

The Village of Bible Hill Regular Monthly meeting was held on August 21, 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 8:35 pm.

Call to Order

Chair Burke
Commissioner MacCormick
Commissioner McLean
Commissioner McLeod

Regrets: Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg

Staff: Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
Solicitor England
Recording Secretary Curry

In Attendance: M. Chaisson, Truro Daily News
L. Zann, MLA, Truro-Bible Hill
K. Pitcher, Saywood Homeowner's Assoc.
G. Bower, Scotia Pool Arthritis Exercise Group
35 Members of the Public

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

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by MacCormick*

"That the minutes of June 19, 2012 be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

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

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by McLeod*

"That the agenda be approved."

Motion carried.

Chair Burke welcomed those present at the meeting.

**Miscellaneous Business
Including Delegations**

K. Pitcher - Saywood Homeowner's Association

Ms. Pitcher attended the Commission Meeting this evening with a few questions about the progress being made on the plans for the proposed sidewalk on Saywood Drive. Chair Burke informed Ms. Pitcher that the Saywood Sidewalk project has been moved to #2 on the Sidewalk Priority List as the Pictou Road Sidewalk Project is scheduled to begin soon. Ms. Pitcher also asked specific questions about traffic counts done by the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal. The Clerk told Ms. Pitcher she should contact the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure directly to obtain this information.

G. Bower - Exercise in the Pool Group

Ms. Bower gave a presentation on behalf of Scotia Pool arthritis users requesting that the Village operate the pool from the period of December 31, 2012 to September, 2013.

*Moved by McLeod
Seconded by MacCormick*

“That the Village of Bible Hill refrain from any decision on Scotia Pool until the September 18th Meeting.”

Motion carried.

Business Arising out of the Minutes

Commission in Committee Report

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by MacCormick*

“I move that the Village of Bible Hill, due to increased projected expenditures due to Guest Drive Storm Sewer Project and the Pictou Road Sidewalk Project that the 2012-2013 budget be amended as follows:

- *a transfer from capital reserves to the operating fund of \$123,450*
- *reduction of the staff social program by \$1,000*
- *elimination of the UNSM conference budget \$1,200*
- *increase of the school crossing guard program budget from \$45,300 to \$50,200; for additional crossing guard at East Court and College*
- *reduction of the sidewalk maintenance budget by \$30,000 to \$10,000*
- *elimination of the active transportation signage budget \$1,000*
- *reduction of the programming and special events budget by \$15,000*
- *elimination of the transfer to capital reserve \$72,250*
- *elimination of the security system at 67 and 69 Pictou Road \$40,000*
- *elimination of the office equipment budget \$10,000*
- *reduction of parks and recreation capital budget from \$13,000 to \$5,000*
- *reduction of the public works capital budget from \$5,000 to \$2,000*
- *increase in the Pictou Road sidewalk budget from \$350,000 to \$450,000*
- *increase in the Guest Drive Storm Drainage budget from \$750,000 to \$950,000*

- *the net effect is to increase the operating and capital budgets from \$2,857,000 to \$2,980,450”*

Motion carried.

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by McLeod*

“I move that the Village of Bible Hill approve a letter of award of the Pictou Road Sidewalk Project to MidValley Construction at a cost of \$365,880 plus HST.”

Motion carried.

*Moved by McLean
Motion not Seconded*

“whereas the projected final costs of the Guest Drive Storm Sewer Project is \$200,000 over budget and the projected cost of the Pictou Road sidewalk project is \$100,000 over budget and that the Village of Bible Hill has just approved budget cuts totaling over \$150,000, I move that the Village of Bible Hill not incur additional expenses resulting from the takeover of Scotia Pool from the period of November, 2012 to September 2013.”

Motion died on the floor due to lack of a seconder.

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by MacCormick*

“I move that the Village of Bible Hill have their Parks and Recreation Director apply for appropriate grants through the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund to assist with the construction of gazebo at the Recreation Park for the Village’s 60th Anniversary, washrooms at the Recreation Park, and a splash pad for the Recreation Park for the fiscal year 2013-2014.”

