

**Village of Bible Hill
Regular Monthly Meeting
January 17, 2023**



Village of Bible Hill's regular monthly meeting was held on January 17, 2023 in Commission Chambers, at the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. Chair Kennedy called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM; the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Call to Order: Commissioner Burke
Commissioner Kennedy
Commissioner Pitcher
Commissioner Shea
Commissioner Van Kroonenburg
Clerk and Treasurer Bell
Recording Secretary Chaplin
Solicitor Roper, Burchell MacDougall

Review and approval of the minutes of December 20, 2022, and January 10, 2023.

Moved by Burke and seconded by Shea, that the meeting minutes of December 20, 2022, and January 10, 2023, be approved. Motion carried.

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

Kennedy called for new or other business. Burke requested to add Senior Social under new business. Bell requested to add Tents – Canada Day deposit under new business and to replace the closed session topic for open session discussion on a draft Abuse Policy

Moved by Van Kroonenburg and seconded by Shea, that the agenda be approved with amendments. Motion carried.

Call for declaration of conflict of interests

Kennedy called for any declaration of conflict of interest and no conflict was declared.

Miscellaneous business including delegations

Sidewalk priority timing - 23/2024

Bell noted this topic was carried forward from a previous week's meeting and asked the Commission to consider deciding which sidewalk project they would like to complete, so he can move forward with seeking pricing ahead of the upcoming construction season.

Moved by Van Kroonenburg and seconded by Shea that the Village seek costs on completing the sidewalk on Main Street from Century Honda to Windsor Avenue in 2023. Motion carried.

Business arising out of the minutes

Commission in Committee Report

Moved by Van Kroonenburg and seconded by Pitcher that Village of Bible Hill adopt the Bible Hill Fire Brigade Honoraria Policy Motion carried.

Moved by Van Kroonenburg and seconded by Pitcher that Village of Bible Hill re-adopt the Hospitality Policy. Motion carried

Moved by Van Kroonenburg and seconded by Pitcher that Village of Bible Hill re-adopt the Expenditure Reimbursement Policy. Motion carried.

Review of Correspondence

Robert Mahar and Susan Thompson-Mahar – Guest Drive concern

Bell presented a letter from Robert Mahar and Susan Thompson-Mahar regarding Guest Drive. The Commission instructed Bell to respond.

Infrastructure Canada – Active Transportation Fund (ATF) funding request

Bell presented correspondence from Infrastructure Canada notifying the Village that their ATF funding request was not awarded funding.

Reports of Commissioners and Clerk and Treasurer

Commissioner Burke

Burke spoke of potholes around the Village and noted the roadway lights at the subway tunnel are out again and the Village will call electricians to resolve it. He noted his attendance at the New Years' Day Levee.

Commissioner Shea

Shea noted he attended the New Years' Day Levee and thanked all involved in its planning. He then announced that the Municipality of the County of Colchester's drainage project at the corner of Meadowland Avenue and Retson Drive is nearing completion and there has been a larger culvert installed, with asphalt replacement outstanding.

Commissioner Pitcher

Pitcher noted how well the New Years' Day Levee went and noted suggestions for next year. She then mentioned the newly installed wood fibre surfacing looks great at the Bible Hill Recreation Park (BHRP).

She then submitted the January 2023 Bible Hill Fire Brigade Fire Chief report – as attached.

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg

Van Kroonenburg noted her attendance at the New Years' Day Levee and made suggestions for the upcoming years. She then noted her attendance at Mike MacDonald's wake, as well as that she plans to attend the County's Planning Advisory Committee Meeting on Thursday, January 19 and the Association of Nova Scotia Villages (ANSV) board meeting on Friday, January 20.

She then presented the December 2023 Parks and Recreation Director's report– as attached.

Chair Kennedy

Kennedy noted his attendance at the New Years' Day Levee, the January 11 visitation for Mike MacDonald, and the January 11 Fire Brigade meeting.

