

The Village of Bible Hill Commission in Committee Meeting was held on January 14, 2014 in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. Deputy Chair MacCormick called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

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

Staff: Finance Officer Ogden  
Recording Secretary Curry

In Attendance: County Councillor Blair, District 1  
County Councillor Parker, District 11  
M. Chiasson, Truro Daily News

### **Approval of the Minutes of December 10, 2013**

*Moved by McLean  
Seconded by McLeod*

*"That the minutes of December 10, 2013 be approved as presented."*

*Motion carried.*

### **Review and Approval of the Agenda, call for new or other business**

*Moved by McLeod  
Seconded by McLean*

*"That the agenda be approved with the addition of a permanent blockade gate on the Bible Hill end of Park Street and collecting spring vacation schedules for Village Commissioners to ensure a quorum at meetings."*

*Motion carried.*

Deputy Chair MacCormick welcomed Councillor Blair, Councillor Parker and Ms. Chiasson to the meeting.

### **Delegations:**

Councillor Blair spoke of the recent flooding in the Farnham Brook area. The County was contacted and the brook has been cleared out. Councillor Blair also said she had received questions about the possibility of erecting a permanent blockade gate on the Bible Hill side of Park Street similar to that which is on the Truro side.

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

- Trails

The Village has received the final copy of the Trail Agreement from the Province of Nova Scotia, through the Department of Agriculture to extend the walking trail at Perennia Park. The Chair has signed the agreement and it has been returned for the Ministers signature.

- Crosswalk Vimy Road at College

PDI Engineering has prepared a report of the estimated cost for the extension of the sidewalk on College Road from the Vimy Road intersection, west to the existing crosswalk at the Dalhousie Library. A safe crossing is needed to address safety issues and to provide pedestrians an opportunity to get across College Road. Commissioners have been asked to go to this area and view the situation prior to the Regular Monthly Meeting.

- Renovations to the Village Hall

A notice has been sent to users of the facility and some responses have been received. The following suggestions have been received: accessible washrooms, moving the stage area, and the ability to put unused tables and chairs out of sight. Commissioners are asked to prioritize items on the list to bring to the next meeting.

- CUPE Notice of Bargain

Bible Hill has received a Notice to Bargain from Local 734-01. The current contract expires March 31, 2014. The Village appointed Chair Burke and Commissioner Van Kroonenburg to be on this committee with the Clerk. Possible dates are to be given to the Clerk so an appointment can be made. The Commissioners will report back to the Clerk on available dates for March prior to the 31<sup>st</sup>.

- Purchases Bible Hill Fire Brigade

The Bible Hill Fire Brigade has requested that the Village cancel an order for Scott Air Equipment (due to manufacturing delays) and asked that the Village send out a RFP for a service vehicle. This RFP is now on the Government Procurement Website with the deadline for submissions being January 27<sup>th</sup>. The Fire Brigade has requested to be present at the tender opening.

- Parking and Access for Fire Emergencies 69 Pictou Road

The Bible Hill Fire Brigade has requested that the Village review parking and access issues related to large events at the Village Hall. After considerable discussion, it was agreed have Village Staff review this issue.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by McLean*

*“That the Commission in Committee recommends that 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.*

- 2014 Municipal Electoral Boundary Review

2014 is a mandatory year for municipal electoral boundary reviews in Nova Scotia. County Councillors were asked for their input in the boundary issue. This is an issue that comes forward every eight years. The Clerk asked the Commission if they would like him to work on an electoral boundary review. This issue will be discussed at the Regular Monthly Meeting.

- Site Selection New Bible Hill Elementary School

The Village of Bible Hill will write a letter of support for the Site Selection Committee to the Minister of Education that will be signed by the Village Chair. A new elementary school in Bible Hill would be a positive step in the growth of the community as the two current elementary schools are both in need of replacing.

*Moved by McLean  
Seconded by McLeod*

*“The Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill write a letter to the Minister of Education in support of the Site Selection Committee.”*

*Motion carried.*

- Water Problem College Road below Teakwood

Fill from Osprey subdivision was moved into this area during the construction of the subdivision. It blocked off a watercourse and has been an ongoing problem for years. A resident from the neighborhood area will be at our Tuesday meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss. The Clerk has requested that all Commissioners go to this area to view the problem in question before the January 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. Councillor Parker will meet Commissions to show them specifically where the problem is and what has been happening over the past number of years. A time of 4:00pm was suggested with a day yet to be determined. The Clerk will be requested to get a date confirmed and contact Councillor Parker to arrange for the meeting.

- Flood Gate for Park Street, Bible Hill side

Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal is ultimately responsible for Park Street and the Village will need to contact them to request a gate. The Commission feels it has become a safety issue that needs resolution. The Village will write to Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal with this request, including the erection of a “sandwich board” at the end of College Road, Pictou Road, and Ryland Avenue to advise the public of a road closure.

- Vacation schedule

Commissioners were asked to submit vacation schedules to the Administrative Assistant by the end of this month to confirm a quorum for all meetings.

**Adjournment**

*Moved by McLean*

*Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

*“That the January 14, 2014 Commission in Committee Meeting of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned.”*

*Motion carried.*

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Deputy Chair MacCormick

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Recording Secretary Curry

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Finance Officer Ogden

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