

Village of Bible Hill
Commission in Committee Meeting
April 8, 2014

The Village of Bible Hill Commission in Committee Meeting was held on April 8, 2014 in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. Deputy Chair MacCormick called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

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

Staff: Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
Recording Secretary Ogden

In Attendance: Councillor Blair, District 1
Councillor Parker, District 11
Fire Chief Mellish
M. Chiasson, Truro Daily News
N. Loomer, Village Resident

Deputy Chair MacCormick welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of the Minutes of March 11, 2014

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

"That the minutes of March 11, 2014 be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

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

*Moved by McLeod
Seconded by Burke*

"That the agenda be approved with the addition of tender approval for the Bible Hill College Road Sidewalk Extension."

Motion carried.

Protective Services Operating and Capital Budget- Chief Dwane Mellish

Chief Dwane Mellish presented the commission with the Bible Hill Fire Brigade Capital Budget for 2014-15. The main focus of the Capital Budget expenditures were upgrades of their Breathing Apparatus to a 4,500 psi with an estimation of a 4 year complete change over, 3 sets of bunker gear, 2 additional water suits, improvement to hall storage units, specialized RIT equipment and a trailer dedicated to special response. The total Capital Budget presented was \$77,075.

Chief Mellish also encourage the commissioners to attend the technical sessions in the upcoming Maritime Fire Chief Conference taking place in Pictou.

Bible Hill Elementary School

The Clerk discussed the potential option and need for sidewalk/crosswalk construction upgrades when the new elementary school is built. The Clerk outlined that the time frame given to the Village may be

short notice due to time constraint for school construction and not included in the budget deliberation, therefore the Reserve Fund would finance this project.

School enhancements should also be a consideration of the commission before construction of the new school. Examples of school enhancements are: request for a larger field surface, larger playground area, an improved parking area, larger cafeteria, and a better gym facility as well as trail enhancements. The Village is currently looking into what type of enhancements the New Harmony Height Elementary School has undergone.

The Clerk also summarized the possibility of two surplus schools in Bible Hill; one is the Bible Hill Central and the other at East Court Road School. The first step in this process is that the School Board would deem these schools to be surplus. Ownership of these schools would then be relayed back to the County of Colchester. If they were not interested in ownership it would then be turned over to the Village.

A discussion took place on the importance of keeping the community playgrounds in these areas for our Village residents.

Deputy Chair MacCormick asked Councilor Blair and Parker if they would like to present anything to the commission. Councilor Blair reported that the tax rates have been set for the County of Colchester with a one-cent increase for residential. She also discussed the recent council training session she attended that outlined responsibilities for the mayor, councilors and staff. Councilor Parker reported that he recently attended a session relating to railway safety. He also reported that an EMO Mock Scenario would be taking place the third week in May.

Purchase of 4 Bunker Suits

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Mclean*

"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 McLeod
Seconded by Mclean*

"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.

Saywood Drive- Email MLA Zann

The Commission reviewed an email sent by Lenora Zann, MLA asking the Village Commission if the Province agreed to put Saywood Drive and Regency Point Drive on their priority list for roadwork in 2015 would the Village commit to do the sidewalk work in 2015.

The Clerk was instructed to draft correspondence relating to this request and to bring this letter back to the monthly Commission Meeting on April 15th, 2014.

Bible Hill College Road Sidewalk Extension

The Clerk reported that an agreement has been reached with Dalhousie in relation to moving and replacing trees as well as cutting back the hill and driveway entrance at the Library. Our solicitor has reviewed the draft letter. The Clerk is requesting approval from the commission to proceed with the tendering process and placement of the tender documents on the government procurement website.

*Moved by McLeod
Seconded by Mclean*

"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.

Budget Review

The Clerk presented the commission with a projected Operating and Capital Budget for the 2014-15 year. In Revenue, he reviewed the difference in the Grants in Lieu of Taxes and Conditional Transfers. In Operating Expenses he reviewed the deduction in Government Services with 60th Anniversary Expense, increase in the Fire Hydrant Expense, addition of Scott Air Flow Testing in Fire Service and the addition of engineering design expenses for Saywood under Transportation. This years upcoming Capital Projects are sidewalk construction extension on College Road, Village Hall Renovations and Trail Construction.

In Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole

*Moved by McLeod
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Village of Bible Hill convene into an In Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole to discuss a personnel issue."

Motion carried.

The Village Commission moved into the In Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole at 8:30pm.

The Village Commission returned to the Commission in Committee Meeting at 9:25 pm.

Motion to Adjourn

That the April 8, 2014 Commission in Committee Meeting of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Deputy Chair MacCormick _____

Recording Secretary Ogden _____