

**Village of Bible Hill
Regular Monthly Meeting
January 16, 2018**

The Village of Bible Hill Regular Monthly meeting was held on January 16, 2018 in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. Chair MacCormick called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 8:40 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

Review and Approval of the Minutes of Dec. 19, 2017 and Jan. 9, 2018

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Bell*

That the meeting minutes December 19, 2017 and January 9, 2018 be approved.

Motion carried

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

*Moved by Bell
Seconded by Kennedy*

That the agenda be approved with the addition of an update on the water line break with the Truro Water Utility.

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 transfer \$400,000 from the Operating Fund to the Capital Reserve.

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Kennedy*

That the Village of Bible Hill have the Clerk explore the possibility of an RFP to hire a consultant to review salary and honorariums.

Motion carried.

- **Dalhousie University 200th Anniversary**

The Clerk brought forward the Dalhousie University 200th Anniversary request for funding from the December 2017 meeting.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Kennedy*

That the Village of Bible Hill contribute \$5,000 from the promotional budget in the current fiscal year to facilitate Dalhousie University's 200th Anniversary events in Bible Hill.

Motion carried.

The possibility of including the 200th anniversary celebrations with the Village's Canada Day celebrations was also brought forward.

*Moved by Mellish
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

That the Village of Bible Hill will recognize the 200th Anniversary of Dalhousie during the 2018 Canada Day Celebrations.

Motion carried.

- **Bible Hill Elections**

A discussion took place on the possible changes the Commissioners were looking at making to encourage a larger voter turn out. The Clerk researched the technicalities of elections as mandated in the Municipal Government Act. Changing dates is not an option but possibly adding another advance poll would be a possibility. If there were to be any changes to try to increase voter turn out, the budget for the election would need to be increased.

- **Legislation Regarding the Clerk and Treasurer Position**

The Clerk reported that the position title "Clerk and Treasurer" is a title position in the Municipal Government Act that cannot be changed.

- **2018 - 2019 Budget**

The Clerk spoke to the Commission on the 2018-2019 budget. The Bible Hill Fire Brigade will be attending the February meeting to review the Protective Services budget. The finalized budget is set to be adopted in March or April.

Review of Correspondence

There was no correspondence noted.

Reports of Commissioners and Clerk and Treasurer

- **Commissioner Bell**

Commissioner Bell reported on events he had attended on behalf of the Village.

- **Commissioner Kennedy**

Commissioner Kennedy reported on Protective Services. The Bible Hill Fire Brigade responded to six calls between December 7th and January 10th. The total number of calls that the fire brigade made for 2017 was 81, which was up from 63 in 2016.

- **Commissioner Mellish**

Commissioner Mellish reported events he had attended on behalf of the Village.

- **Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg**

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg read the Recreation Report that included updates on winter and spring programming, Meadowland Rink, the toboggan hill, and the upcoming Ceilidh Dance Classes and Geocaching Clinic. Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg spoke on the recent Financial Management for Elected Officials seminar that she, Chair MacCormick, and Commissioners Kennedy and Mellish attended. The seminar was very well done and all commissioners felt it was a valuable experience with new knowledge gained.

- **Clerk and Treasurer Christianson**

The Clerk informed the Commission that the final grant application for the storm sewer project has been submitted. The Village is waiting for an inventory update from Nova Scotia Power on the number of streetlights within Bible Hill boundaries. There have not been any further updates on the postal code issue that was brought to Minister Casey. Chair MacCormick will follow up with Minister Casey with an email. The Clerk also informed the Commission that he was recently informed about Colchester County's and the Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal's plans to remove all of the stop signs on Village Line Avenue from College Road to Pictou Road. Stop signs will only be located at the end of the side streets abutting Village Line Avenue. The Commission expressed concern over this development.

- **Chair MacCormick**

Chair MacCormick reported on meetings and events she had attended on behalf of the Village. She will be participating in an Association of Nova Scotia Villages board teleconference next Friday.

Accounts

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Bell*

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

Motion carried.

New Business

- **Parental Accommodations Committee**

The Parental Accommodations Committee was discussed. This Committee is dealing with wording and details for maternity and paternity leaves for an elected official. There is a committee member representing the Association of Nova Scotia Villages.

- **Municipal Modernization**

Currently, there is a review taking place of the municipal structure in Nova Scotia. Shared services are a step towards this modernization as an alternative to amalgamation. On January 31, 2018 the Nova Scotia Association of Municipal Administrators (AMA), the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities (UNSM) and the Nova Scotia Department of Municipal Affairs will be hosting a one-day session for Mayors, Wardens and Chief Administrative Officers of all municipalities in the Province to come together to lay the practical and relational foundation for the continued discussion of municipal modernization.

- **Purchase of Replacement Overhead Crosswalk Signs Guest Dr/College Rd**

A decision to purchase overhead crosswalk signs has been delayed.

*Moved by Kennedy
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

That the Village of Bible Hill give authority to the Clerk and the Chair to review the proposals and make a decision on suppliers of the overhead crosswalk signs.

Motion carried.

- **Water Main Break, Truro Water Utility**

The Village Clerk reported on the water main break under the Salmon River Bridge leading into Bible Hill. Service to the Village is now running through the other connection which goes through Dal AC property.

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Adjournment

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Mellish*

That the January 16, 2018 Regular Monthly Meeting of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Chair MacCormick

Recording Secretary Curry

Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
