

## Village of Bible Hill

### Resolution 2

2021-2022

#### **“Postponement of the annual meeting of electors and contingent postponement of polling for election of candidates for the 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 a nomination period prior to any election for the nomination of candidates to be elected to the office of Village Commissioner, and if necessary polling ("election") to elect a candidate to that office if the number of candidates exceeds the number of available seats, and to hold an annual meeting of electors; and

**Whereas,** nomination period began and continues to be duly held during and for the length of time specified by Village by-laws, being the period from Thursday, May 13, 2021 through Thursday May 20, 2021 ("nomination period") inclusive, for one Commission seat; and

**Whereas,** upon conclusion of the nomination period, the candidacy of one or more qualified persons for one individual term of office may be established, which may or may not require the Returning Officer to call an election to determine the successful candidate; 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, which has been continually renewed to present date; 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, which, among other things, permits a Village at its discretion to postpone holding a meeting of electors and an election during the state of emergency, which remains in effect.

**Therefore be it resolved,** that the Village postpone the 2021 annual meeting of electors during the state of emergency, to instead be held at a later date within a period of 90 calendar days after the last date of the declared state of emergency or earlier if so established by resolution of the Village; and

**Be it further resolved,** that no subsequent nomination period shall be held prior to a postponed election, if so called, unless the number of duly nominated candidates resulting from the held nomination period is less than the number of offices available, and should the number of duly nominated candidates resulting from the nomination period exceed one, the Village shall carry-forward those candidates to the postponed election date; and

**Be it further resolved,** that this resolution shall take effect following the close of nomination period on May 20, 2021.

#### **Resolution passed by motion of the Commission of Village of Bible Hill on the 18th day of May 2021:**

Moved by Van Kroonenburg, Seconded by Pitcher, “That Village of Bible Hill approve Resolution 2, a resolution for the postponement of the annual meeting of electors and contingent postponement of polling for election of candidates for the office of Village Commissioner.”

Motion carried.

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Chair

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Clerk and Treasurer