

The Village of Bible Hill Regular Monthly meeting was held on September 18, 2012 in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. The meeting was called to order by Chair Burke at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Call to Order

Chair Burke
Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg
Commissioner MacCormick
Commissioner McLean
Commissioner McLeod

Regrets: Solicitor England

Staff: Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
Recording Secretary Curry
Solicitor D. Kauwenberg

In Attendance: M. Chiasson, Truro Daily News
C. Blair, County Councillor
G. Bower, Scotia Pool Spokesperson
30 Members of the Public

**Approval of the Minutes of
June 19, 2012**

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by McLeod*

*"That the minutes of August 21, 2012 be approved as
presented."*

Motion carried.

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

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by MacCormick*

"That the agenda be approved."

Motion carried.

The Chair welcomed all those present at the meeting.

**Miscellaneous Business
Including Delegations**

G. Bower - Scotia Pool Users

Ms. Bower spoke on behalf of the Scotia Pool users who were interested in the process involved in continuing the existence of Scotia Pool. She requested that the Commission further delay a decision on the takeover of Scotia Pool from January, 2013 until September, 2013 to allow for the investigation of alternate funding opportunities. The Scotia Pool Users would very much like the community resource of the services at Scotia Pool to continue and offered their assistance in any way needed.

**Business Arising out of the
Minutes**

Commission in Committee Report

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by MacCormick*

"That the Village of Bible Hill amend the Purchasing Policy as noted: adding the term "best value" to Part 1 Introduction, Interpretation, Section 3, and Part IV (Alternative Procurement Emergency and Sole Source Purchases) Item 1 (c) on page 5 of the document be amended to add "...the purchasing employee must obtain the approval of at least two Commissioners"

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Village of Bible Hill proclaim September 24th to September 28th to be "Right to Know Week" in Bible Hill."

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLeod*

"That the Village of Bible Hill write to the Department of Agriculture to obtain permission for a right of way connecting Farnham Trail to the County line to build a trail."

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by MacCormick*

"That the Village of Bible Hill approve the Purchasing Policy as amended on September 18th, 2012."

Motion carried.

60th Anniversary Committee

Commissioner MacCormick reported on the recent 60th Anniversary Meeting that was held on Monday, September 17th in the Village Chambers. The Committee had three new members in attendance and were able to form sub-committees to perform specific tasks. The next 60th Anniversary Committee meeting will be on October 17th at 2:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund

Our application for the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund has been sent in. ACOA had contacted the Recreation Director to say that they were offering more funding as they felt the play equipment proposed for the Recreation Park should remain in the funding request. The Village will seek professional engineering services to obtain a project site plan as the Clerk would like to approve an RFP at the October Commission Meeting. The Village will be hosting a public meeting looking for community input.

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by McLeod*

"That the Village of Bible Hill give Village staff the authority to develop and proceed with an RFP for approval at the next meeting."

Motion carried.

Sidewalk Construction Pictou Road

The Clerk informed the Commission that construction has begun on the Pictou Road Sidewalk Project. The existing asphalt is now being removed and preparation has begun to install culverts. There is a construction meeting this Wednesday, September 19th at 2:00pm. All Commissioners are welcome to attend.

Fire Truck Tender

The Clerk informed the Commissioners that a new tender has gone out for the old fire truck. There is now a minimum bid listed as \$30,000 with bides closing on November 5, 2012. He distributed a copy of the ad that has gone into the Heavy Equipment and Truck Auto Trader.

Scotia Pool

At the request of the Scotia Pool Society, the Village of Bible Hill will be taking over bookkeeping services (including payroll) for Scotia Pool from September until December 31, 2012. The Village will be reimbursed by the Scotia Pool Society as bills are paid. Village staff are willing to provide services and are very supportive.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLeod*

"That the Village of Bible Hill assist the Scotia Pool Society in their bookkeeping, administration and payroll until December 31, 2012"

Motion carried.

The Clerk reviewed with the Commission the fact that the Village is experiencing cost overruns in the last two major projects that have been done in the Village. The Village also does not yet have specific numbers as the cost of actually running the pool. The concern now is the estimated projected deficit of \$57,000 for the pool and also what is to happen between January 1st, 2013 and September 1, 2013. The Village does not have a copy of the Scotia Pool Society By-laws and has requested a copy.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by MacCormick*

"That the Village of Bible Hill have staff form a working group to work with the community to consider potential recommendations to bring to the October Commission in Committee Meeting."

Motion carried.

**In Camera Committee of the
Whole**

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

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

Motion Carried.

At 7:40 pm the Commission went into an In-Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole.

The In-Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole adjourned back to the Regular Monthly Meeting at 7:55 pm.

Review of Correspondence

There was no correspondence for this evening's meeting.

Councillor Blair

Councillor Blair is attending the Association of Nova Scotia Villages Annual General Meeting this weekend in Chester.

She reported that County Council met last Thursday and discussion was held regarding the outlying areas in the County that were hit hard by the flood. Bible Hill had a few issues but

was not affected as seriously as other areas. She continues to work diligently to bring the berm at Holy Well to fruition.

Reports of Commissioners

Environmental Services Report

Commissioner McLean reported on meetings she had attended and the effects that the flood had on the Village.

Protective Services Report & Fire Brigade Report

Commissioner MacCormick reported on events and meetings she had attended on behalf of the Village. At the Fire Brigade Monthly Meeting, she informed the Fire Brigade Officers that the requested chairlift is not possible in the requested stairwell according to engineers. Other stairwells in the fire hall will be investigated. Commissioner MacCormick thanked the Fire Brigade for their efforts during the recent flood. She also requested that in the future all Fire Brigade expenditures now be dealt with directly between the Fire Chief and the Clerk.

Recreation Services Report

Commissioner McLeod read the Recreation Services Report highlighting the upcoming Recreation Nova Scotia Conference that Rec Director Smithson will be co-chairing with Mr. C. Burgess from the County of Colchester. Commissioner McLeod also highlighted Bible Hill trails, the increase in sport field usage this summer and fall, and upcoming events (including yoga, Senior Social, Senior Fitness Classes, Music Jamboree's, and Pre-Teen Dances).

Transportation Services Report

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg reported on meetings she had attended on behalf of the Village.

Clerk's Report

The Clerk commended the Village on their excellent response during the recent flood. Coverage on the National News was positive. The issue of the berm at Holy Well Park was brought up again. Strict planning control is needed on flood plains. He was very pleased with the work done by the recent storm drainage system. Wright Avenue was once again a problem as well as Pictou and Village Line.

Chair's Report

The Chair reported on the many events and meetings that he had attended on behalf of the Village.

Accounts

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLeod*

"That the accounts be approved for payment"

Motion carried.

New Business

There were no items of New Business brought forward at this meeting.

Adjournment

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

"That the September 18, 2012 Regular Monthly Meeting of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned."

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Chair Burke

Recording Secretary Curry

Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
