

The Village of Bible Hill Regular Monthly meeting was held on January 21, 2014 in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. Chair Burke called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Call to Order: Chair Burke
Commissioner McLean
Commissioner McLeod
Commissioner Van Kroonenburg

Regrets: Deputy Chair MacCormick

Staff: Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
Recording Secretary Curry
Solicitor MacDougall

In Attendance: Colchester Councillor Parker, District 11
Truro Daily News Reporter M. Chiasson
Two Village Residents

Approval of the Minutes of December 17, 2013

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

That the Minutes of December 17, 2013 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

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

*Moved by McLeod
Seconded by McLean*

That the agenda be approved with the addition of discussion on a chairlift for the Village Hall.

Motion carried.

Chair Burke welcomed those present to the meeting.

Miscellaneous Business Including Delegations

Presentation storm water/infilling issues College Road

Ms. Heron, a resident of College Road, spoke to the Commission about her concerns regarding infilling behind her property. No culvert was put in when the infilling was done and problems with water have been happening ever since then. Ms. Heron was looking for help to have a culvert installed to help divert the water and minimize the flooding and back up of water in that area. The Clerk asked if the Commissioners would like to view the area. A meeting time will be set up by the Clerk that will include Village Commissioners, Councillor Parker, the Heron's, and the Clerk. Colchester County Mayor Taylor and the Colchester County Public Works Director (copied to Ramish Ummat, Colchester CAO) will be invited to attend the viewing.

Business Arising out of the Minutes

Commission in Committee Report

1. Fire Brigade Parking

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by McLeod*

The Village of Bible Hill give authority to Village Staff (in agreement with the Fire Brigade) to resolve the parking issue by reviewing the best possible locations for a limited number of restricted Brigade parking spots on the Ryland Avenue side of the parking lot.

Motion carried.

2. Site Selection Committee Support - new Bible Hill Elementary School

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

The Village of Bible Hill write a letter to the Minister of Education in support of the Site Selection Committee.

Motion carried.

Crosswalk Vimy at College Road

The report prepared by PDI Engineering on this proposed crosswalk was circulated at the last meeting. The Clerk would like direction on whether to proceed with extending the sidewalk to the already existing crosswalk in front of the Dal Library on College Road. An easement and cooperation from Dalhousie University would have to be secured. If the Village is proceeding with this, an engineering study should be done now. A new overhead crosswalk sign would be required at this location. Commissioner Van Kroonenburg suggested that it might be feasible to extend the new sidewalk past the library to the overhead crosswalk located at the Cumming Drive location.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

That the Village of Bible Hill continue with the process of obtaining a legal survey and design for the sidewalk on College Road from Vimy Avenue west to the Dalhousie Library with PDI Engineering for \$9,500 + HST.

Motion carried.

Standard Life Quotation Village of Bible Hill

The Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities (UNSM) will no longer be administering the pension plan for Villages in Nova Scotia as of March 31, 2014. Standard Life is able to continue to administer the funds on the same basis as was handled through the UNSM. The Clerk is to

compare the Standard Life contract with the UNSM contract to ensure that all conditions are the same. He will meet with the Village Solicitor and prepare a report on this comparison for the next meeting.

Review of Correspondence

Bible Hill East Court Road School - Snow Removal

The Village has received a letter from the Principal at East Court Road Elementary School requesting additional snow removal around the school. The Village currently clears the snow on East Court Road in front of the school but will now be investigating the possibility of clearing snow on the Armstrong Avenue side of the school. An appropriate area to pile the snow will need to be confirmed.

Rotary Club of Truro - Charter Night

Charter Night for the Rotary Club of Truro is on February 20th, 2014. Chair Burke will be attending on behalf of the Village. The Clerk will look after getting tickets.

Draft Correspondence: Minister of Education

The Clerk read the draft letter to Minister Casey regarding the new Bible Hill Elementary School. The letter was approved and will be signed by the Chair.

Draft Correspondence: Minister of Transportation

The Clerk read the draft letter to Minister MacLellan regarding the erection of permanent barricades on the Bible Hill side of Park Street. The letter to Minister MacLellan was approved and will be signed by the Chair.

Reports of Commissioners and Clerk and Treasurer

Environmental Services Report

Commissioner McLean read the Environmental Services Report that reviewed the cost of removing the debris at Farnham Brook, the in-filling in the Upper Pictou Road area, and the recent flooding in Bible Hill which has not been as significant as previous years due to dredging done last summer. Commissioner McLean attended Bible Hill's New Year's Levee.

Protective Services Report

Commissioner Van Kroonenburg gave the Fire Brigade Report and said she had attended Bible Hill New Year's Levee on January 1st.

Recreation Services Report

Commissioner McLeod read the Recreation Report that included an update on the Bible Hill outdoor rinks, an update on the upcoming trail expansion, Active Transportation, and the new Village website.

Transportation Services Report

Deputy Chair MacCormick sent regrets to the meeting.

Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on CUPE negotiations. He will contact the CUPE representative and suggest March 8th or March 15th as potential meeting dates here at the Village Office.

Chair's Report

Chair Burke reported that he had attended Bible Hill's New Year's Levee.

Accounts

Moved by McLeod

Seconded by Van Kroonenburg

"That the Village of Bible Hill approves the accounts for payment."

Motion carried.

New Business

Chairlift Update

Commissioner Van Kroonenburg was asked by the Bible Hill Fire Brigade Ladies Auxiliary to once again bring forward the option of installing a chairlift in the Village Hall. The Clerk will review the original reasons given for not installing the chairlift and present possible alternatives to the Ladies Auxiliary in lieu of going upstairs.

Meeting Schedule - Spring 2014

A schedule was in the minute package for January to June. The budget must be approved before the Annual Meeting in June.

Budget Review

The Fire Brigade will be giving the Clerk their Five Year Capital Plan by the end of this week. Several specific projects were mentioned. The Commission will be making their final approval of the budget at the April 8th Commission in Committee meeting where all Commissioners will need to be present.

Adjournment

Moved by McLean

Seconded by Van Kroonenburg

That the January 21, 2014 Regular Monthly Meeting of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Chair Burke

Recording Secretary Curry

Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
