

The Village of Bible Hill Regular Monthly meeting was held on August 17, 2010 in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 9:21 pm.

**Call to Order**

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

Staff: Clerk and Treasurer Christianson  
Recording Secretary Curry

Regrets: Solicitor Barrett

In Attendance: L. Wilson, Bible Hill Resident  
H. Wilson, Bible Hill Resident  
A. McLean, ReMax  
S. Corcoran, ReMax  
Chief Mellish, Bible Hill Fire Brigade  
Councillor Blair

**Approval of the Minutes of  
July 13, 2010 and July 20,  
2010**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by Dawson-Sharbell*

*“That the minutes of July 13, 2010 and July 20, 2010 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 as presented with the  
addition of the Ryland Avenue parking issue.”*

*Motion carried.*

**Delegations**

**Driveway entrance - Meadowland Ave.**

Ms. Wilson is the current owner of the property in question on Meadowland Avenue. She stated that the driveway entrance had always been an issue and that it was only her property that was affected. Expediency due to closing date and conditions was stressed. The sale of this house is conditional on the repair work on the sidewalk/driveway entrance be repaired. Ms. McLean also detailed the issue from the prospective buyers point of view. Pictures and a quote from Will-Kare for the repair work were circulated.

The Commission will discuss this matter and reply to Ms. Wilson through the Clerk by tomorrow.

#### **Councillor Blair**

Councillor Blair reported that the County of Colchester continues to be very interested in the happenings around Bible Hill including festivals and projects being undertaken by the Village. The County will be discussing the re-zoning of several properties on Pictou Road at their next meeting.

#### **Fire Chief Mellish, Bible Hill Fire Brigade**

Chief Mellish reported that the Brigade is continuing to gather information on the proposed purchase of a new fire truck. The Chief asked that consideration be given to hiring an unbiased professional with no conflict of interest to assist in the process. They would like a current expert to assist in finalizing the specs and creating the tender. The Chief asked for a timeline on this decision. The Chair responded that a decision would be made by the September Regular Monthly Meeting.

The Chief requested that the Village re-visit and update the Emergency Committee. This will be addressed again in September.

Chief Mellish also asked the Commission to reconsider the sale of surplus BA equipment. The Chair reiterated that the Solicitor for the Village had recommended that the BA equipment, as it was life support equipment, not be sold due to a liability issue.

Chief Mellish reported that the Dutch Mason Blues Festival was very well run and the Fire Brigade was very pleased with the numerous access points for fire equipment that were provided by the organizing committee.

#### **Business Arising out of the Minutes**

#### **Phase 4 Water Expansion Project**

The Water Expansion Project is nearing completion. A small section of sidewalk and some landscaping remains to be done with all work expected to be completed by September.

#### **Sewer Pumping Station**

The tender for the Sewer Pumping Station closes on Thursday afternoon at CBCL's office in Halifax. The Clerk may need to call a meeting of the Commissioners to consider the tenders

and award the contract as this project needs to be completed by March 31, 2011.

### **Storm Drainage Upgrade**

The tender for this project is almost ready to submit. A lease agreement with the Nova Scotia Agricultural College has been received and is awaiting approval and signature. The Village is waiting for confirmation from Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal about the replacement of the storm lines on College Road and if they will be incorporated into this project as the funding is available through the Infrastructure Fund.

### **License Agreement Province of Nova Scotia**

*Moved by Mahar  
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill sign the agreement with the Province of Nova Scotia for the use of a section of property owned by the Nova Scotia Agricultural College."*

*Motion carried.*

### **2010-2011 Sidewalk Construction Program**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by Mahar*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill proceed to tender for an engineering firm to do a pre-design study on a proposed sidewalk on Pictou Road from Village Court to the Village boundary."*

*Motion carried.*

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by Dawson-Sharbell*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill write to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal regarding a proposed crosswalk on College Road in the vicinity of Vimy Road."*

*Motion carried.*

### **Ryland Avenue Parking**

Commissioner Dawson-Sharbell suggested a face-to-face meeting with Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, the Village of Bible Hill, and the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition to work out an acceptable solution to the parking issue on Ryland Avenue during large events being held on the Exhibition Grounds.

### **Review of Correspondence**

There were no items of correspondence highlighted.

### **Reports of Commissioners**

#### **Environmental Services Report**

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg briefly discussed Phase 4 of the Water System that is nearing completion and the upcoming Sewer Pumping Station tender.

#### **Protective Services Report**

Commissioner Dawson-Sharbell read the Fire Brigade Report and reported that the Fire Brigade is hoping to have the mobile burn unit return to Bible Hill during Fire Prevention Week.

