

The Village of Bible Hill Regular Monthly meeting was held on July 20, 2010 in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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: M. Chiasson, Truro Daily News
Councillor Blair, County of Colchester
Katherine Reed, Nova Scotia Power

**Approval of the Minutes of
June 15, 2010**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

“That the minutes of June 15, 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.”

Motion carried.

Chair Burke welcomed Councillor Blair, Ms. Chiasson, and Ms. Reed to the Meeting.

Delegations

Katherine Reed, Nova Scotia Power - Low Income Homeowners Outreach Program

Ms. Reed explained the Low Income Homeowners Outreach Program through Nova Scotia Power. She encouraged the Village Commissioners to offer this program to any Bible Hill resident that would seem to qualify as she is promoting awareness and the availability of this program. The Commission agreed to display brochures in the front foyer of the Village Office and to put a brief description of the program in the next issue of Action on the Hill.

Councillor Blair

Councillor Blair brought forward items of interest to the Village from the County of Colchester. The Dangerous and Unsightly Premises Committee recently met regarding a complaint on a property within the Village. This complaint was denied.

Councillor Blair also reported on the upcoming Annual General Meeting of the Association of Nova Scotia Villages that is to be held in the Village of Bible Hill in September. She encouraged all Commissioners to attend the special presentation all day Friday by the Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations that is designed for all Commissioners, both new and experienced.

Councillor Blair reported that the Board of Directors have given her, as President of the Bible Hill Cemetery Company, and Garry Boyce, Secretary-Treasurer for the Bible Hill Cemetery Company, signing authority for the upcoming Off Road Bike Trail Agreement.

Councillor Blair had several questions regarding the Phase 4 Water System, borrowing for the Sewer Pumping Station, and the possibility of a ladder truck purchase.

Business Arising out of the Minutes

Commission in Committee Report

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the Village of Bible Hill proceed with the College Road Crosswalk project and award the contract to Brycon Construction at a cost of \$192,100 including 15% HST."

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Dawson-Sharbell*

"That the Village of Bible Hill accept the additional expense of tendering services and contract administration for the College Road Crosswalk from CBCL of \$6,700."

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Village of Bible Hill confirm the award of the engineering contract to CBCL Limited for the Sewer Pumping Station Storm Drainage Upgrade at the Bible Hill Rec Park made at a February In-Camera Meeting."

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Dawson-Sharbell*

"That the Village of Bible Hill grant Donnie Deagle a trial period to sell hot dogs from his push cart stand at the Airport Fields during ball games at the discretion of the Village of Bible Hill with 48 hours notice to cease operation."

Motion carried.

The Commission expressed questions about the vendor and his operation that the Clerk will investigate when he contacts Mr. Deagle confirming the trial operation of his hot dog stand.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the Village of Bible Hill contact Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal regarding a request to replace or repair the catch basins at the Vimy Road/Pictou Road intersection."

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Dawson-Sharbell*

"That the Village of Bible Hill pay Baird's Septic \$500 towards the replacement of the portable washroom and work with Baird's each contributing \$500 towards a reward to be offered through Crime Stoppers."

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the Village of Bible Hill not extend the water line down Osprey at this time and the Village is to advise the homeowners of this decision."

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Dawson-Sharbell*

“That the Village of Bible Hill purchase six dog bag holders with biodegradable bags to use as a test samples in specific parks within the Village.”

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

“That the Village of Bible Hill develop the Poplar Drive Park by purchasing a play equipment structure, a garbage/ recycling container, and a bike rack for this location.”

Motion carried.

Request to Replace Curb and grass median Pictou Road

This item was brought forward from the Commission in Committee Meeting of July 13. Commissioners viewed this location and, after discussion, it was felt that these curbs were the responsibility of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal. The Chair will send a letter to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal requesting that TIR replace and/or repair curbs (using concrete) on Pictou Road as they repave.

Easy Sorter Community Recycling Bins

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Dawson-Sharbell*

“That the Village of Bible Hill purchase three easy sorter community recycling bins to replace the large garbage bins at the Bible Hill Rec Park, the Airport Fields, and at Holy Well Park.”

Motion carried.

