

Village of Bible Hill
Commission in Committee Meeting
February 8, 2022



The Village of Bible Hill Commission in Committee meeting was held on February 8, 2022 via videoconferencing, per the direction of the Minister of Municipal Affairs issued July 29, 2020 (enclosed). Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg called the meeting to order at 7:00pm; the meeting adjourned at 9:35pm.

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

Delegations: Jason Angel, R.V. Anderson Associates Ltd.
Alex Mason, R.V. Anderson Associates Ltd.
Arthur Austin, R.V. Anderson Associates Ltd.
Joey Bisson, Fire Chief, Bible Hill Fire Brigade
Josh Kennedy, Parks and Recreation Director

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

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg called for new or other business, and none was called.

Moved by Burke and seconded by Kennedy, that the agenda be approved. 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

Engineering updates: Meadowland Avenue drainage study

Mr. Angel with R.V. Anderson Associates Ltd. provided an update regarding the Meadowland Avenue drainage study. Angel presented information regarding the drainage problem in question, site investigation and survey that took place, and design for drainage system improvements. The Committee discussed.

Engineering updates: Sanitary lateral assessment study

Mr. Angel with R.V. Anderson Associates Ltd. provided an update regarding the sanitary lateral assessment study, including background information and status of the project, noting that the program saw less than anticipated resident participation and interior conditions presented more risk than anticipated for outward inspection. Angel noted that they are currently seeking to understand availability of alternative solutions for inspecting laterals from the sewer main and better understanding the associated costs and timeline. The Committee discussed.

Angel, Mason and Austin left the meeting at 7:30pm.

New business

Closed Session – Public security (1)

Fire Chief Joey Bisson joined the meeting at 7:31pm.

Moved by Burke and seconded by Shea, that the Commission in Committee enter closed session, with Fire Chief Joey Bisson. Motion carried.

The meeting entered a closed session at 7:32pm and Recording Secretary Chandler left the meeting.

The meeting returned to open session at 8:10pm. Chandler and Parks and Recreation Director Kennedy joined the meeting at 8:10pm.

Budget development – capital budget

Clerk and Treasurer Bell presented a draft capital budget and forecast for the 2022-2023 fiscal year as well as fiscal years through 2027, highlighting the components of revenues, transfers, and expenditures for general government services, protective services, transportation services, recreation and cultural services, and environmental health services. Clerk and Treasurer Bell explained the impact of the draft capital budget on the Village's reserve funds. The Committee discussed.

Clerk and Treasurer Bell invited Chief Bisson to speak about Bible Hill Fire Brigade's proposed capital purchases for the 2022-2023 fiscal year for protective services. Chief Bisson provided a description of the proposed purchases, with an estimated cost of \$81,600.00. The Committee discussed.

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg left the meeting at 8:45pm.

Clerk and Treasurer further discussed the draft capital budget, including transportation projects included such as sidewalk renewals and potential crosswalk improvements. The Committee discussed.

Chief Bisson left the meeting at 9:00pm.

Clerk and Treasurer Bell then discussed recreation projects, noting the ongoing Bible Hill Recreation Park playground planning and timing of capital improvements and grant funding opportunities, miscellaneous capital, a potential community garden, etc. Bell noted that the Parks and Recreation Director is present to answer any questions. The Committee discussed.

Parks and Recreation Director Kennedy left the meeting at 9:10pm.

Bell continued to discuss the draft capital budget regarding environmental services, noting sanitary sewer pipe, manhole, and lift station renewals, etc. Bell encouraged Commissioners to raise concerns, and request any additions, deletions, or changes in timing on proposed projects of the capital budget. The Committee discussed.

Brigade performance honorarium ceiling

Clerk and Treasurer Bell spoke of a request from the Fire Chief to increase the maximum honorarium level for members from a maximum of \$999.00 to a new maximum of \$1,500.00. The Committee discussed.

Moved by Shea and seconded by Pitcher that the Commission in Committee recommend Village of Bible Hill increase the maximum performance honorarium cap from \$999.00 to \$1,500.00. Motion carried.

Electric Vehicle Charging

Clerk and Treasurer Bell requested to defer this topic to the upcoming regular monthly meeting due to a delay in obtaining cost information for this evening's meeting.

It was agreed by consensus to defer the topic to the February 15, 2022 meeting.

Central Colchester Planning Advisory Committee

Clerk and Treasurer Bell summarized a letter from Her Worship Mayor Blair which explained the Municipality recently changed its policy regarding the Central Colchester Planning Advisory Committee to now reserve a position for a Village Commissioner. Bell noted the committee meets bi-monthly and noted the Commission should appoint a Commissioner to fill this vacancy. The Committee discussed.

It was agreed by consensus to defer appointment of a Commissioner to the February 15, 2022 meeting.

Equity and anti-racism legislation

Clerk and Treasurer Bell spoke of the Province's plan to introduce Equity and Anti-Racism legislation in the spring session of the Legislative Assembly. Bell noted that the Province is looking to engage with the public in advance of introducing the legislation. Bell informed that there will be engagement sessions held virtually on February 16 and 17, and encouraged Commissioners to attend. The Committee discussed.

Procurement: Canada Day inflatables

Clerk and Treasurer Bell presented a quote from Glow Parties, for inflatables for Canada Day celebrations at Bible Hill Recreation Park. The quote was presented at \$5,147.00 plus HST. The Committee discussed.

Moved by Pitcher and seconded by Shea, that the Commission in Committee recommend Village of Bible Hill order five (5) inflatables from Glow Parties for Canada Day celebrations at Bible Hill Recreation Park, at the price of \$5,147.00 plus HST. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Moved by Pitcher that the February 8, 2022 Commission in Committee meeting of Village of Bible Hill be adjourned. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35pm.

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg

Recording Secretary Chandler

Clerk and Treasurer Bell



