

The Village of Bible Hill Regular Monthly meeting was held on November 16, 2010 in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm; the meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Call to Order

Chair Burke
Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg
Commissioner Dawson-Sharbell
Commissioner Mahar
Commissioner McLean

Staff: Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
Solicitor Barrett
Recording Secretary Curry

In Attendance: B. Smithson, Bible Hill P&R Director
C. Blair, County Councillor
V. Parker, Crossing Guard Captain
M. Chiasson, Truro Daily News

**Approval of the Minutes of
October 19, 2010**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Mahar*

*“That the minutes of October 19, 2010 be approved as
presented.”*

Motion carried.

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

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Dawson-Sharbell*

*“That the agenda be approved with the addition of Reports
under New Business.”*

Motion carried.

Chair Burke welcomed Councillor Blair, P&R Director
Smithson, and Ms. Chiasson of the Truro Daily News

**Miscellaneous Business
Including Delegations**

Crossing Guard Captain Report

Crossing Guard Captain Parker gave a report to the
Commission on the Crossing Guard Program. There are 6 full
time guards and 3 spares. Two student counts were done in
September and October with Maple Blvd still showing as the
busiest crossing but the Bible Hill Central crossing has the
most elementary students and Main Street as the least used
spot. Mrs. Parker detailed several situations where cars
drove through the crossing but overall, the program is running
very smoothly.

Councillor Blair

Councillor Blair reported on the increase in funds that are being delegated to EMS's Ground Search and Rescue Program from the County of Colchester. This will positively affect any assistance needed in the Bible Hill area. She also reported that Colchester Mayor Taylor will be meeting with Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal in the very near future and should have a response very soon on the Ryland Avenue "No Parking" request.

On behalf of the Association of Nova Scotia Villages, Councillor Blair thanked the Village for supporting the Village Discussion Paper.

Business Arising out of the Minutes

Commission in Committee Report

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Dawson-Sharbell*

"That the Village of Bible Hill hire an outside consultant, Mr. Dave Kennedy, for New Fire Apparatus Specification Preparation, pre-construction consultation, pre-delivery inspection, and final delivery inspection at a cost of \$4,500 + expenses."

Motion carried.

Commissioner Mahar reiterated the importance of staying on budget for this major purchase.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Village of Bible Hill adopt the 2011-2012 budget in May, 2011."

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Village of Bible Hill bring any information on upcoming sidewalk and/or road re-paving work to the Parks and Recreation Committee so that they might investigate the possibility of the installation of bike lanes and seek funding."

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the Village of Bible Hill do a Pre-Engineering Design for Item #1 on the Sidewalk Priority List - Pictou Road Village Court to the Village Boundary - for budgetary purposes."

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the Village of Bible Hill strike the Osprey sidewalk/crosswalk item from the priority list and concentrate on Village Court to the Village Boundary."

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Dawson-Sharbell*

"That the Village of Bible Hill Clerk get a budget amount on connecting emergency power to the office building and bring this item back to the Commission at their next meeting."

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Dawson-Sharbell*

"That the Village of Bible Hill have the Clerk enter into negotiations with the County of Colchester to have the 5% tax expense decreased."

Motion carried.

Commissioner Mahar reminded the Commission that Bible Hill pays the highest rate for tax collection of all the Villages in Nova Scotia. He suggested that even a slight reduction would be a significant saving to the Village. He would like to see the Village consider collecting their own taxes if the Clerk was unable to negotiate a reduction in fees. Commissioner McLean was very much opposed to the Village collecting their own taxes.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the Village of Bible Hill extend the \$700,000 bridge

loan until March 31, 2011 with Scotia Bank."

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Village of Bible Hill advertise earlier than scheduled to fill the vacant positions on the Parks and Recreation Committee."

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the Village of Bible Hill take responsibility for repairing the specified driveway entrance on East Court Road."

*Moved by Mahar
Seconded by Dawson-Sharbell*

"That the Village of Bible Hill table making a decision on the driveway entrance in question on East Court Road until the Commission has had an opportunity to review the report from CBCL."

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Dawson-Sharbell*

"That the Village of Bible Hill request Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal install a crosswalk on Armstrong Avenue from Clover Drive and also that the Village supply a Crossing Guard if this crosswalk is approved."

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the Village of Bible Hill purchase the John Deer X740 from MacLeod's Farm Machinery at a price of \$10,690 + HST."

Motion carried.

Moved by Van Kroonenburg

Seconded by McLean

"That the Village of Bible Hill send a letter to the Association of Nova Scotia Villages giving support from Bible Hill on the Village Discussion Paper but include the dissenting opinion of one Commissioner on article #5 regarding elections."

Motion carried.

Commissioner Mahar would like to see Village Commission elections held on the same schedule as County Councillors as a 4 year term. This would be beneficial both monetarily and in elector participation.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the Village of Bible Hill hire Justaart Landscaping to lay sod at the Bible Hill Recreation Park at a cost of \$6,000 to be done as soon as possible."

Motion carried.

Review of Correspondence

Mayor Bob Taylor re: parking issues on Ryland Avenue

The Village received a positive letter from Colchester supporting "No Parking" signs on one side of Ryland Avenue on a permanent basis.

