

The Village of Bible Hill Regular Monthly meeting was held on February 19, 2013 in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. The meeting was called to order by Chair Burke at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Call to Order

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

Staff: Solicitor England
Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
Recording Secretary Curry
P&R Director Smithson

In Attendance: M. Chiasson, Truro Daily News
G. Bower, Scotia Pool Society
7 members of the public
D. Mellish, Bible Hill Fire Chief

**Approval of the Minutes of
January 15, 2013**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLeod*

*"That the minutes of January 15, 2013 be approved as
presented."*

Motion carried.

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

*Moved by McLeod
Seconded by McLean*

"That the agenda be approved."

Motion carried.

Chair Burke welcomed those present at the meeting.

**Miscellaneous Business
Including Delegations**

Scotia Pool Society

Mrs. Bower made a presentation to the Commission updating them on the progress being made by the Scotia Pool Society. New members of the Board have been appointed and are very enthusiastic. Their long term goal is to keep Scotia Pool open after September, 2013. They hope to enhance the community not compete with the Rath Eastlink Community Centre. They are still interested to show that there will be enough patrons of the pool after Centennial Pool closes to make it a sustainable venture. The Scotia Pool Society is asking the Village of Bible Hill to consider including \$20,000 to \$30,000 in their budget 2013-14 fiscal year for operational expenses of the pool.

Brendon Smithson, Bible Hill Parks and Recreation Director

Mr. Smithson gave the Commission additional information on the upgrades to be done this summer at the Recreation Park. Several new items are being installed at the Recreation Park including new playground equipment, a new gazebo, a splash pad, and washroom facilities. The location of these items has been changed slightly and the Commission was asked their opinion of the changes. After questions and answers, he was given permission to continue the process of installing these items. The Clerk informed the Commission that there may be a need to be security cameras installed and also a security guard available to close the washrooms at night.

The Recreation Director has been approached by the Bible Hill RCMP to work on a joint project. The RCMP would like to team with the Village to engage youth in a project to paint the rocks in the parking lot at the Recreation Park. This idea will hopefully cut down on vandalism and make the community "take ownership" of the park. Applications of designs will be accepted and the successful artists will be given eco-friendly paint to create their masterpieces. The rocks will be pressure washed and cleaned before the painting begins. The Commission thought this was a wonderful idea and the Recreation Director was encouraged to begin this project.

**Business Arising out of the
Minutes**

Commission in Committee

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLeod*

"That the Village of Bible Hill create a new reserve fund called Snow Removal Reserve for excess snow removal money each year that will be a fund for a year with disproportionate snow removal expenses."

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by MacCormick*

"That the Village of Bible Hill accept the quote from Commercial Tent at a cost of \$4,305 plus HST for tents and staging on Canada Day, 2013."

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Village of Bible Hill accept the quote from Big Entertainment at a cost of \$2,470 plus HST for inflatables on Canada Day, 2013."

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLeod*

"That the Village of Bible Hill accept the quote from Henderson at a cost of \$26,050 plus HST for playground equipment at the Bible Hill Recreation Park."

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by MacCormick*

"That the Village of Bible Hill accept the quote from Ron MacGillivray Chevrolet Buick GMC of Antigonish at a cost of \$31,480 plus HST for a Public Works Service Vehicle."

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Village of Bible Hill transfer \$32,500 from Public Works Reserve to Operating Fund."

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by MacCormick*

"That the Village of Bible Hill purchase four Motorola 6445 portable radios from Nova Communication at a price of \$3,882 plus HST."

Motion carried.

Review of Correspondence

Colchester County Mayor Taylor

A recently received letter from Mayor Taylor was reviewed by the Commission. It was decided to not reply to the letter.

Bible Hill Cemetery Company

A thank you letter from the Bible Hill Cemetery Company was read by the Clerk.

Reports of Commissioners

Environmental Services Report

Commissioner McLean reported events and meetings she had attended on behalf of the Village. Commissioner McLean also read a letter from January 15th which the Village thanked the County of Colchester for their cooperation and hoped to continue working together.

Protective Services Report & Fire Brigade Report

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg gave the fire brigade report for February.

Recreation Services Report

Commissioner McLeod read the Recreation Report which highlighted programs such as yoga, Trailblazers at Redcliff Middle School and Bible Hill Junior High School, Can Skip at East Court Road Elementary, the Cyclones Club at Bible Hill Central Elementary, the Family Fun Day for March 23rd, Music Jamborees, Pre-teen Dances, Youth Hip Hop Classes, Senior Socials and Senior Fitness Classes.

Transportation Services Report

Commissioner MacCormick had no formal report this evening but commented on the positive reports she had received on the sidewalk clearing within the Village of Bible Hill.

Clerk's Report

The Clerk did not have a report this evening.

Chair's Report

The Chair reported on 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

2013 Election - engagement of Returning Officer

Moved by McLean

Seconded by Van Kroonenburg

"That the Village of Bible Hill approach Mrs. L. Dawson to be the Returning Officer, on the same terms as last year, for the 2013 Election for Village Commissioner."

Motion carried.

RFQ - Fire Works Display 60th Anniversary

Moved by MacCormick

Seconded by McLean

"That the Village of Bible Hill accept the quote from Fireworks FX at a price of \$9,999.25 including HST to do the fireworks display on August 1st for the 60th Anniversary."

Motion carried.

Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition

Moved by Van Kroonenburg

Seconded by McLeod

"That the Village of Bible Hill continue to exempt the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition for property taxes in the current year."

Motion carried.

Approval of the 2013 - 2014 Operating and Capital Budget and the 2013 2014 residential and commercial tax rates

- Residential 69 cents per hundred
- Commercial 86 cents per hundred

Moved by MacCormick

Seconded by McLean

"That the Village of Bible Hill approve the 2013-2014 Operating and Capital Budget and approve the residential tax rate of 0.69 per hundred, a commercial rate of 0.86 per one hundred - both containing a sewer rate of 0.171."

Motion carried.

Adjournment

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLeod*

*"That the February 19, 2013 Regular Monthly Meeting of the
Village of Bible Hill be adjourned."*

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Chair Burke

Recording Secretary Curry

Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