Clerk and Treasurer Bell

Bell spoke of his attendance at the New Years' Day Levee, and a meeting with the Chair and Dr. Etienne MFoumou and other representatives of the Applied Research and Innovation Department of the NSCC, who are seeking municipal partners on a well sensor development project. He then noted that he and the Parks and Recreation Director reviewed potential fence space for advertising and will draft a policy on it for consideration in a future month. He noted the Village is still seeking a third-party Audit Committee member and reminded the Commission of the ANSV board meeting on Friday, January 20. He then noted wood fibre has been installed at the BHRP, that good progress has been made at Pat Mahaney Bike Trails, and that he will be applying for ACOA disaster relief funding. Bell then spoke of the very well attended and fitting funeral ceremony held for Mike MacDonald. Lastly, he informed the Commission of a \$20,000 anonymous donation for capital improvements at the BHRP.

Accounts

Moved by Pitcher and seconded by Shea, that Village of Bible Hill approve the accounts for payment. Motion carried.

New Business

Senior Socials

Burke noted he had received a concerned comment from a resident regarding an entry fee at a recent Senior Social event. Bell noted he would inquire with the Parks and Recreation Director and inform the Commission of his findings.

Brigade funds

Bell presented a draft letter to the brigade requesting information on what fundraised funds they might be willing to contribute to the budget. The Commission discussed.

Consultation on Code of Conduct Working Group Recommendations (2) - Sanctions for breach of code of conduct & Independent Investigator Process

Bell noted that NSFM, AMANS and the Province of NS Code of Conduct Working Group is seeking feedback on sanctions for breach of code of conduct and the independent investigator process and noted the consultation dates and times to discuss with the working group and provide feedback.

Bell then reviewed the sanctions for breach of code of conduct and the independent investigator process. The Commission discussed and Bell urged Commissioners to sign up for the consultation to share their recommendations and thoughts.

Tents – Canada Day deposit

Bell presented a quote from MacFarland's Events for 7 tents and 150 chairs for Canada Day at a cost of \$2,849.00 plus HST.

Moved by Pitcher and seconded by Van Kroonenburg to accept the Canada Day tent and chair quote from MacFarland's Events for \$2,849.00 plus HST. Motion carried.

Abuse Policy

Bell presented a draft Abuse Policy.

Moved by Pitcher and seconded by Van Kroonenburg to adopt the Abuse Policy as presented. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Moved by Shea that the January 17, 2023 regular monthly meeting of Village of Bible Hill be adjourned. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Chair Kennedy

Recording Secretary Chaplin

Clerk and Treasurer Bell

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Fire Chief Report – January 2023

The Brigade responded to 7 emergency calls from the period April 13 to May 11, 2022. They are as follows:

1. December 9th, 5:50 pm, 71 Teakwood crt, Medical Assist, stood down on arrival. Cleared at 5:51 pm with 8 members responding. IC DC Mabey
2. December 11th, 1:58 pm, 191 Pictou Rd, Electrical fire, Power line attached to the mass of the building. Performed search and cleared the building. Cleared the scene at 2:40 pm with 18 members responding. IC DC Pearston.
3. December 14th, 3:31 pm Mutual aid to Truro to standby at their station. Cleared at 5:45 pm with 15 members responding. IC DC Mabey
4. December 22nd, 10:59 am, Mutual aid to Valley Kempton for structure fire. Cleared at 2:15 pm with 17 members responding. IC Chief Bisson/ DC Mabey
5. December 30th, 11:44 am, 15 Andy's Ave, Alarm ringing, burnt cookies, stood down by home owner, cleared at 11:46 am with 10 members responding. IC DC Mabey.

Total calls: 4174

Fire Loss: \$67,200.00

Vehicle Fire - \$12,000.00

46 Andy's Ave - \$ 6300.00

Riverside Ave Fire – Undetermined.

Ryland Ave Kitchen fire – Est. \$2000.00

Wildchance Deck – Undetermined.

