

**Village of Bible Hill**  
**Special Commission Meeting**  
**August 21, 2020**



The Village of Bible Hill Commission held a special meeting on August 21, 2020 via videoconferencing, per the direction of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing issued March 22, 2020 (enclosed). Chair MacCormick called the meeting to order at 9:00am; the meeting adjourned at 9:11am.

Call to Order: Chair MacCormick  
Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg  
Commissioner Kennedy  
Clerk and Treasurer Bell  
Recording Secretary Chandler

Regrets: Commissioner Pitcher  
Commissioner Burke

Clerk and Treasurer Bell introduced Resolution 5, a resolution for re-establishment of dates for postponed annual meeting of electors and election for Office of Village Commissioner. Commission discussed.

*Moved by Kennedy and seconded by Van Kroonenburg, that Village of Bible Hill approve Resolution 5, a resolution for re-establishment of dates for postponed annual meeting of electors and election for Office of Village Commissioner. Motion carried.*

**Adjournment**

*Meeting adjourned by consensus of Commission.*

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11am.

Chair MacCormick

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Recording Secretary Chandler

Pamela Chandler

Clerk and Treasurer Bell

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**VILLAGE OF BIBLE HILL**

**RESOLUTION 5**

**2020-2021**

**"RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF DATES FOR POSTPONED ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS AND ELECTION FOR OFFICE OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONER"**

**WHEREAS,** Village of Bible Hill ("the Village"), an incorporated Village under the Nova Scotia Municipal Government Act ("MGA"), is required by the MGA and Village by-laws to hold an annual meeting of electors, and within one week of such meeting, hold an election for the nomination of candidates to be elected to the office of Village Commissioner; and

**WHEREAS,** an election for the office of Village Commissioner was so-called on May 14, 2020 by the Returning Officer following the close of nomination period; and

**WHEREAS,** on March 22, 2020, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing declared a Provincial state of emergency to help contain the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS,** on May 20, 2020, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing issued a *Direction of the Minister under a Declared State of Emergency*, enclosed herein, and subsequently issued a revised directive ("the directive"), enclosed herein, on May 26, 2020 to similar effect, directing Villages to, among other things, postpone the annual meeting of electors and the election of Village Commissioners to such dates following the last date of the declared state of emergency, as may be established by the Village Commission by resolution.; and

**WHEREAS,** on August 20, 2020, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing issued a *Direction of the Minister under a Declared State of Emergency*, enclosed herein, that repeals and replaces the aforementioned directives, and provides the authority for a Village to hold a meeting of electors and an election of Village Commissioners during the state of emergency.

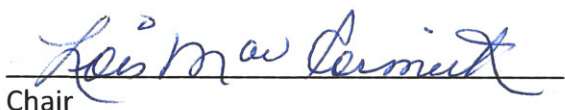
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Commission of Village of Bible Hill establish the date of the postponed annual meeting of electors to be Monday, November 9, 2020; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that, subject to the terms of Resolution 2, a resolution for the establishment of procedure for duly nominated candidates for office of Village Commissioner to the postponed election date, the Commission of Village of Bible Hill establish the date of the postponed election day to be Saturday, November 14, 2020, and establish the date of the advance polling day to be Tuesday, November 10, 2020.

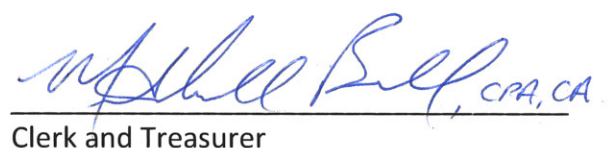
**RESOLUTION PASSED BY MOTION OF THE COMMISSION OF VILLAGE OF BIBLE HILL ON THE 21st DAY OF AUGUST 2020:**

Moved by Kennedy, Seconded by Van Kroonenburg, "That Village of Bible Hill approve Resolution 5, a resolution for the re-establishment of dates for postponed annual meeting of electors and election for office of Village Commissioner."

Motion carried.

  
Chair



  
Clerk and Treasurer

**Direction of the Minister**  
**under a Declared State of Emergency**  
(Section 14 of the *Emergency Management Act*)  
20-008

Under my authority in Section 14 of the *Emergency Management Act*, I order that this Direction (20-008) repeal and replace the Direction regarding municipal meetings issued on March 22, 2020.

During the Provincial State of Emergency declared on March 22, 2020, and under the authority provided to me in Section 14 of the *Emergency Management Act*, in addition to any other directives I have issued and not repealed or otherwise terminated, I direct that all municipalities and villages in the Province:

1. **Effective at 8am on July 29, 2020**, may hold meetings exclusively in person if all the following conditions are met:
  - i) the total number of persons present does not exceed a gathering limitation imposed in a *Health Protection Act* order;
  - ii) all physical distancing requirements or other requirements imposed in a *Health Protection Act* order are met.
2. If the conditions set out in (1) cannot be met, the municipality or village must not hold meetings exclusively in person and must instead hold the meeting partly or wholly as a virtual meeting by video or telephone, and ensure that all of the following conditions are met:
  - i) the total number of persons present for any in person portion of the meeting does not exceed a gathering limitation imposed in a *Health Protection Act* order; and
  - ii) for any in person portion of the meeting, all physical distancing requirements or other requirements imposed in a *Health Protection Act* order are met.

For clarity, this direction does not apply to statutorily required meetings of electors for a village commission which are covered under Direction 20-007 issued on May 20, 2020.

Despite this direction, municipalities and villages are still authorized to continue making other operational decisions especially those required for service delivery.

Please note that these directions are in addition to any requirements established in a Medical Officer's order under the *Health Protection Act*.

**A failure to comply with this direction could result in a summary conviction with fines between \$500 to \$10,000 for individuals and up to \$100,000 for a corporation per incident.**

This direction will remain in place for the duration of the Provincial State of Emergency unless it is terminated in writing by me earlier.

Dated July 29, 2020.

Original signed by

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Hon. Chuck Porter  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing