

The Village of Bible Hill Regular Monthly meeting was held on October 19, 2010 in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 8:20 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: D. Richards, Bible Hill Resident
B. Smithson, Bible Hill P&R Director
C. Blair, County Councillor

**Approval of the Minutes of
September 21, 2010**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

"That the minutes of September 21, 2010 be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

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

*Moved by Mahar
Seconded by McLean*

"That the agenda be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

**Business Arising out of the
Minutes**

Commission in Committee Report

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Village of Bible Hill request that the Bible Hill Fire Brigade complete the specifications and present their recommendations to the Commission."

*Moved by Mahar
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

"That the Village of Bible Hill table the motion for the request that the Bible Hill Fire Brigade complete the specifications and present their recommendations to the

Commission."

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the Village of Bible Hill write a letter, under the Chair's signature, to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, including a copy of the e-mail from the Fire Chief and pictures, asking for assistance in permanently erecting 'no parking' signs on one side of Ryland Avenue."

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the Village of Bible Hill move forward with the application to the Emergency Services Provider Fund with the balance of the funds coming from the capital budget with the understanding that the purchase will not go through without approved funding."

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

"That Village of Bible Hill purchase a large wreath to be presented at the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Truro Cenotaph."

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Village of Bible Hill grant a special rate of \$22.50 for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Halloween Party on October 25, 2010."

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Village of Bible Hill send a letter, under the Clerk's

signature, to the owner of HubCraft Building Supplies requesting that he notify delivery vehicles that some are causing damage to the new median, sidewalk, and curb."

Motion carried.

Truro Tigers Biathalon Club request for assistance in the purchase of sporting equipment

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the Village of Bible Hill assist the Truro Tigers Biathalon Club with the purchase of sporting equipment in the amount of \$500."

Motion carried.

After discussion, the Commission requested that the issue of public requests for financial assistance be forwarded to the Parks and Recreation Committee for development of a policy with specific guidelines regarding criteria and maximum dollar amounts.

Mr. Dale Richards request to purchase a section of Village property

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the Village of Bible Hill allow Mr. Richards to purchase the surplus property in question with the understanding that Mr. Richards will cover all legal, migration, and survey expenses associated with the purchase and the purchase be at fair market value."

After discussion, it was determined that a fair market value should be determined before the request to purchase can be finalized.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the Village of Bible Hill have a fair market appraisal done at Mr. Richards expense and the motion to sell the land on Osprey will be revisited at the November meeting."

Motion carried.

Review of Correspondence

There were no items of correspondence highlighted.

Reports of Commissioners

Environmental Services Report

The Clerk reported on the Sewer Pumping Station currently under construction at the Bible Hill Recreation Park. The pipe has been laid along College Road and is three-quarters of the way through the Recreation Park with no problems to date. Delivery of materials for the completion of the Sewer Pumping Station is expected next week.

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, the mobile burn unit that was recently used for training purposes, and the recent and successful Fire Prevention Week.

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

1. *"That the SAC minutes stand as our report to the Commission and that any motions being highlighted presented to the Commission as a whole."*

It was agreed that the SAC Minutes were too detailed to be reviewed at the meeting, however, motions from the SAC meetings will be brought forward to the Commission Meetings.

2. *"That the liaison Commissioner report back to the SAC at the next appropriate meeting with a written report on the results of the motions after being presented and discussed at the Commissioner's meeting as a whole."*

It was determined that either a written or verbal report would be brought forward to the Committee at the Commissioner's discretion.

3. *"That the SAC purchase 500 reflective bands (similar to last year) at an approximate price of \$750 from Wildflower Vending."*

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Village of Bible Hill not approve the \$750 purchase of reflective arm bands by the Bible Hill Safety Advisory Committee."

Motion carried.

4. *"That the SAC support Parks and Recreation with the Safe Halloween event and donate \$200."*

The Commission agreed to transfer \$200 from the SAC budget to the Safe Halloween budget item.

Recreation and Culture Services

Commissioner McLean reported on recreation happenings in the Village mentioning the new weekly reports by the Parks and Recreation Director that are now being circulated. She highlighted updates on the Eagle Crest Biking Trail, Strategic Planning, a possible new appointment to the Parks and Recreation Committee, the need for a map of trails in the area, Senior Socials, Safe Halloween, and upcoming Christmas planning.

