

The February 8, 2011 Commission in Committee meeting was held in the Village Office at 67 Pictou Road. The meeting was called to order by Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Deputy Chair Call to Order

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg
Commissioner Mahar
Commissioner McLean

Regrets: Chair Burke

Staff: Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
Recording Secretary Curry

In Attendance: C. Blair, County Councillor
M. Chiasson, Media

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg welcomed Councillor Blair to the meeting.

Review and approval of minutes of January 11, 2011

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the minutes of January 11, 2011 be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

Review and approval of the agenda, call for new or other business

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the agenda be approved as presented with the addition of the tabled motion from the January 18th, 2011 Regular Monthly Meeting and Pictou Road speed zone reduction under New Business."

Motion carried.

Ms. Chiasson of the Daily News arrived at the meeting.

Miscellaneous Business Including Delegations

Councillor Blair reported on three issues from County Council that affect the Village. Councillor Blair reported that the County has approved a change in the tax collection fees that are charged to the Village of Bible Hill. Secondly, she detailed that the County will be continuing with the education process of the public regarding civic numbering signs and their importance to emergency providers. Lastly, the Councillor reviewed the recent garbage collection

issue that has been so controversial lately. The flat rate will be continued as voted on unanimously.

Councillor Blair also reiterated the importance of the civic numbering signs and encouraged the Village and Emergency Providers to assist in advertising this issue however possible including our advertising sign and the Village newsletter.

Business arising out of minutes

Tabled Motion - January 18, 2011

The tabled motion from January 18, 2011 was placed back on the table.

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Mahar*

" That the motion tabled from January 18, 2011, 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, be removed from the table."

Motion carried.

*Motion by McLean
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the Commission in Committee recommends 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.

**College Road Crosswalk Project - Closing Date
February 21, 2011**

The Clerk reported that there are currently five bidders for this project with a deadline for bids being February 11th, 2011.

Sale of Surplus Fire Vehicle - \$10, 525

The Clerk reported that Bible Hill's surplus fire vehicle had been sold to the Joggins Fire Department. They

have paid for and picked up the fire truck and the funds have been deposited into the Fire Reserve Fund.

Site Selection Committee New Elementary School in Bible Hill

The Clerk reported on the letters that had been sent to and received from the Minister of Education regarding Bible Hill's desire to be on the Site Selection Committee for the new elementary school scheduled to begin in the 2010-2011 school year.

*Moved by Mahar
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Commission in Committee recommends 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.

Notice of Village Tax Collection Rates - April 1, 2011

The Clerk read the letter recently received from Bruce Purchase, Director of Corporate Services for the County of Colchester regarding the decrease in Village tax collection rates effective April 1st, 2011.

*Moved by Mahar
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Commission in Committee recommends 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."

Motion carried.

Review of Correspondence

Youth Conference - Commissioner Mahar

Commissioner Mahar reported on the recent meeting he had attended on behalf of the Village of Bible Hill. The meeting was a great beginning to putting in place incentives for young people to both stay in this area

and/or return to this area. A possible website is being considered to combine all aspects of Colchester County to make for ease of use.

Minister Estabrooks, TIR, re: Ryland Avenue Parking

The Clerk read a letter recently received from Bill Estabrooks, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal regarding the possible resolution to the continued parking issues on Ryland Avenue.

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the Commission in Committee recommends 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."

Motion carried.

New Business

ANSV Board Meeting February 11, 2011

The Association of Nova Scotia Villages has sent out an invitation to all Villages to observe their Board Meeting on Friday, February 11th, 2011. All Commissioners are encouraged to attend. Commissioners McLean and Mahar will attend as well as Clerk Christianson.

Firefighter Honorariums Revision

The Clerk reported that the Fire Chief has requested the addition of a sentence to the existing Firefighter Honorarium Policy. The addition will read "The annual honorarium of each Active Operational Member will then be determined by multiplying the value of each point by the total number of points accumulated by the member up to a maximum of \$999.00."

*Moved by Mahar
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill amend the Firefighter Honorarium Policy as requested."

Motion carried.

RFQ Generator

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the Commission in Committee recommends 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.

Transfer \$390,000 from Operating Fund back to Operating Reserve

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill transfer \$390,000 from the Operating Fund back to the Operating Reserve."

Motion carried.

Volunteer Nomination Program

The Clerk reported that a package of all volunteer nominations is being compiled and will be discussed and voted on in camera at the next Regular Monthly Meeting.

CALA - Earth Hour 2011

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the Commission in Committee recommends 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.

The Village will ensure that there are no hall bookings on March 26th to allow for parking on the other side of the parking lot.

December Financial Statement

The Clerk presented the December financial statement for review by the Commission. The January financial statement will be available soon.

Pictou Road Speed Zone

*Moved by Mahar
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Commission in Committee recommends 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 50kph."

Motion carried.

Adjournment

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Mahar*

"That Commission in Committee Meeting be adjourned."

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg

Recording Secretary Curry

Clerk & Treasurer Christianson