Motion carried.

Commissioner MacCormick clarified that the proposed gazebo would be a multi-use structure that would enhance the Recreation Park. A grant was being used to cover half of the cost of this structure.

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by MacCormick*

“I move that the Village of Bible Hill accept the quote from Truro Tree Care for \$2,093 including HST, to remove 2 trees at 69

Pictou Road."

Motion carried.

60 Anniversary Committee

Commissioner MacCormick reported on progress being made for the 2013 Bible Hill 60th Anniversary Celebrations. The next meeting of this committee will be Monday, September 17th at 2:00pm. An issue with regards to copyright laws will be reviewed by the Village Solicitor.

Review of Correspondence

Speed Zone Assessment College Road

The Clerk read a letter from Rob Jerrott, District Supervisor, Nova Scotia Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal as an information item. Mr. Jerrott said that the speed zone assessment on College Road had been conducted as requested. It was concluded that the 60km/hr speed limit is appropriate.

Reports of Commissioners

Environmental Services Report

Commissioner McLean reported on the completion of the Storm Sewer Project at the Bible Hill Recreation Park. The project budget was \$750,000, currently there is a projected deficit of \$200,000.

Protective Services Report & Fire Brigade Report

Commissioner MacCormick read a letter from MCW Maricor Engineering regarding the installation of a platform lift at the Bible Hill Fire Hall to make the second floor accessible to disabled fire brigade and fire brigade auxiliary members. In the opinion of the engineers:

- *The width of the stairwell is insufficient to accommodate a folding platform style of travelling lift when it is in the open position.*
- *The landing at the bottom of the stairs is too small to accommodate the platform in the folded, parked position.*
- *There is nowhere in the existing stairwell that is wide enough to accommodate the platform in the folded, parked position.*

To remedy the above limitations, it would be necessary to completely rebuild the existing stairwell or to build an entirely new one elsewhere in the building. Even ignoring the considerable impact to the neighboring spaces, since the stairwell is masonry (and possibly load bearing), a substantial amount of construction would be necessary. It is likely that the cost of renovating the stairwell to accommodate a platform lift

would exceed the cost of providing a standard vertical lift. Given these constraints, it is our opinion that installing an inclined platform lift is not feasible.

Commissioner MacCormick also read the Fire Chief's report and told of events she had attended on behalf of the Village.

Recreation Services Report

Commissioner McLeod read the Recreation Services Report highlighting a partnership with the NSCC Recreation Leadership Program to run after school programs, the success of the Bible Hill Day Camps, Summer Special Events, and additional After School Funding that was recently announced.

Transportation Services Report

In Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg's absence, the Clerk advised the Commission that due to the reduction in the sidewalk repair budget, patching would be done this year instead of major repairs.

Chair's Report

The Chair reported on the events that he attended on behalf of the Village.

Accounts

*Moved by McLeod
Seconded by McLean*

"That the accounts be approved for payment"

Motion carried.

In Camera Committee of the Whole

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by MacCormick*

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

Motion Carried.

At 8:00 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 8:30 pm.

New Business

Cobequid Trail License and Operating Agreement

*Moved by MacCormick
Seconded by McLeod*

“That the Village of Bible Hill gives authority to the Chair and the Clerk to sign the Cobequid Trail License and Operating Agreement after it has been amended and approved by the solicitor.”

Motion carried.

Bible Hill Fire Brigade - Roll Out Trays New Fire Vehicle

*Moved by MacCormick
Seconded by McLeod*

“That the Village of Bible Hill accept the quote from Maritime Fire Apparatus for the completion of the roll out trays for the new fire vehicle at a cost of \$2,595 plus HST.”

Motion carried.

Revised Purchasing Policy

The revised Purchasing Policy will be discussed at the September Commission Meeting.

Adjournment

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by MacCormick*

“That the August 21, 2012 Regular Monthly Meeting of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned.”

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Chair Burke

Recording Secretary Curry

Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
