

The Village of Bible Hill Regular Monthly meeting was held on October 21, 2014 in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. Chair Burke called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Call to Order:	Chair Burke Commissioner MacCormick Commissioner McLean Commissioner McLeod Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg
Staff:	Clerk and Treasurer Christianson Recording Secretary Curry Solicitor MacDougall
In Attendance:	Truro Daily News Reporter Chiasson

Approval of the Minutes of September 16, 2014

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by MacCormick*

That the Regular Monthly Meeting minutes of September 16, 2014 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

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

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

The Chair welcomed Ms. Chiasson to the meeting.

Miscellaneous Business Including Delegations

There were no delegations present at the meeting.

Business Arising out of the Minutes

• **Commission in Committee Motions**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by MacCormick*

That the Village of Bible Hill approve the transfer of \$200,000 from the Operating Reserve Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund, transfer of \$170,000 from Operating Fund to Operating Reserve, \$57,500 from the Operating Fund to the Fire Reserve and \$9,000 from the Operating Fund to the Maintenance Reserve Fund.

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

That the Village of Bible Hill approve the use of the facilities agreement between the Colchester Regional Emergency Management Organization and the Village of Bible Hill.

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLeod*

That the Village of Bible Hill approves the request from Scotia Pool Society to continue to provide support services such as accounting and assistance from the Parks and Recreation Department for a two-year period beginning April 1, 2015.

Motion carried.

• **RFP - Engineering Services Sidewalk Construction**

The Clerk spoke of the Request for Proposals for the sidewalk construction on Saywood Drive that he would like to go out with a closing date of November 13, 2014. A discussion took place on forming a committee to review and point score the proposals independently which will then be compiled by the Clerk for the Commission to review. This will be an aggressive schedule aiming for completion by the end of the summer 2015.

*Moved by MacCormick
Seconded by McLeod*

That the Village of Bible Hill give authority to the Clerk to put out the RFP on the Saywood sidewalk construction project and that a three person committee be formed to review and point score the submitted proposals. This committee will consist of the Clerk, the Recreation Director and an engineer from the County of Colchester (if unavailable the Commissioner responsible for Transportation Services will review the proposals).

Motion carried.

- **Village Hall Upgrades**

The Clerk recommended proceeding with the Village Hall Upgrades in stages. The first proposal will go out now and, once awarded and a dollar amount identified, the second and third proposals will go out. The first stage identified will be the replacement of the existing air conditioning system; the second stage will be the construction of an accessible washroom; and the third stage will be removing the existing stage, building a new stage, and possibly purchasing new tables and chairs. A discussion was held on installing a new air conditioner or an air-to-air heat pump.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by MacCormick*

That the Village of Bible Hill accept the recommendation of PDI Engineering of installing an air to air heat pump in the Village Hall with an RFP going out immediately.

Motion carried.

Review of Correspondence

There was no correspondence noted.

Reports of Commissioners and Clerk and Treasurer

- **Protective Services Report**

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg read the Bible Hill Fire Brigade's report. The brigade responded to three emergency calls between September 11th and October 8th, 2014. The Fire Brigade had a very successful Fire Prevention Week that included an Open House and a Church parade of brigade members. The Fire Brigade has also been working with Dal/AC students and had two of these students volunteer at their Open House. Several members are attending specialized training sessions including Rapid Intervention Training and Medial First Responder.

- **Transportation Services Report**

Commissioner MacCormick reported that she was very pleased to have the first phase of the Saywood project will be completed this fall. The Chair had received a call from Lenore Zann's office asking which streets are most in need of paving and his response was that Saywood Drive be paved in conjunction with our sidewalk project.

- **Environmental Services Report**

Commissioner McLean reported that Dillon Consulting would be at the Rec Site this Thursday testing for coliform, E. Coli, stressed vegetation and/or methane gas. This report will be sent to the Nova Scotia Department of Environment as required by provincial statute. The cost of the work is \$8,045. The application to the Building Canada Fund for Phase 2 of the storm drainage replacement on Guest Drive/Wright Avenue has been submitted with an estimated cost of \$1,077,000.

- **Recreation Services Report**

Commissioner McLeod read the October Recreation Report that included the new Fundy Connect web portal to be created by the Fundy Recreation Directors, the closing of the washroom facilities at the Recreation Park, the extension of the Farnham Brook Trail, and a list of current and upcoming recreation programming in Bible Hill.

- **Clerk's Report**

The Clerk and Treasurer reported that the Federal Government is extending the water line to the RCMP Station on College Road. Mid Valley Construction is the contractor. The staff Christmas Party will be on Friday, December 19th using the same format as last year. Commissioner McLeod, the Clerk, and the two maintenance personnel will be doing an extensive streetlight inspection adding where there additional lighting is needed or too much lighting is present. The auditors will be in the Village Office next week and the Season's Greetings sign will not be put up this year as replacement rope lights are not available. A new sign is being sourced for the upcoming fiscal year.

- **Chair's Report**

Chair Burke reported on events he had attended and will be attending on behalf of the Village.

Accounts

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLeod*

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

Motion carried.

New Business

- **Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Review**

The Clerk and Commissioners discussed the recently released Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Review. The Village received an email from The Honourable Mark Furey, Minister of Municipal Affairs informing the Village of the upcoming consultation phase of the review that will include a session in Truro on October 28th. The Clerk will be attending this session and Commissioners were encouraged to attend as well.

The Review discusses in detail the uncertain future of villages, towns, municipalities, and regional governments in Nova Scotia. Many of the small towns and CBRM are experiencing financial difficulties and the Province wants to deal with this as a whole. Looking ahead, the report stated that most villages would be drawn into the municipal review before being able to consider town status. The report recommends that Villages not be able to obtain additional powers and no new villages are to be created. A written submission to the UNSM and the Province of Nova Scotia from the Village of Bible Hill will be accepted as official input and is to be submitted before December 15th. The Clerk requested direction on composing this submission. Bible Hill Commissioners would like to meet with the Village of New Minas to discuss this review further

before making their submission. The Chair was asked to set up a meeting at a mutually convenient location.

*Moved by MacCormick
Seconded by McLean*

That the Village of Bible Hill Chair request a meeting in November with the Village of New Minas at a mutually convenient location to discuss the Provincial Municipal Fiscal Review.

Motion carried.

- **Village of New Minas - Town Status Inquiry**

The Village of New Minas is currently investigating the possibility of town status.

In Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole - Personnel & Legal Issues

*Moved by MacCormick
Seconded by McLean*

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

Motion Carried.

At 8:10 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 8:20 pm.

Adjournment

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by MacCormick*

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

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Chair Burke

Recording Secretary Curry

Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
