

The Village of Bible Hill Regular Monthly meeting was held on February 15, 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 9:34 pm.

**Call to Order**

Chair Burke  
Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg  
Commissioner Mahar  
Commissioner McLean

Staff: Clerk and Treasurer Christianson  
Solicitor Barrett  
Recording Secretary Curry

In Attendance: M. Chiasson, Truro Daily News

**Approval of the Minutes of  
January 18, 2011**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by McLean*

*"That the minutes of January 18, 2011 be approved as presented."*

*Motion carried.*

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

*Moved by McLean  
Seconded by Mahar*

*"That the agenda be approved as presented."*

*Motion carried.*

**Miscellaneous Business  
Including Delegations**

Chair Burke welcomed M. Chiasson to the meeting.

**Business Arising out of the  
Minutes**

**Commission in Committee Report**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by Mahar*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill write to Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal requesting permission to construct a sidewalk on the north side of Pictou Road from Village Court to Village Boundary within the foreseeable future."*

*Motion carried.*

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by McLean*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill write to Herb Steeves,*

*Director of Operations for the Chignecto Central Regional School Board requesting that a representative from the Village Commission be placed on the Site Selection Committee for the proposed new school replacing Bible Hill Central and East Court Road Elementary Schools."*

*Motion carried.*

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by Mahar*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill write a letter to the Mayor of Colchester County in appreciation of his forward thinking and care for the Village of Bible Hill."*

*Moved by Mahar  
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

*"That the motion be amended to include specifically regarding the decrease in Village Tax Collection Rates effective April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011."*

*Motion carried.*

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by McLean*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill write a letter to the Mayor of Colchester County in appreciation of his forward thinking and care for the Village of Bible Hill regarding the decrease in Village Tax Collection Rates effective April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011."*

*Motion carried.*

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by Mahar*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill write a letter to Minister Estabrooks stating that the Village of Bible Hill is looking forward to working with Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to resolve this issue."*

*Moved by Mahar  
Seconded by McLean*

*"That the motion be amended to include specifically the parking issue on Ryland Avenue."*

*Motion carried.*

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by Mahar*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill write a letter to Minister Estabrooks stating that the Village of Bible Hill is looking forward to working with Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to resolve the parking issue on Ryland Avenue."*

*Motion carried.*

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by McLean*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill amend the Firefighter Honorarium Policy as requested."*

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by Mahar*

*"That the motion be amended to include changing the word 'shall' to 'may' for clarification within the policy"*

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by Mahar*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill amend the Firefighter Honorarium Policy as requested with the addition of changing the word 'shall' to 'may' for clarification within the policy."*

*Motion carried.*

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by McLean*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill purchase a Honda Generator EM5000SX2C with battery and battery pack from MicMac Fire and Safety at a cost of \$3,747.85 including HST."*

*Motion carried.*

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by McLean*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill transfer \$390,000 from the Operating Fund back to the Operating Reserve."*

*Motion carried.*

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by Mahar*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill give permission to the Colchester Adult Learning Association to use the parking lot on the Ryland Avenue side of the Fire Hall to form a Human 60 for Earth Hour on March 26th from 1pm-3pm."*

*Motion carried.*

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by McLean*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill send a letter to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to have all speed zones within Village boundaries set at 50km."*

*Motion carried.*

#### **James Webster, TIR re: East Court Road**

The Clerk read a letter from James Webster of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal that outlined the department's response to the traffic and parking issues on East Court Road during the school year. Solicitor Barrett will investigate the legal differences between "no parking" and "no stopping" signs and report back to the Clerk. The letter from Mr. Webster also stated that the crosswalk on Armstrong Avenue was, in their opinion, not warranted.

#### **Village of Pugwash URB, February 9, 2011**

The Clerk reported on the Association of Nova Scotia Villages Board Meeting that was recently held in the Village of Bible Hill Chambers. The Village of Pugwash had received a letter from the Utility Review Board that was seen as a positive. The URB is allowing time for the Pugwash Commissioners to review their policies and revise their delivery of services.

#### **Review of Correspondence**

There were no highlighted items of correspondence.

