

**Village of Bible Hill
Commission in Committee Meeting
November 9, 2021**



The Village of Bible Hill Commission in Committee meeting was held on November 9, 2021, in Commission Chambers, at the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg called the meeting to order at 7:00pm; the meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.

Call to Order: Commissioner Kennedy
Commissioner Van Kroonenburg
Commissioner Burke
Commissioner Pitcher
Commissioner Shea
Clerk and Treasurer Bell
Recording Secretary Chandler

Call for new or other business and review and approval of agenda

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg called for new or other business, and Commissioner Burke requested to add Chickens to the agenda.

Moved by Pitcher and seconded by Kennedy, that the agenda be approved, with the addition. Motion carried.

Call for declaration of conflict of interests

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg called for any declarations of conflict of interest, and none were declared.

Miscellaneous business including delegations

Colchester Christian Academy request for crossing guard

Clerk and Treasurer Bell provided correspondence from Colchester Christian Academy (CCA) with an update regarding their request for a crossing guard at the intersection at Bernie MacDonald Drive and Pictou Road. Bell summarized that CCA has determined that they do not require a crossing guard at this time. Bell further noted that as per the correspondence, CCA has agreed for the Village to follow the Chignecto Central Regional Centre for Education (CCRCE) school schedule for crossing guards regarding in-service days and holidays. Crosswalk head counts observed by the Crossing Guard Captain at the intersection were provided for information. The Committee discussed.

2022 New Year's Levee details

Clerk and Treasurer Bell provided summarized details of the 2022 New Year's Levee, as planned by Finance Officer Ogden, Parks and Recreation Director Kennedy, and Girl Guides (Pathfinders) Volunteer Debbie Mellish. The Committee discussed.

New business

Sanitary sewer engineering proposals

Clerk and Treasurer Bell presented a summary of proposals for sanitary sewer engineering services, which were received from Englobe Corporation and R.V. Anderson Associates Limited. Bell noted one other proposal was received, but non-complaint without a completed submission sheet and mathematical cost errors. The costs proposed were: Englobe Corporation at \$44,203.50 plus HST; and R.V. Anderson Associates Limited at \$74,642.00 plus HST. Bell added that while this design project was not budgeted for at the beginning of this fiscal year, the Village has received access to a portion of the Canada Community Building Funds from the County of Colchester, and such a infrastructure design project would be eligible for funding. Bell further explained that the first phase of review and design would be undertaken in this fiscal year, while the tender and construction phase would take place in the next fiscal year once budget is approved for the capital project. The Committee discussed.

Moved by Pitcher and seconded by Kennedy that the Commission in Committee recommend Village of Bible Hill award the sanitary sewer engineering project to Englobe Corporation at the total cost of \$44,203.50 plus HST. Motion carried.

Guest Drive Complaint

Clerk and Treasurer provided and summarized correspondence and photographs of a complaint received from Village residents regarding Village owned property Parcel Identification Number (PID) #20272050. Bell explained how this property, adjacent to Bible Hill Recreation Park, exists currently as a vacant drainage property with a brook running through it. The Committee discussed.

It was agreed by consensus that the Village work to determine the property boundaries, seek ownership information on a metal storm drainage system and request a guard be installed over it to restrict access, mow taller grass near the roadway along the property, consider additional guardrail fencing around inlet structure, and clean out the culvert and storm drain inlet area to improve flow.

Chickens

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg requested Commissioner Burke speak on this topic. Commissioner Burke informed the Committee that he has received complaints of residents on Saywood Drive having chickens on a property. Burke added that neighbors are quite upset that the covenants for Saywood Estates are being violated. It was noted that neither the Village nor the County have by-laws restricting chickens. The Committee requested Clerk and Treasurer Bell obtain a copy of Saywood Estates covenants. The Committee discussed.

Bell read a portion of the Saywood Estates covenants aloud, which states poultry are not permitted.

It was agreed by consensus that the Village of Bible Hill attempt to verify proof of the complaint of chickens within Saywood Estates, and subject to obtaining such proof, write a letter to the property owner with copy to the subdivision developer formally raising the topic of the covenant violation issue.

Christmas Decorations

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg discussed a complaint received from a resident regarding Christmas decorations being up too early on Village property. Commissioner Shea noted that he discussed the matter with the Village Maintenance Foreman who noted that the work is started early simply as a matter of scheduling in advance of the Village's tree lighting later in November and working early to avoid poor weather conditions. The Committee discussed.

