

The Village of Bible Hill Regular Monthly meeting was held on February 20, 2018 in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. Chair MacCormick called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Call to Order: Chair MacCormick
Commissioner Bell
Commissioner Kennedy
Commissioner Mellish
Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg

Staff: Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
Recording Secretary Curry
Solicitor Roper, Burchell MacDougall

Regrets: Councillor Parker, County of Colchester

Review and Approval of the Minutes of January 16, 2018 and February 13, 2018

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Kennedy*

That the meeting minutes January 16, 2018 and February 13, 2018 be approved.

Motion carried

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

*Moved by Bell
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

That the agenda be approved with the addition of correspondence received by Chair MacCormick.

Motion carried.

Call for Declaration of Conflict of Interests

The Chair called for any declarations of conflict of interest and no conflict was declared.

Miscellaneous Business Including Delegations

There were no delegations or miscellaneous business this evening.

Business Arising out of the Minutes

- Commission in Committee Report

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Bell*

That the Village of Bible Hill purchase 4 protection harnesses from Total Fall Protection at a cost of \$2,040 plus shipping and HST.

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Mellish*

That the Village of Bible Hill award MacFarlands Special Events the rental contract for Canada Day tents at a cost of \$2,576.00 plus HST.

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Bell*

That the Village of Bible Hill hire Glow Parties to provide inflatables for our Canada Day Festivities at a cost of \$5,200 plus HST.

Motion carried.

- **Budget Review - Assessments and Tax Revenues**

The Clerk reviewed the recently published CAP rate increases. There is desire to keep the Bible Hill taxes at the same rate as last year. The Clerk will update the budget and circulate to all Commissioners before the Regular Monthly Meeting in March where final discussions will take place. Approval of the 2018-2019 Budget and tax rate will be at the April 2018 meeting.

- **Audit Committee**

The Clerk reviewed documentation stating that the Department of Municipal Affairs will soon be requiring a citizen appointment to the Audit Committee.

Review of Correspondence

- **Colchester Christian Academy**

The Clerk reviewed a letter recently received from Colchester Christian Academy thanking the Village for their warm welcome. The Clerk stated that the Village Maintenance staff will begin clearing snow from the front of the school on East Court Road.

Reports of Commissioners and Clerk and Treasurer

- **Commissioner Bell**

Commissioner Bell reported on the recent meeting that he and Chair MacCormick attended on behalf of the Village. The meeting was regarding Municipal Modernization and involved the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities, the Association of Municipal Administrators and the Nova Scotia Department of Municipal Affairs. The discussion regarded the importance of regional cooperation with regards to economic development, regional planning and the development of infrastructure.

Chair MacCormick has the dates of the upcoming UNSM Conference and will circulate this information to the other Commissioners.

- **Commissioner Kennedy**

Commissioner Kennedy attended the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting on behalf of Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg.

- **Commissioner Mellish**

Commissioner Mellish, as the Commissioner responsible for Transportation Services, said how valuable he felt that last week's meeting with both the Bible Hill Fire Brigade and the Bible Hill Detachment of the RCMP was. He would like to see the focus to remain on the Village Line Avenue stop sign issue.

- **Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg**

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg read the Recreation Report that included updates on geocaching, ceilidh dancing, recent movie nights and school trips as well as the upcoming CMHA and Physio specialized swims at Scotia Pool.

- **Clerk and Treasurer Christianson**

The Clerk informed the Commission that Village Maintenance is still short handed. The lights on the Village Office building have been removed and the shingles have been patched. A full replacement of the roof shingles and checking the insulation will take place in the spring. The Village Election is coming up with one seat open - Commissioner Kennedy.

- **Chair MacCormick**

Chair MacCormick reported on meetings and events she had attended on behalf of the Village. The next Canada Day Committee Meeting will be on March 5th - all Commissioners are invited to attend.

Accounts

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Kennedy*

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

Motion carried.

New Business

- **Streambank Stabilization - Farnham Park**

The Village will be working with the County of Colchester to upgrade stream bank stabilization at Farnham Park. Final approval has come through from the Province of Nova Scotia (\$10,000).

The County of Colchester and the Village of Bible Hill will each contribute \$5,000 to this joint project.

- **HR Consultation**

Included in the meeting package was an example of work that an HR Professional provides during a job search. There is an HR Professional in Halifax that specializes in Municipal work. The Personnel Committee will discuss this further at their next meeting on Thursday, February 22nd at 4:00pm in the Village Chambers.

- **2018-2019 Meeting Schedule**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Bell*

That the Village of Bible Hill cancel the Commission in Committee Meetings in both July and August of this year.

Motion carried.

- **Meadowland/Forest Hill Flooding**

Chair MacCormick received a letter outlining concern regarding dangerous icy and water conditions on Meadowland Avenue, near the pond where the Village outdoor ice surface is.

*Moved by Mellish
Seconded by Bell*

That the Village of Bible Hill retain the services of PDI Engineering in Truro to investigate a solution to the ice and water build up in that area.

Motion carried.

Closed Session

*Moved by Bell
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

That the Regular Monthly Meeting be adjourned to a Closed Session.

Motion Carried.

At 7:47 pm the Commission went into a Closed Session.

The Closed Session adjourned back to the Regular Monthly Meeting at 8:10 pm.

*Moved by Kennedy
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

That the Village of Bible Hill approve the Pension Plan Member Admission Agreement from the Public Service Superannuation Plan effective April 1, 2018.

Motion carried.

Adjournment

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Mellish*

That the February 20, 2018 Regular Monthly Meeting of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Chair McCormick

Recording Secretary Curry

Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