CUPE - invitation to speak April 18th, 2011 at CUPE Nova Scotia Convention in Truro

Chair Burke received an invitation to speak at the CUPE Convention in April, 2011. Chair Burke will address this invitation in the new year.

Reports of Commissioners

Environmental Services Report

The Clerk presented the Environmental Services Report. The Village is deeply involved in the Sewer Pumping Station project. Construction is going well even considering the large amount of rain we have had. There was a cost overrun for rocks needed around the well due to the wet condition of the soil. The pump is on order. The back-up generator is due to be delivered in January or February. The Clerk suggested to the Commission that a budget item for next year would be \$25-\$30,000 for additional landscaping on College Road. There was a fencing issue at the Recreation Park that has now been rectified. There is a Construction Meeting this Thursday

at the Village Office at 10:00am.

Protective Services Report

Commissioner Dawson-Sharbell reported on the Bible Hill Fire Brigade highlighting the fire calls made by the brigade during the past month and various upcoming events.

Commissioner Dawson-Sharbell reported on three motions brought forward from the Safety Advisory Committee's last meeting:

1. *"That the SAC adopt the consensus of the meetings regarding the parking issues for East Court Road School which was that there would be no parking signs be put on East Court Road in front of the school from Monday to Friday between 8AM to 4PM and on Armstrong Avenue there would be similar signage. A crosswalk would be put in between Clover Drive and Armstrong Avenue. This crosswalk would have a crossing guard."*

This motion was brought forward as an information item that the SAC is approving of the decision made by the Commission.

2. *"That the SAC pay Mr. Drake \$550.00 to perform at the Family Fun Day."*

*Moved by Dawson-Sharbell
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

"That the Village of Bible Hill approve the SAC's request to hire Patrick Drake for the Family Fun Day at a cost of \$550.00 plus tax"

Motion carried.

3. *"That the SAC recommend to the Commission upon completion of the paving and curbing of Pictou Road that the Commission consider putting in a crosswalk near Village Court across Pictou Road during the next budget."*

The Clerk reported that this request has gone to Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal before and was denied as it is a mid-intersection location. It was decided that the Commission would at least send another request to TIR.

*Moved by Dawson-Sharbell
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

"That the Village of Bible Hill send a letter to TIR requesting a crosswalk near Village Court across Pictou Road."

Motion defeated.

*Moved by Mahar
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

"That the Village of Bible Hill send a letter to TIR requesting a crosswalk near Village Court across Pictou Road after completion of a pre-engineering design study and recommendation of appropriate location for the crosswalk."

Motion carried.

Recreation and Culture Services

Commissioner McLean reported on recreation happenings in the Village mentioning progress on Eagle Crest Bike Trails, the Recreation Strategic Plan, the recent successful Pre-Teen Dance, upcoming after school programming at all three Bible Hill schools, plans with Colchester County to develop maps and trail head signs, new programs planned for 2011, and detailing Christmas events.

Transportation Services

Commissioner Mahar reported on issues relating to Transportation Services and events he had attended including the Pre-Teen Dance, meeting with the East Court Road resident regarding his driveway entrance, and Safe Halloween. Commissioner Mahar continues to keep an eye on the storm drains in Bible Hill and had noted that there was a storm drainage problem on the Vimy Road Bridge near the Farnham Road intersection where water is ponding on the street and pedestrians are being splashed.

*Moved by Mahar
Seconded by Dawson-Sharbell*

"That the Village of Bible Hill write to James Webster, District Manager at Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal regarding the drainage issue at the intersection of

Farnham Road and Vimy Road."

Motion carried.

Clerk and Treasurer's Report

The Clerk has been in contact with the County of Colchester regarding the fee for tax collection. The County is aware of this situation.

The Clerk also reported on the recent meeting of AMA-EMO that he had attended in Halifax.

Phase 4 is nearly completed financially. A final report will be provided at the next meeting.

Chair's Report

Chair Burke reported on events he had attended as Chair.

Accounts

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Dawson-Sharbell*

"That the accounts be approved for payment"

Motion carried.

New Business

Appointment of Returning Officer

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

"That the Village of Bible Hill approach Lorraine Dawson to fill the position of Returning Officer for the 2011 Election."

Motion carried.

Reports

Commissioner McLean requested that each Commissioner provide a more involved and detailed report so all Commissioners can be aware of each portfolio.

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 9:00 pm.

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Dawson-Sharbell*

That the bereavement leave provisions in the Personnel Policy be extended to include School Crossing Guards.

Motion carried.

*Moved by Mahar
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Village of Bible Hill proceed to sell a section of the green space on Osprey Avenue to Mr. Richards. The property will be sold for \$500 and Mr. Richards will pay for all property transaction expenses including but not limited to appraisal fees, legal fees, land migration fees, and any applicable taxes. The sale of the property will be at no cost to the Village of Bible Hill."

Motion carried.

Adjournment

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Dawson-Sharbell*

"That the November 16, 2010 Regular Monthly Meeting of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned."

Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Chair Burke

Recording Secretary Curry

Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
