

The Village of Bible Hill Commission in Committee Meeting was held on February 13, 2018 in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.

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

Staff: Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
Finance Officer Ogden

Present: Staff Sergeant Carroll
Corporal Rose
Fire Chief Bisson
1st Deputy Hurley
2nd Deputy Galloway

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

Moved by Bell
Seconded by Kennedy

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

- Call for Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No declarations were made.

- Stop Sign Safety

Cpl. Rose outlined areas of concerns in Bible Hill relating to Stop Sign Safety and traffic safety in general. Commissioner Mellish inquired about what process other communities are taking to promote and understand stop sign safety. Discussion took place relating to enforcement and public awareness as well as culture change and reckless driving. Issues affecting drivers are distracted drivers, cell phone use and impaired driving. Public awareness options are use of articles in the Action on the Hill, the County of Colchester newsletter, Village message board as well as press releases.

A few areas in Bible Hill were discussed. Bible Hill will be installing overhead flashing crosswalks at the new Bible Hill Consolidated crosswalk and Guest Drive crosswalk on College Road. The Clerk will look into the option of installing radar signs on poles around the Village to increase Stop sign safety and to reduce speeding in our community.

- BHVFB- Operating and Capital Budget

Chief Bisson said that there are 29 active members with another member starting probation next month. The Brigade is registered for the Medical 1st response with 8 members trained, 6 actually registered. Another 4-6 will be trained in the upcoming months. A committee is reviewing the new truck specifications with the intention of an RFP in April, closing and award in June, 8-12 month delivery period for the unit.

Chief Bisson presented the Operating & Capital Budgets for the Bible Hill Volunteer Fire Brigade. The brigade is requesting \$80,200 in capital. He reviewed various items such as hose, foam conductor, thermal camera, radios, pagers, scott air bottles, generator for new truck, fire extinguisher simulator, bunker gear, CSA station boots, banana boat and truck charger booster pack.

The operating budget was reduced by \$800 from last year. Most budget items remained the same except the allocation of maintenance department salaries, fire station/building expense and fire chief honorarium. The Chief requested that the commission look into increasing the convention/donation budget so a third officer can attend the Fire Chief's conference. An option to consider is to decrease the fire fighter training budget by \$1,000 since the brigade considered this a training expense. The Clerk and Chief will provide a projected cost to the March meeting for the commission if a third officer was added.

- Sidewalk Salting on Streets Marked Sanding only: Allison Avenue, HillCrest Ave, SunnyBrae Court, Rosemount Drive, Windale Drive and Eastmore Drive

The Clerk summarized why certain streets in Bible Hill are identified as sanding only, with previous contaminated ground water and why the water system was placed in Bible Hill. These areas are currently being salted by our sidewalk plows and the Village has received a complaint. The Clerk clarified that alternatives to salt has already been discussed at previous meetings in consultation with engineers. He also clarified that not all houses are connected to the water system and they have individual wells. This issue will be discussed further at our upcoming Commission meeting with our solicitor.

- Audit Committee

The Clerk informed the commission that the Village does not require a citizen representative on the Audit Committee as per the recent change to the Municipal Government Act, but he

understands that where the regulations are drafted that will change. The Village will be required to adopt a policy to address this in the next fiscal year. The Town of Wolfville's policy reflects the legislation and is a good sample. The Clerk will review with our solicitor.

- Fall Protection Harness

Moved by Bell

Seconded by Kennedy

That the Commission in Committee recommends 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.

- Canada Day Tents

Moved by Kennedy

Seconded by MacCormick

That the Commission in Committee recommends 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.

- Canada Day Inflatables

Moved by Mellish

Seconded by Bell

That the Commission in Committee recommends 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.

- Closed Session: Personnel Issues

At 8:37 pm the Commission went into a Closed Session Committee Meeting of the Whole.

The Closed Session Committee Meeting of the Whole adjourned back to the Regular Monthly Meeting at 9:05 pm.

- Adjournment

Moved Kennedy
Seconded by MacCormick

That the February 13, 2018 Commission in Committee Meeting of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg _____

Clerk and Treasurer Christianson _____

Recording Secretary Ogden _____