Chair Burke welcomed Councillor Blair to the meeting at 7:35pm.

Transportation Services

Commissioner Mahar reported on issues relating to Transportation Services. He expressed continuing concerns about the storm drains on Vimy Road and also a fallen tree on the power lines on East Court Road.

*Moved by Mahar
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Village of Bible Hill write a letter to Nova Scotia Power to have the tree removed from the power line on East Court Road."

Motion carried.

Clerk and Treasurer's Report

The Clerk reported that he had met with Natural Resources regarding the recent sightings of coyotes in the Bible Hill area. A laminated information sheet on coyotes will be placed at each trail head.

The Clerk also had received a call regarding the safety issue of putting sod on the side of recently completed sidewalk on Pictou Road from Armstrong to Fielding.

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the Village of Bible Hill hire Justaart Landscaping to install sod on the sides of the sidewalk on Pictou Road from Armstrong to Fielding Avenues at the cost of \$4,114 plus HST."

Motion carried.

The Clerk reiterated the need to revisit the appointment of Commissioners to the Fire Truck Committee.

*Moved by Mahar
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

"That the Village of Bible Hill appoint the Chair, the Clerk, and the Chair of Protective Services to be representatives on the Fire Truck Committee for the purchase of the new fire apparatus."

Motion carried.

There will be a meeting of the Fire Truck Committee on Thursday, October 21st at 7:00pm in the upstairs Meeting Room at the Fire Hall.

Chair's Report

Chair Burke reported on events he had attended as Chair. Construction on College Road was uneventful and completed in a timely manner. The Recreation Park was closed last week as construction is underway and the media was informed.

There is a meeting at the Village Office on Thursday, October 21st at 3:30pm regarding the parking issue on East Court Road.

The Chair asked Councillor Blair if she would like to add any information items from the County of Colchester.

Councillor Blair requested clarification of the Village's position on the proposed water tower. A copy of the last correspondence from the Village to the County of Colchester

will be forwarded to Councillor Blair. The Commission requested a face to face meeting between the County of Colchester, the Town of Truro, and the Village of Bible Hill.

Councillor Blair, on behalf of the Bible Hill Cemetery Company, requested clarification on the completion of Phase 2 and 3 of the Eagle Crest Bike Trail. The Clerk explained that this item is on the agenda for later in the meeting.

Councillor Blair, as past president of the Association of Nova Scotia Villages, informed the Commission that the Village Discussion Paper is being sent back to all Villages for comments. The Clerk will forward a copy to each Commissioner. A response has been requested by November 30, 2010.

Commissioner Van Kroonenburg brought up the continuing storm water issues happening in the Village due to new and recent housing construction along the upper end of Pictou Road. Councillor Blair informed the Commission that a review of the Municipal Land Use By-Law has been requested, to include storm water management. The area in question was viewed by Mayor Taylor, Councillor Blair, then Chairwoman McLean, County Engineer Ramesh Ummat and Clerk Christianson and at that time the engineer was to look at the particular situation and suggest possible solutions. Councillor Blair will take this issue back to the County Engineer and the CAO for a reminder. The Clerk suggested the possibility of bringing in a consulting engineer if the municipal staff is too busy.

Accounts

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

“That the accounts be approved for payment”

Motion Carried

New Business

Addition of Matthew Pryde to Parks and Recreation Committee

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

That the Village of Bible Hill appoint Matthew Pryde fill the vacant position on the Parks and Recreation Committee on a temporary basis until March 2011, at which time vacant committee appointments will be advertised and selected.”

Motion carried.

Poplar Drive Park Playground

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Dawson-Sharbell*

That the Village of Bible Hill accept Henderson Recreation Ltd's quote of \$14,660.50 for playground equipment to be installed at Poplar Drive Park."

Motion carried.

Trail Construction Budget

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

"That the Village of Bible Hill increase the trail construction budget by \$19,000. These funds will be used to complete the Eagle Crest Bike Trails and finance our previous commitment to the construction of the trail trough the NSAC."

Motion carried.

Adjournment

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Dawson-Sharbell*

"That the October 19, 2010 Regular Monthly meeting of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned."

Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Chair Burke

Recording Secretary Curry

Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