#### **Reports of Commissioners**

##### **Environmental Services Report**

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg informed the Commission of meetings she had attended on behalf of the Village. She also detailed the progress of the Sewer Pumping Station Project at the Bible Hill Recreation Park. The testing of the

system is scheduled to be completed within the next three weeks. The additional two phases of the project that were removed in September will not be allowed to be added back on. This decision will be reviewed again in the Spring depending on budget allocations.

### **Protective Services Report**

The Deputy Chair reported on recent calls made by the Bible Hill Fire Brigade.

### **Recreation and Culture Services**

Commissioner McLean reported on recreation happenings in the Village highlighting the Facility Master Plan currently being worked on by the Town of Truro, County of Colchester and Village of Bible Hill. March Break Camps will run from March 14-18 out of the Village Hall. A Strategic Plan for Bible Hill continues to be worked on. After school programs continue at Bible Hill Central Elementary, Redcliff Middle School, and Bible Hill Junior High School. The SAC Family Fun Day was a success receiving great comments from all. Current recreation programs include: Ladies Night Out - 23 registered (full), Yoga - 75 registered (full), and Seniors Fitness - 34 registered. New programs will include Mondays on the MOVE (beginning February 21<sup>st</sup>), a scrapbooking class on March 6<sup>th</sup>, and a Fitness & Fashion Bootcamp on March 7<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner McLean reported on the recent Association of Nova Scotia Villages meeting held last Friday. She reported a concern that the public image of the Association needs to be increased.

*Moved by McLean  
Seconded by Mahar*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill add 'Member of the Association of Nova Scotia Villages' to the bottom of their letterhead to increase awareness of the Association."*

*Motion carried.*

### **Transportation Services**

Commissioner Mahar reported on the Village's work with Nova Scotia Power under the Small Business Lighting Solutions Program. Indoor lights at 69 Pictou Road will be replaced with more efficient fluorescent fixtures in a cost

sharing effort - 80% Nova Scotia Power and 20% Village of Bible Hill.

An audit on existing streetlights has now been completed and the Village is awaiting the final report.

The Village hopes eventually to replace existing streetlights, area park lights and overhead crosswalk lights with LED lights.

Commissioner Mahar also outlined events he had attended on behalf of the Village.

### **Clerk and Treasurer's Report**

The Clerk and Treasurer discussed the status of the piano at the Village Hall. The current piano will be removed as it is out of tune and is too old to be repaired again. The Commission felt that a piano was an asset to the hall and a new (or used) piano will be searched out to be paid for in the 2011/12 budget year.

The Clerk also brought forward the possibility of eliminating the School Crossing Guard Station on Main Street due to a lack of children crossing at that location. The Commission agreed to have random checks done by Village maintenance staff to get an accurate count of how many are actually crossing at that location. The Clerk will write to Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, the Chignecto Central Regional School Board, and the RCMP to inform them of the possibility of that crossing guard station being eliminated beginning in September.

The Clerk presented the financial statement for January.

### **Chair's Report**

The Chair reported on his recent vacation. He visited many small municipal units. He was surprised to see how many lawn bowling facilities were in place and will be forwarding pictures to the Recreation Director. He also has pictures of a possible solution to opposition of the water tower by building a structure around the tower to disguise it.

**Accounts**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by Mahar*

*“That the accounts be approved for payment”*

*Motion carried.*

**New Business**

**ANSV Board Meeting - February 11, 2011**

Commissioner McLean reported on the recent Board Meeting that was held in Bible Hill. She stated that the future of the Association lies with all members of the Association.

**Letter to MLA Regarding Proposed Interchange between Exits 15 & 17**

*Moved by McLean  
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

*“That the Village of Bible Hill write a letter to MLA Lenore Zann regarding proposed interchange between Exits 15 and 17.”*

*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 8:10 pm the Commission went into an In-Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole.

The In-Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole ended at 9:30 pm.

**Adjournment**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by McLean*

*“That the February 15, 2011 Regular Monthly Meeting of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned.”*

*Motion carried.*

The meeting adjourned at 9:34 pm.

Chair Burke

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Recording Secretary Curry

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Clerk and Treasurer Christianson

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