

The Village of Bible Hill Regular Monthly meeting was held on August 19, 2014 in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. Chair Burke called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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

Staff: Acting Clerk Ogden
Recording Secretary Curry
Solicitor MacDougall

In Attendance: C. Blair, Colchester County Councillor
W. Parker, Colchester County Councillor
Truro Daily News Reporter Chiasson

Approval of the Minutes of July 15, 2014

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by McLeod*

That the Regular Monthly Meeting minutes of July 15, 2014 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

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

*Moved by McLeod
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

The Chair welcomed Mr. Parker, Ms. Blair, and Ms. Chiasson to the meeting.

Miscellaneous Business Including Delegations

Councillor Parker mentioned crosswalk issues and the importance of working with Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to obtain new crosswalks in areas warranting them.

Councillor Blair spoke of the clean up work that began for Farnham Brook on July 14th. The section from Main Street to the bridge at Farnham Brook is complete. Work remaining is the section of Vimy Road to Farnham Road Bridge; this work is anticipated to alleviate flooding concerns for area residents of the mobile home park on Farnham Road and will be an additional \$4,500. The County of Colchester will approach Agriculture and the Flood Advisory Committee to cost share on the brook clean up and debris removal. The Village agreed to fund an additional \$2,250 to complete the project during this fiscal year.

Councillor Blair also spoke of the Association of Nova Scotia Villages. She and Lewis Benedict (past ANSV Chair) spoke in Hantsport at a meeting to concerned citizens regarding the possibility of changing Hantsport's status from a "town" to a "village".

The County of Colchester has recently created two new committees. The first committee, the Economic Development Committee, will be comprised of county council representatives working with local businesses. The second committee will be dealing directly with Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, as in the past the only contact had been through the mayor.

Business Arising out of the Minutes

There was no business arising from the last meeting.

Review of Correspondence

- Letter of Concern re: Dog Park

The Village Commission reviewed the letter received from a Village resident expressing her concern about children under the age of 12 not being allowed in the Truro off leash Dog Park. The Village Commissioners support the initial rules and regulations that were developed by the Off-Leash Dog Park Development Committee and will send correspondence to the resident.

- Thank You Letter from Colchester Historical Society

A letter was received from the Colchester Historical Society thanking the Village for the donation of \$500.

- Letter of Support for Truro Horse Owner's Association

The Village received a letter from the Truro Horse Owner's Association and the Nova Scotia Harness Racing Industry Association requesting a letter of support for the addition of a Racino at the Truro Raceway. The Chair will respond that the Village is maintaining a neutral position until the future of the Provincial Exhibition facility is secure.

- Battle of Britain - September 21, 2014

The Chair will be attending the Battle of Britain event at the Truro Cenotaph on September 21st on behalf of the Village. The Finance Officer was requested to order a wreath for this event.

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 14 emergency calls between June 12th and August 13th. The brigade participated in numerous community events including Relay for Life, Maggie's Place Touch-A-Truck, Canada Day events, a food drive, and parking for the Blues Festival.

- **Transportation Services Report**

Commissioner MacCormick reported that the College Road sidewalk project is now complete. She also reported that the Village is currently repairing sidewalks and will be completed this week.

Commissioner MacCormick attended an ANSV meeting on July 27th and is preparing for the upcoming Annual Meeting of the ANSV in September being held in Pugwash. Chair Burke and Commissioner MacCormick will be attending.

- **Environmental Services Report**

Commissioner McLean thanked Councillor Blair for the update on the Farnham Brook project and reported that Dillon Consulting is doing work at the Bible Hill Recreation Park.

- **Recreation Services Report**

Commissioner McLeod read the August Recreation Report that included an overview of the successful summer day camps, wheelchair basketball sessions put on by the Summer Day Camp Supervisor, progress being made on the extension of the Farnham Brook Trail, and the upcoming Back to School Event planned by the Parks and Recreation Committee.

- **Clerk's Report**

The Acting Clerk and Treasurer reported on the Plan Formulation Meeting she had attended on behalf of the Village with Dalhousie representatives relating to the Dalhousie Agriculture Master Plan. She informed the Commission that we have a new Crossing Guard Captain and that one of the spare crossing guards had been promoted to a full time Crossing Guard. She also told the Commission that she had been in contact with Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal and was assured by the area manager that crosswalks would be painted and the crosswalk signage would be checked before school begins.

- **Chair's Report**

Earlier this evening the Chair attended the opening of the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition on behalf of the Village.

Accounts

*Moved by MacCormick
Seconded by McLean*

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

Motion carried.

New Business

- Hall Renovations

Village Hall Renovation Schedule: Priority Listing of Hall Renovations & Projected Date of Renovations

1. *New stage located on west wall approximately 2 steps high. Old stage location will be converted to an enclosed storage area for tables and chairs.*
2. *Replace the air conditioning unit with either new air conditioning system or an air-to-air heat exchanger.*
3. *New windows with new curtains or shutters.*
4. *Lower ceiling, replace ceiling tiles in hall and foyer, new light fixtures and eliminate ceiling fans.*
5. *New folding tables and chairs on trolleys.*
6. *New sound system including projector and podium.*
7. *Convert current washrooms to fully accessible washrooms.*
8. *New energy efficient commercial refrigerator for kitchen.*
9. *Electrical upgrade.*
10. *New flooring.*

Listed above is the priority list of renovations that were passed by the Commission on November 19, 2013. With the existing budget of \$150,000, the Acting Clerk requested the Commission to provide their top three items for completion for this fiscal year. After discussion, the Commission agreed to hire an engineering firm to provide a cost analysis report on the three items. She will contact two engineering firms and obtain quotes for this service. Work is anticipated to occur between January and March of 2015.

*Moved by MacCormick
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

That the Village of Bible Hill authorize the Acting Clerk to hire an engineering firm to provide a cost analysis for replacement of the air conditioning unit/air to air heat exchanger, converting the washrooms to be fully wheelchair assessable, and lowering the ceiling tiles in the hall/foyer or replacing the ceiling tile.

Motion carried.

- New Elementary School - Upgrades

A new elementary school has been announced for Bible Hill at the Bible Hill Central Elementary School location. The Acting Clerk discussed with the Commission the possibility of partnering with the School Board to make additions or improvements to the final plan for the new school. The Recreation Director, directed by the Clerk, will be asked to analyze and report on the benefits of this partnership to recreation in Bible Hill.

- Back to School Celebration

The Parks and Recreation Committee is planning a Back to School Celebration on September 13th that would include fun things for families to do after the first full week of school.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by MacCormick*

That the Village of Bible Hill engage Glow Parties to provide interactive entertainment on September 13th at a cost of \$2,066.55 (HST included).

Motion carried.

Adjournment

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by MacCormick*

That the August 19, 2014 Regular Monthly Meeting of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Chair Burke

Recording Secretary Curry

Acting Clerk Ogden