Phase 4 Water Expansion Project

The Clerk reviewed the progress of the water project. There were a few minor incidents that have been dealt with, including a problem with the length of time driveways have been blocked. The regularly scheduled Construction Meeting is this Thursday, July 22nd. All Commissioners are invited to

attend.

Sewer Pumping Station

The Clerk will be sending to the Commissioners by e-mail the final draft of the tender documents for the Sewer Pumping Station. The tender will soon be posted and it is expected to be awarded in the fall of this year.

Storm Drainage System Upgrades

The Clerk reported that he is working with CBCL on the tender for the storm drainage system upgrades. This project is approximately three or four weeks behind the sewer pumping station.

No Parking Signs Ryland Avenue

Darrin Murphy, Area Manger of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, has turned down the request from the Village to have "No Parking" signs permanently place on one side of Ryland Avenue. After discussion, the Chair will contact our MLA, Lenore Zann, to request her assistance in this important issue. The Clerk will contact TIR regarding no parking signs on one side of Ryland Avenue not being sufficient.

Review of Correspondence

There were no items of correspondence highlighted.

Reports of Commissioners

Environmental Services Report

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg identified that the Clerk had covered all aspects of the Phase 4 Water Project. The project is progressing as scheduled.

Protective Services Report

Commissioner Dawson-Sharbell reported that Chief Mellish is requesting disposal of surplus BA packs. This will be discussed In-Camera later in the meeting.

Recreation and Culture Services

Commissioner McLean reported on recreation happenings in the Village. She highlighted the recent Canada Day events, Rec Park damages that recently occurred, trail development progress, and summer programming within the Village. Commissioner Dawson-Sharbell made a request that both cakes be decorated for Canada Day next year not just one.

Transportation Services

Commissioner Mahar reported on issues relating to Transportation Services. He will be attending the Construction Meeting on Thursday.

Clerk and Treasurer's Report

The Clerk reiterated the Friday information session being put on by Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations for the Association of Nova Scotia Villages. The information session is being held at the Village Hall and it is very important that as many Commissioners as possible attend. The Commission should also consider a Bible Hill appointment to the Board of Directors of the ANSV. Bible Hill is one of the largest villages in Nova Scotia and should be represented on this board.

The Clerk spoke on proper channels to be followed for communication with the media. The Chair is the spokesperson for the Village and should be contacted for comments. If requested by the Chair, the Clerk may speak to the media in place of the Chair. He expressed concern about items published after the Commission in Committee Meeting as these items are not officially approved until the Regular Monthly Meeting. The Clerk congratulated the Truro Daily News on their excellent coverage of Village events and items of interest to the public.

Chair's Report

Chair Burke reported on events he had attended since his appointment as Chair. He will be attending the Construction Meeting on Thursday.

Accounts

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the accounts be approved for payment"

Motion Carried

New Business

Engineering Services 2011 2012 Sidewalk Construction Program

The Clerk discussed the potential issue regarding timing of replacing the sidewalks on Pictou Road which are currently scheduled after the repaving of that street by TIR. Ideally, the sidewalks should be done first. This work would include

concrete curbs and storm drainage. The Clerk is to meet with TIR in August to discuss this situation. The Commission also requested that the Clerk inquire about the possibility of creating proper bicycle lanes on Pictou Road.

Door Repairs / Changes 67 Pictou Road

The Clerk reported on the on-going problem of the front door blowing open at the Village Office. This is a continuing problem that must be addressed. The Clerk obtained a quote through Thompson Engineering with the original contractor that installed the door, Royal Door.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Village of Bible Hill engage Royal Door to supply a new door latch for 67 Pictou Road for a cost of \$3,500 + HST."

Motion carried.

In Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole - Personnel Issue

*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 8:30 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 Dawson-Sharbell
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Village of Bible Hill give authority to the Chair and the Clerk to sign the Trail Agreement with the Bible Hill Cemetery Company."

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the Village of Bible Hill approve a three year extension

of baking services with Scotiabank."

Motion carried.

Adjournment

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Dawson-Sharbell*

*"That the July 20, 2010 Regular Monthly meeting of the
Village of Bible Hill be adjourned."*

Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

K. Curry
Recording Secretary

Tom Burke
Chair