

The Village of Bible Hill Regular Monthly meeting was held on April 15, 2014 in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. Deputy Chair MacCormick called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

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

Regrets: Commissioner Burke

Staff: Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
Recording Secretary Ogden
Solicitor MacDougall

In Attendance: Bible Hill Resident Loomer

Approval of the Minutes of March 18, 2014

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by McLeod*

That the minutes of March 18, 2014 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 as presented.

Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Business Including Delegations

There were no delegations.

Business Arising out of the Minutes

- Commission in Committee Report

Purchase of 4 Bunker Suits

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by McLeod*

"That the Village of Bible Hill purchase 4 Bunker Suits for the Bible Hill Fire Brigade from Cumings Fire & Safety at a total cost of \$7,452.00 including HST."

Motion carried.

Provincial Mileage Rate Change

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by McLeod*

"That the Village of Bible Hill amend the Statement of Travel Expense form to reflect the current Provincial mileage rate of 0.4379."

Motion carried.

Bible Hill College Road Sidewalk Extension

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by McLeod*

"That the Village of Bible Hill proceed with posting the tender on the Government of Nova Scotia Procurement Website for the Bible Hill College Road Sidewalk Extension."

Motion carried.

- **Approval of the 2014-15 Tax Rates**

*Moved by McLeod
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Village of Bible Hill set the residential tax rate at .69 cents per hundred (including a .17 cents per hundred sewer rate) and that commercial tax rate at .86 cents per hundred."

Motion carried.

- **Approval of the 2014-15 Budget**

Clerk and Treasurer Christianson reviewed the 2014-15 budget. The Village's year end revenue increased by \$42,000 due to the addition of taxes for Provincial grant in lieu properties. This budget has been rounded off, with an addition of dug outs as a capital item for Recreation in the amount of \$8,000, the Fire Brigade's capital budget changed with an increase of \$7,000 and the office budget to \$8,000.

*Moved by McLeod
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Village of Bible Hill approve the 2014-15 budget as presented."

Motion carried.

Review of Correspondence

- Battle of Atlantic Ceremony- Sunday, May 4th, 2014

Deputy Chair MacCormick will attend the ceremony on behalf of the Village of Bible Hill. Village staff will place an order of a wreath for this event.

- Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development- new Bible Hill School

Clerk and Treasurer Christianson reviewed the correspondence sent from the Minister in regards to the status of the New School for Bible Hill. In her response she indicated that while awaiting for three selections for the new school site, Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal staff have been investigating the options and will now be looking into the third submitted by the Site Selection Committee.

- HD Boyce, correspondence to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development

The commission reviewed the letter sent by resident HD Boyce, advising Minister Casey on his opinion where the appropriate school site should be in Bible Hill.

- Dalhousie University Convocation- May 9, 2014

Commissioner McLean agreed to attend the Convocation Ceremony on behalf of the Village on May 9th.

Reports of Commissioners and Clerk and Treasurer

Protective Services Report

Clerk and Treasurer Christianson reviewed the Fire Brigade Report. Total emergency fire calls to date are 5 with a fire loss of \$179,283. Upcoming events are Annual Awards Banquet on April 26 and hosting the MFF Bowling tournament on May 3 and 4th. Deputy Chair MacCormick will be delivering greetings on behalf of the Village.

Transportation Services Report

Deputy Chair MacCormick reported that the snow removal budget was good for the past fiscal year.

Clerk and Treasurer Christianson reported that he is comprising a list of areas within the Village that requires clean up from sidewalk snow removal, this work will be contracted out to Justaart Landscaping.

Deputy Chair MacCormick reported that she received a call from residents on Coupar Terrace in regards to flooding issues. After speaking to the Clerk she is going to contact the resident and suggest a neighborhood meeting to discuss this issue as it is on private property and not the Village's responsibility.

Environmental Services Report

Commissioner McLean had nothing to report.

Recreation Services Report

Commissioner McLeod had nothing to report.

Clerk's Report

Clerk and Treasurer Christianson reported that he has been in contact with Councilor Parker and would like to set up a meeting time with the commission to review flooding at Teakwood and Village Line Avenue. It was agreed to meet on April 23rd at 6pm.

Chair's Report

There was no Chair report.

Accounts

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by McLeod*

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

Motion carried.

New Business

- **Purchase of Mower for Maintenance Department**

*Moved by McLeod
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Village of Bible Hill purchase a turf ride on mower from Central Equipment at a total cost of \$12,305 including HST."

Motion carried.

- **Ball Field Repairs**

A discussion took place in regards to tendering for repairs to the Village's six ball fields. It was agreed that next year our RFQ will be placed on the government procurement website.

*Moved by McLeod
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Village of Bible Hill hire Milton Hoyt to repair all six ball fields located at the Airport and Recreation Park at a total cost of \$7,752.15 including HST."

Motion carried.

- **Bill 51 First Reading**

Clerk and Treasurer Christianson reported that the new Provincial government has introduced legislation that is aimed at amending the MGA in regards to the section that affects Villages. This bill will do some minor housekeeping but the most important aspect is amending the legislation to give legal authority for Villages to hold in camera sessions to discuss limited issues as outlined in the MGA for municipalities.

- **Motion to Transfer \$160,000 from the accumulated surplus to the capital reserve**

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by McLeod*

"That the Village of Bible Hill transfer \$160,000 from the accumulated surplus to the capital reserve."

Motion carried.

- **Motion to transfer \$20,000 from the accumulated surplus to the parks and recreation reserve.**

*Moved by McLeod
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Village of Bible Hill transfer \$20,000 from the accumulated surplus to the parks and recreation."

Motion carried.

Adjournment

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by McLeod*

"That the April 15, 2014 Regular Monthly Meeting of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned."

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Deputy Chair MacCormick

Recording Secretary Ogden

Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
