

The January 11, 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 7:45 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: B. Smithson, P&R Director
M. Chiasson, Media
C. Blair, County Councillor

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg welcomed P&R Director Smithson, Councillor Blair, and Ms. Chiasson of the Daily News to the meeting.

Review and approval of minutes of December 14, 2010

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the minutes of December 14, 2010 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 with the addition of the request for a new temporary P&R Committee applicant."

Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Business Including Delegations

Councillor Blair reported that there was no new business from the County of Colchester meetings pertaining to Bible Hill. There was some discussion on dangerous and unsightly premises complaints that had been submitted by the Village of Bible Hill. Councillor Blair will follow up on these reports.

Business arising out of minutes

Sidewalk Osprey Court

Moved by McLean

"That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill re-tender the contract for the construction of the pedestrian crosswalk including overhead crosswalk lights on College Road at Osprey Drive including the necessary sidewalk work on Osprey (concrete curb and asphalt sidewalk). Tender period mid February to mid March and a construction completion date of August 15, 2011; as per attached design."

Motion died due to lack of a seconder.

Project ISF 05-09-0145 - Sanitary Sewer Pumping Station AND Storm Drainage Upgrades

The Clerk reported that this project is now at the electrical stage. He said that 80-90% of the work at the Bible Hill Recreation Park has been completed. There will be a Construction Meeting this Thursday.

There has been a seven month extension announced by the Prime Minister on the project completion dates from March 31, 2011 to October 31, 2011. The storm management component of our current project was deleted from our original project approval as it was determined it could not be completed by the March 31st, 2011 deadline date.

Moved by Mahar

Seconded by McLean

"That the Commission in Committee recommend that the Village of Bible Hill apply to have two components of the original storm water management project, the outfall repairs, and addition of the manhole be requested to be added back to the project as the deadline for completion has now been extended."

Motion carried.

Video Inspection of Sanitary Sewer Line Pictou Road

The Clerk reported that a video inspection of the sanitary sewer line on Pictou Road has been

completed and reviewed by two engineers at the County of Colchester. The sanitary sewer line was deemed to have a serviceable lifespan remaining and able to sustain a sidewalk being constructed over this line.

*Moved 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.

Resignation of Commissioner Dawson-Sharbell

*Moved by Mahar
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill not hold a bi-election to fill Commissioner Dawson-Sharbell's seat. This election will be held at the regular election in June to fill the two Commission seats that will be up for re-election."

Motion carried.

Green Bin

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill move forward to use bi-weekly compost pick-up service from Truro Sanitation and to purchase four small compost bins to be placed in the Village Office, the Village Hall, the Fire Hall, and the Maintenance Department."

Motion carried.

After discussion it was determined that the green bin would be placed outside the Maintenance Shop on a trial basis with a permanent location yet to be determined. Bi-weekly versus weekly pickup will be

determined by usage.

Review of Correspondence

2004 Blizzard Claim Update

The Clerk reported that he had received correspondence regarding an upcoming federal audit of our 2004 Blizzard Claim. After the audit, it will be determined what percentage of our original submission is eligible for refund. This is a strict audit with very strict guidelines.

New Business

Advertisement of Summer Student employment positions

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill proceed with advertising for two summer maintenance staff and four recreation programming staff at \$10.61 per hour and permission to complete any available employment grant applications."

Motion carried.

Summer Staff Hiring Policy

The Clerk was given permission to re-hire one of last summer's maintenance staff who has expressed an interest in working with the Village again this summer.

Invitation to meet with Scott Armstrong MP January 26, 2:00 pm

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg and the Clerk will meet with Mr. Armstrong to discuss items of mutual interest. Several items were mentioned as points to discuss including the proposed new highway interchange by the Agri-Tech Park, the need for a walking bridge across the Salmon River for the continuation of the Trans Canada Trail, and the disbursement of future infrastructure funds. The Clerk will begin an e-mail to Commissioners to determine a short-list of discussion points for this meeting.

Sidewalk Snow Removal

Discussion was held on current practices for plowing and salting sidewalks within the Village of Bible Hill. There is a priority list of areas to be plowed and stipulations of when sidewalk plows go out to plow or are pulled off the sidewalks due to poor visibility. The sidewalk plowing currently begins at 5:00 am and is re-checked as needed during the day. An e-mail was received by the Clerk from a Village resident expressing thanks for the continued efforts of the Village in maintaining safe walking conditions for the residents of Bible Hill. A return e-mail will be sent to the resident regarding appreciation for the positive feedback.

SAC Resignation Letter

The Village of Bible Hill has received a resignation letter for the Safety Advisory Committee. This currently leaves only two committee members plus the RCMP representative. It was agreed that the Commission would review the SAC terms of reference and look closely at what we wish this committee's role to be. Discussion was held on possibly re-vamping this committee or determining if there is a need to continue with this committee. It was suggested not re-staffing this committee at the present time, reviewing the terms of reference for the SAC, and making a decision on the future of this committee after the current terms expire on March 31st. Thank-you letters be written to both people who have recently resigned from the SAC.

P&R Committee Application

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill accept the application from Michelle Dawson-Sharbell to sit on the Bible Hill Parks and Recreation Committee until March 31st, 2011."

Motion carried.

Adjournment

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Mahar*

*“That Commission in Committee Meeting be
adjourned.”*

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg

Recording Secretary Curry

Clerk & Treasurer Christianson
