

Village of Bible Hill
Commission in Committee Meeting
March 14, 2023



The meeting was held in Commission Chambers, at the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. Acting Deputy Chair Tom Burke called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Call to Order: Commissioner Kennedy
Commissioner Pitcher
Commissioner Burke
Commissioner Shea
Clerk and Treasurer Bell
Recording Secretary Chaplin

Guests: Parks and Recreation Director, Haley Smith

Regrets: Commissioner Van Kroonenburg

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

Burke called for new or other business and Bell requested to Canada Day Vendor as the third item under new business and Miscellaneous capital items as the last item of new business.

Moved by Kennedy and seconded by Shea, that the agenda be approved with additions. Motion carried.

Call for declaration of conflict of interest

Burke called for any declarations of conflict of interest, and none were declared.

Miscellaneous business including delegations

Covington Place crosswalk

Bell noted he received correspondence from MLA Dave Ritcey regarding his meeting with the Nova Scotia Department of Public Works (NSDPW) on a crosswalk installation request at Covington Place. Ritcey noted that NSDPW explained the reason the request was denied was due to road safety guidelines and the proximity of other crosswalks. Bell then noted the MLA would like to meet with the Village, NSDPW and Keith MacKenzie (Riverwood Homeowners Association President) to further discuss the issue. It was suggested to write a letter to the Minister of Transportation with the support of everyone involved. Bell asked the Commission if they would like to continue to push the issue or reallocate funding in the upcoming budget to complete other crosswalk improvements. The committee discussed.

New Business

Volunteer Awards nominations

Parks and Recreation Director Smith to presented an overview of the Volunteer Awards nominations and noted that Steve Currie is scheduled to take photos of the award recipients when the awards are presented by the Commission. The committee discussed.

Moved by Shea and seconded by Pitcher that the Commission in Committee recommend Village of Bible Hill accept the 2023 Volunteer Awards nominations as presented. Motion carried.

2025 Nova Scotia 55+ Games Host

Parks and Recreation Director Smith discussed the 2025 Nova Scotia 55+ Games. Smith noted that the Town of Truro and County of Colchester are applying to host the 2025 Nova Scotia 55+ Games and would like to partner with Village of Bible Hill. The committee agreed by consensus to be involved as a partner.

Canada Day Vendor

Parks and Recreation Director Smith presented a quote from HaliMac Axe Throwing at a cost of \$1,300 plus HST for mobile axe-throwing as a Canada Day event. The committee discussed.

Budget development - Assessment, tax rates, and revenues

Bell presented a schedule of estimated tax roll for fiscal 2023-2024, detailing residential and commercial assessments and noted a CAP rate increase of 7.7%, then presented a history of tax rates. He reviewed projected revenue of the operating fund, outlining property taxes, grants in lieu of property taxes, revenue from other sources, interest, and transfers from other governments.

Sewer acceptance – Covington Place Phase III

Bell noted that the sanitary sewer system of Covington Place Phase 3 is complete and advised acceptance under by-law number 7, as contributed sewer assets.

Moved by Pitcher and seconded by Shea that, pursuant to Village by-law 7, Village of Bible Hill accept the sanitary sewer system of 'Covington Place - Phase 3' as a contributed asset. Motion carried.

Sanitary sewer capacity study – w/Colchester

Bell noted that the County of Colchester Public Works Department has requested the Village to join them on a sewer capacity study, and are looking for the Village to cost share at an estimated rate of \$50,000. The Commission discussed and advised the Clerk and Treasurer to budget \$50,000 under Environmental Health Services to fund the contribution of a sanitary sewer capacity study with the County of Colchester.

Saywood vandalism

Bell presented correspondence received by Commission Pitcher from a concerned Saywood Resident regarding vandalism happening in the subdivision and noted that the RCMP are involved. Pitcher then reviewed e-mail correspondence with the mentioned concerned resident. Bell noted there has been small graffiti around the Village in other areas as well. The committee discussed.

Maintenance capital reserve/future needs

Bell noted there will need to be greater storage space for maintenance. The committee discussed many potential storage options such as, mini barns, requesting to purchase county land for storage locations, and the potential for a mezzanine to be built in the maintenance bay.

Miscellaneous capital items

Bell circulated a quote for two 12x24ft storage buildings at a total cost of \$10,080 each, for the maintenance department. Bell revisited an earlier suggestion from Commissioners regarding a potential purchase of sidewalk plows and inquired whether they wanted to budget for the potential purchase in the upcoming capital budget.

Bell then recirculated the question from Truro Parks and Recreation Director Simms in September, of whether the Village is willing to cost share on the Truro-Bible Hill off leash Dog Park Expansion project with the Town of Truro and noted that Truro had requested a \$10,000 (50%) contribution. The committee discussed.

Moved by Shea and seconded by Kennedy that the Commission in Committee recommend the Village of Bible Hill contribute 25% to the Truro - Bible Hill off leash Dog Park expansion project.

Motion amended.

Moved by Shea and seconded by Kennedy that the Commission in Committee recommend the Village of Bible Hill contribute \$5,000 to the Truro - Bible Hill off leash Dog Park expansion project. Motion carried.

Adjournment

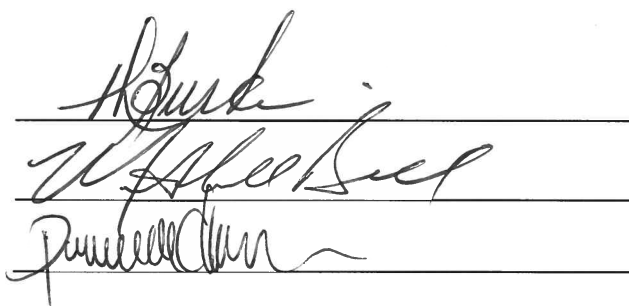
Moved by Kennedy that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Acting Deputy Chair Burke

Clerk and Treasurer Bell

Recording Secretary Chaplin

Three handwritten signatures are written on three horizontal lines. The first signature is 'H. Burke', the second is 'W. Sheehan', and the third is 'P. Chaplin'.