the questionnaire that was sent out by the Village of Pugwash. The Clerk was instructed to circulate the completed questionnaire to Commissioners for comment before submitting it to the Village of Pugwash.

Transfer of \$250,000 from Operating Fund to Reserve Fund

Moved by Mahar

Seconded by Van Kroonenburg

"That the Village of Bible Hill transfer \$250,000 from the Operating Fund to the Reserve Fund."

Motion carried.

Bible Hill Fire Brigade Wellness Initiative

The Clerk reported that there were 11 fire brigade members that took advantage of the Wellness Initiative through the Nova Scotia Agriculture College Athletic Department. The Commissioners requested additional information (ie: names and extent of participation of each member).

Moved by Mahar

Seconded by Van Kroonenburg

"That the Village of Bible Hill release of the \$2,000 to the Fire Brigade as previously approved."

Motion carried.

**In Camera Committee Meeting
of the Whole**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the Regular Monthly Meeting be adjourned to an In Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole."

Motion Carried.

At 8:05 pm the Commission went into an In-Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole.

The In-Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole ended at 10:05 pm.

Adjournment

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the March 8, 2011 Regular Monthly Meeting of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned."

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:13 pm.

Chair Burke

Recording Secretary Curry

Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