29 Wildchance, structure fire- \$6900.00

John Deere Tractor (Raceway) - \$40,000.00

1. January 1st, 6:49 am Mutual aid to Truro, cleared at 7:22 am with 17 members responding. IC DC Pearston.
2. January 3rd, 5:43 pm Mutual Aid to Truro to standby at their station. Cleared at 6:36 pm with 20 members responding. IC DC Mabey
3. January 4th, 6:30 pm, 122 Pictou Rd, MVA car versus pedestrian. Possible hit and run, turned over to RCMP, cleared at 6:55 pm with 18 members responding. IC CPT Mabey.
4. January 4th, 6:39 pm Mutual aid to Truro, standby at their station. Cleared at 7 pm with 18 members responding. IC DC Pearston.
5. January 4th, 7:48 pm Mutual Aid to Truro to standby at their station, cleared at 8:05 pm, with 17 members responding. IC DC Mabey
6. January 5th, 1:08 pm Mutual aid to Truro standby at their station, cleared at 1:20 pm, with 12 members responding, IC Chief Bisson
7. January 5th, 7:49 pm Mutual Aid to Truro standby at their station. Cleared at 8:52 pm, with 17 members responding, IC Lt Stewart, DC Pearston.
8. January 6th, 2:30 am Mutual Aid to Truro standby at their station. Cleared at 2:34 am with 8 members responding. IC DC Mabey
9. January 6th, 8:50 pm, mutual aid to Truro to standby at their station, cleared at 9:50 pm with 15 members responding. IC DC Pearston.
10. January 8th, 10:28 pm, 283 Pictou Rd Alarm ringing RCMP station. BBQ session gone wrong...cleared at 10:45 pm, with 14 members responding, IC DC Mabey.

11. January 9th, 10:19 pm Mutual Aid to Truro to standby at their station. Cleared at 10:38 pm with 10 members responding. IC DC Mabey.
12. January 10th, 8:42 am 434 College Rd. MVA no entrapment corner of Guest Drive and College road. Stood down on scene at 9 am with 8 members responding. IC DC Mabey
13. January 11th, 2:30 pm, 20 McClures Mills Rd, Mutual aid to Truro to the scene of a MVA. Cleared at 3:20 pm with 9 members responded. IC DC Mabey.

Total calls: 13

Fire Loss: \$0.00

Highlights:

- FIONA
- Attended a well received BH junior high career fair
- Fire prevention was met with a success through visits as well as open house.
- New replacement truck for 241 has been approved and ordered.
- New record for calls for BH
- Very active participation with NS exhibition, first aid and parking, recruitment, and demo derbies.
- 4 junior members all joined the brigade
- We had a high of 9 members participate and complete level 1 training
- Acquired some new equipment related to 50/50 moneys.

Notes:

- I want to extend my sympathies to Honorary member Scott MacDonald and to the MacDonald family on the passing of Scott's brother Mike.
- I hope that everyone enjoyed the holiday season and look forward to moving forward to 2023.
- I want to thank all those who contributed to the kids Christmas party as it was a lot of fun.
- I want to thank everyone for all your continuing work as we have had a busy year.
- I want to thank all the officers for all their hard work throughout the year.
- I would like to thank everyone that helped with the calendars this year. I commend everyone for working so hard on it.

Chief Bisson

January Recreation Report

The after-school programs for both Redcliff Middle School and Bible Hill Junior High will be starting back up after the Christmas break on January 16th. Trailblazers (Redcliff) will be returning to the woods for the program as the schoolboard has successfully finished cleaning the woods up after Fiona damage. Bible Hill Junior High will be spending the month of January hiking all the trails within Bible Hill.

The parasport loan program has dropped off and provided the training needed for our Boccia rental for 9 weeks. During the 9 weeks, there is time slots for seniors and families at the H. Douglas Boyce Village Hall to participate. Boccia will also be taken to local Village schools for 12 days total, 4 days at Bible Hill Consolidated, 4 days at Bible Hill Junior High and 4 days the Colchester Christian Academy on East Court Road. Along with the schools, there is also a 2 day visit planned to the Vimy Court seniors home to get the seniors involved with the sport!

The first seniors crafting afternoon was a success and was held on January 11 from 1:30-4PM in the H. Douglas Boyce Village Hall. There was 20 lovely ladies who attended, all thoroughly expressed their enjoyment of the afternoon. Another craft afternoon is in the works for February and hope to build attendance to 30!

Haley Smith
Parks and Recreation Director