#### **Recreation and Culture Services**

Commissioner McLean reported on recreation happenings in the Village including trail development, upgrading Poplar Drive Park, summer programming, the upcoming Cobequid Trail Run, and the Facility Database Project.

#### **Transportation Services**

Commissioner Mahar reported on issues relating to Transportation Services. He has been attending the bi-weekly construction meetings being held at the Village Office and has been dealing with a resident complaint of a depression in the middle of Maple Blvd.

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

The Clerk reported that he had received a few complaints regarding the recent Dutch Mason Blues Festival.

There has been a report of three Common Hogweed (not Giant Hogweed) plants at the Bible Hill Recreation Park. These plants will be herbicided and removed.

The Clerk would like to have a minimum of two

Commissioners attend the upcoming construction meetings for the Sewer Pumping Station and the Upgrading of the Storm Drain System.

*Moved by McLean  
Seconded by Mahar*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill establish a Construction Committee to attend the bi-weekly construction meetings for the Sewage Pumping Station Upgrades project. The Committee shall consist of Chair Tom Burke, Commissioner Mahar and Commissioner McLean and the other two Commissioners are also encouraged to attend."*

*Motion carried.*

#### **Chair's Report**

Chair Burke reported on events he had attended on behalf of the Village. Chair Burke was in contact with our MLA Lenore Zann regarding the parking situation on Ryland Avenue during events at the Exhibition Grounds. As a result, she has coordinated that Grant Millie of the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition will provide Darrin Murphy of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal with a yearly list of event dates for the Exhibition Grounds. The Department of Transportation will then turn over the No Parking signs on Ryland Avenue on one side of the street for these events.

#### **Accounts**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by McLean*

*"That the accounts be approved for payment"*

*Motion Carried*

#### **New Business**

##### **Budget and Date of 2010 Staff & Commissioner Christmas Party**

The Commission agreed to get the Finance Officer to book a similar party to last year with a buffet at Roadside Willie's and bowling afterwards. Possible dates are December 10<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>.

##### **Association of Nova Scotia Village's and Annual General Meeting - September 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by Dawson-Sharbell*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill appoint Chair Burke to act as a voting delegate at the Association of Nova Scotia Villages Annual General Meeting with Commissioner Mahar acting as alternate."*

*Motion carried.*

#### **Government of Canada Multiculturalism Program**

The Commission agreed to give this information to the Parks and Recreation Committee to organize an event highlighting multiculturalism in our area.

#### **Special Rate Application POMBA - October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010**

*Moved by McLean  
Seconded by Mahar*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill approve the Special Rate Application of \$90 by POMBA for October 23<sup>rd</sup>."*

*Motion carried.*

#### **Application for a Land Use Zoning Map Amendment - Pictou Road**

The Clerk outlined the letter on the Land Use Zoning Amendment that the Village had recently received as a land owner abutting the property in question.

#### **Justin Trudeau - September 4<sup>th</sup>, NSPE Grounds**

Commissioner Dawson-Sharbell informed the Commission that Justin Trudeau is coming to the Bible Hill Exhibition Grounds on September 4<sup>th</sup> as a guest speaker. Commissioner McLean volunteered to attend.

*Moved by Dawson-Sharbell  
Seconded by McLean*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill send a representative to the Justin Trudeau Dinner on September 4<sup>th</sup> at the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Grounds."*

*Motion carried.*

Before the Regular Meeting adjourned to an In Camera Session, the press was given a few moments to ask any

questions of the Commission they might have for clarification.

**In Camera Committee Meeting  
of the Whole - Staffing Issue  
and Tenders**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by McLean*

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

*Motion Carried.*

At 8:50 pm the Commission went into an In-Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole.

The In-Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole ended at 9:15 pm.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by Dawson-Sharbell*

*"That the tender for the construction of the wash station at the Bible Hill Fire Hall not be awarded due to the large discrepancy between the engineers estimate and the tender amounts."*

*Motion carried.*

*Moved by Mahar  
Seconded by McLean*

*"That the tender for the construction of the sidewalk on Osprey Drive and the pedestrian crosswalk across College Road not be awarded due to the large discrepancy between the engineers estimate and the tender amounts."*

*Motion carried.*

*Moved by Mahar  
Seconded by McLean*

*"That the honorarium for Commissioners effective September 2010 be set at: Chair \$8,500 per annum, Deputy Chair \$8,000 per annum and Commissioners \$7,500 per annum."*

*Motion carried.*

**Adjournment**

*Moved by McLean  
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

*“That the August 17, 2010 Regular Monthly meeting of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned.”*

*Motion Carried.*

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 pm.

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K. Curry  
Recording Secretary

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Tom Burke  
Chair