

The Village of Bible Hill Regular Monthly meeting was held on March 16, 2010 in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Call to Order

Deputy Chair Burke
Commissioner Dawson-Sharbell
Commissioner Mahar

Regrets: Chairwoman McLean
Commissioner Van Kroonenburg

Staff: Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
Solicitor Barrett
Recording Secretary Curry

In Attendance: Councillor Blair
Councillor McKenna
Fire Chief Mellish, Bible Hill Fire

Brigade

Approval of the Minutes of February 16, 2010

Moved by Mahar
Seconded by Dawson-Sharbell

"That the minutes of February 16, 2010 be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

Review and Approval of Agenda, Call for New or Other Business

Moved by Mahar
Seconded by Dawson-Sharbell

"That the agenda be approved with the addition of Kinsmen under New Business."

Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Business Including Delegations

Councillors Blair and McKenna

Councillor Blair reiterated the information that if the \$750,000 debenture issue through Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation is not approved, the information is at the County of Colchester and would be put back on the table for a loan guarantee through the County.

Chief Dwane Mellish - Fire Brigade Budget Discussions

Chief Mellish thanked the Commission for the Volunteer Award that will be given to he and his wife.

Chief Mellish gave the Commission information on the

radios and pagers that the Bible Hill Fire Brigade is using as well as giving a detailed history of both the pagers and radios and how they work. The fire service is constantly evolving and is looking to the Commission to support their work.

Chief Mellish also reviewed the proposed brigade budget highlighting items of importance. The brigade is particularly looking to the Commission to partner with them on new initiatives to promote health and fitness in brigade members.

Chief Dwane Mellish - Colchester Outdoor Fire By-Law

Chief Mellish has e-mailed the CAO of the County of Colchester to request additional publicity on the Colchester Outdoor Fire By-Law and how it pertains to the Village of Bible Hill. No burning permits will be issued by the Department of Natural Resources for fire within the Village of Bible Hill. Fire pits are allowed if they meet specific criteria.

Chief Mellish requested that the fire brigade would like to participate in the decision making process pertaining to fire brigade issues.

Deputy Chair Burke thanked Chief Mellish for coming to the meeting.

Business Arising out of the Minutes

Commission in Committee Report

*Moved by Dawson-Sharbell
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the Village of Bible Hill borrow \$750,000 through the Municipal Infrastructure Lending Program and have the Clerk continue to follow through with the application process."

Motion carried.

*Moved by Dawson-Sharbell
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the Village of Bible Hill write to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to have a "Deer Crossing" sign erected at the top of Pictou Road."

Motion carried.

*Moved by Dawson-Sharbell
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the Village of Bible Hill enter into an agreement by signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Cobequid Housing Authority to use the Village Hall as a temporary emergency shelter as long as the usage does not conflict with needs of the Canadian Red Cross or hall rentals."

Motion carried.

*Moved by Dawson-Sharbell
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the Village of Bible Hill charge POMBA the regular not-for-profit rental rate for the upcoming village hall rental."

Motion carried.

*Moved by Dawson-Sharbell
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the Village of Bible Hill publish their monthly agendas on the Village Website to enhance public access."

Motion carried.

*Moved by Dawson-Sharbell
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the Village of Bible Hill transfer \$55,000 from Operating Fund to Operating Reserve"

Motion carried.

Water Service Agreement Addendum

*Moved by Mahar
Seconded by Dawson-Sharbell*

"That the Village of Bible Hill accept the Water Service Agreement Addendum between the Town of Truro and the Village of Bible Hill."

Motion carried.

**Sanitary Sewer Pumping Station and Storm Sewer
Realignment Project - CMHC Municipal Infrastructure
Lending Program**

The Clerk provided information pertaining to the Sanitary Sewer Pumping Station and Storm Sewer Realignment Project. Discussion was held.

*Moved by Mahar
Seconded by Dawson-Sharbell*

"That the Village of Bible Hill request to have our Solicitor and another specialized solicitor review the documents and come back to the Village within the week with their opinion on the legalities of the documents."

Motion carried.

Policy Review

This item will be carried forward to the April Commission in Committee Meeting for further discussion.

Review of Correspondence

There were no highlighted correspondence items.

Reports of Commissioners

Environmental Services Report

Deputy Chair Burke reported on the progress of plans for the Sewer Pumping Station project. The Clerk informed the Commission that there will be a meeting on Thursday, March 18th at 1:00pm in the Village Office regarding this project with representatives from CBCL, the County of Colchester, the Department of Environment, the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal and the Village of Bible Hill present. This meeting will discuss the storm drainage system, future capacity requirements, and any upgrades necessary. All Commissioners were invited to attend.

**Protective Services Report, SAC Minutes and Fire
Brigade Report**

Commissioner Dawson-Sharbell reported on the recent RCMP Town Hall Meeting held in the Village Hall that she attended. Staff Sgt. McInnis was very informative and all who attended were given valuable information regarding issues to be reported to the RCMP and how these calls are handled. She also attended the Trail

Development Meeting regarding the development of off-road mountain bike trails.

Commissioner Dawson-Sharbell also outlined fire calls and events of the Bible Hill Fire Brigade.

Transportation Services

Commissioner Mahar reported on issues relating to Transportation Services. He volunteered at the highly successful Fun Day and Boat Safety Course put on by the Bible Hill Safety Advisory Committee.

Recreation and Culture Services

Commissioner Dawson-Sharbell reported on the Parks and Recreation Committee. There will be a trail walk to outline the proposed off-road mountain bike trail in the Village. Please meet at the Bible Hill Cemetery on Thursday, March 18th at 10:00 am to participate in this walk.

Clerk and Treasurer's Report

The Clerk discussed the February Financial Statement. He anticipated having the Year End Financial Statement available by the end of March. He discussed the importance of securing the loan from CMHC as early as possible to that the Village might receive these funds in May or June and be able to use them for cash flow on the upcoming projects within the Village. The auditors will be coming in on April 19th. Interviews for Summer Students will be April 26th and 27th.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Barrett reported on the issue of posting photographs on the website of individuals attending Bible Hill events. Group shots were recommended and if individual close-up shots were to be taken, permission must be secured before they can be posted. Ms. Barrett left information on this issue with the Clerk.

Murdock Park

Commissioner Mahar requested that this item be placed on the agenda for the April Commission in Committee Meeting.

Accounts

*Moved by Dawson-Sharbell
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the accounts be approved for payment"

Motion Carried

New Business

Bible Hill Kinsmen

Deputy Chair Burke reported that the Bible Hill Kinsmen would like to undertake a community project within the Village. Several suggestions were made. The Clerk will meet with the Recreation Director, the Finance Officer, and the Deputy Chair to further discuss this issue.

In Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole - Personnel Issue

*Moved by Dawson-Sharbell
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the Regular Monthly Meeting be adjourned to an In Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole."

Motion Carried.

At 8:07 pm the Commission went into an In-Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole.

The In-Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole ended at 8:45 pm.

Adjournment

*Moved by Dawson-Sharbell
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the March 16, 2010 Regular Monthly meeting of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned."

Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

K. Curry
Recording Secretary

Tom Burke
Deputy Chair