

The Village of Bible Hill Regular Monthly meeting was held on May 15, 2012 in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. The meeting was called to order by Chair Burke at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Call to Order

Chair Burke
Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg
Commissioner MacCormick
Commissioner McLean
Commissioner McLeod

Staff: Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
Solicitor England
Recording Secretary Curry

In Attendance: K. MacDonald, Grant Thornton
L. MacLaughlin, Grant Thornton
M. Chiasson, Truro Daily News
D. Mellish, Bible Hill Fire Chief
B. Smithson, Parks & Rec Director
J. Henderson, NSPE Commission
2 members of the public

**Approval of the Minutes of
April 17, 2012**

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by McLeod*

"That the minutes of April 17, 2012 be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

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

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by MacCormick*

"That the agenda be approved."

Motion carried.

Chair Burke welcomed those present at the meeting.

Audit Committee Report

The approval of 2011-2012 Audited Statements

*Moved by MacCormick
Seconded by McLeod*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill approve the 2011-12 Audited
Statements as presented by Grant Thornton."*

Motion carried.

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

"That the Village of Bible Hill approve the transfer of \$755,376 from Operating Fund to Investment in Capital Assets."

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by MacCormick*

"That the Village of Bible Hill approve the transfer of \$35,427 from Capital Fund to Operating Fund."

Motion carried.

**Miscellaneous Business
Including Delegations**

Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition

Mr. Joel Henderson, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission, made a presentation to the Village offering the Commission a voting seat on the Exhibition Commission. He highlighted the history of the Exhibition, their current financial difficulties, and mentioned some of the numerous large events that have been on the Exhibition Grounds. Many of these events bring large crowds of people to the Village and also generate business for local enterprises. Chair Burke said he has been selected by the Village to represent it at these meetings. Mr. Henderson will confirm the date and time of the next meeting. The Annual General Meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 14th.

**Business Arising out of the
Minutes**

Commission in Committee Report

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLeod*

"That the Village of Bible Hill contact the Deputy Minister of Agriculture to draft an operating agreement between the Department of Agriculture and the Village of Bible Hill detailing the responsibilities of each party for the operation of Scotia Pool for a one year period starting after the opening of the Civic Centre."

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by MacCormick*

"That the Village of Bible Hill obtain legal advice regarding its ability to suspend the billing of the grant paid to the Village for raceway properties by the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission for up to a three year period."

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLeod*

"That the Village of Bible Hill adopt the budget with specific amendments including: the addition of \$10,000 for a chair lift, an increase of \$20,000 for a video surveillance system for the Fire Bays and Maintenance Shop, and \$15,000 for the replacement of older fire bay doors at the fire station. The tax rate will remain the same: the residential tax rate will be 0.68, the commercial rate will be 0.85 both including a sewer rate of 0.17."

Motion defeated.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Village of Bible Hill tax rate will remain the same: the residential tax rate will be 0.68, the commercial rate will be 0.85 both including a sewer rate of 0.17."

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLeod*

"That the Village of Bible Hill adopt the budget with specific amendments including the addition of \$10,000 for a chair lift at 69 Pictou Road."

Motion carried.

*Moved by MacCormick
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

"That the Village of Bible Hill amend the firefighter training allowance back to \$6,630."

Motion carried.

*Moved by MacCormick
Seconded by McLeod*

"That the Village of Bible Hill reallocate the funds set aside for the replacement of fire bay doors to the completion of phase 3 in the new bays including the installation of a wash station for bunker gear, a shower stall for BA gear, and a counter and sink for BA gear."

Motion carried.

*Moved by MacCormick
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Village of Bible Hill add a budget line of \$5,000 under General Government Services for the 60th Anniversary Committee."

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by MacCormick*

"That the Village of Bible Hill budget item for Security be amended to identify video surveillance on a trial basis of three doors at 67 Pictou Road as well as the possibility of the installation of video surveillance at the Bible Hill Recreation Park."

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Village of Bible Hill accept the 2012-2013 budget with changes."

Motion carried.

60th Anniversary Committee

Commissioner MacCormick reported that Councillor Blair had joined the 60th Anniversary Committee. Plans are progressing well. The next meeting will be on Monday, June 25th in the Village Chambers. Anyone interested in attending is encouraged to come.

School Crossing Guard Station Usage Report

The Village will continue to do counts at crossing stations. A decision regarding the continuation of the crossing station at College and Osprey will be made this summer.

Review of Correspondence

Sidewalk Concern - College Road

The Village will respond to this letter and include a current capital list.

Lieutenant Governors Review

Chair Burke will attend this Cadet Review. Commissioners MacCormick and McLean have also expressed interest.

Saywood Drive Sidewalk

Letters were reviewed that were sent from the Village to MLA Lenore Zann and received from TIR. We are still awaiting a response from our MLA.

Reports of Commissioners

Environmental Services Report

Commissioner McLean reported on progress being made on the Guest Drive Storm Sewer Upgrade project. She also mentioned the new Colchester East Hants Health Centre, the new elementary school for Bible Hill, the beautification project on Main Street, and events she had attended.

Protective Services Report & Fire Brigade Report

Commissioner MacCormick read the Fire Brigade Report and highlighted the Fire Brigade Open House on Wednesday, May 23rd from 6:30 to 8:00pm to view the recently arrived new pumper tanker. All Commissioners are encouraged to attend. She also listed events she had attended on behalf of the Village.

Recreation Services Report

Commissioner McLeod read the Recreation Services Report highlighting upcoming Canada Day plans, Bible Hill Summer Day Camps, the recent Volunteer Awards and Local Senior Games, and the Recreation Nova Scotia Conference to be held in Truro in October.

Transportation Services Report

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg reported on the design for the new sidewalk to be built on Pictou Road. She listed events she had attended on behalf of the Village.

Clerk's Report

The Clerk informed the Commission of the upcoming Diversity Training that was happening in the Village Hall on Thursday, May 24th. Attending will be representatives from Bible Hill, Colchester, and Truro.

Maintenance has begun mowing our parks, new flashing lights have been installed on the mower mowing the medians in the

Village, the audit of Village financials has been completed, and further details will be coming on the upcoming Guest Drive Storm Sewer Upgrade happening this summer.

Chair's Report

The Chair reported on the events that he attended on behalf of the Village.

Accounts

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

"That the accounts be approved for payment"

Motion carried.

New Business

Proof of Claim and Legal Declaration

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLeod*

"That the Village of Bible Hill sign the Claim and Declaration form for the Blizzard in February, 2004 for a total of \$37,000."

Motion carried.

The Village Clerk and the Village Chair signed the Claim and Legal Declaration form.

Motion - June 16, 2009

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by McLeod*

"That the Village of Bible Hill disallow political signage on Village of Bible Hill property."

Motion carried.

RFQ - Security Services Bible Hill Recreation Park

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Village of Bible Hill engage the Commissionaires for security services at the Bible Hill Recreation Park during the upcoming construction project and also including Canada Day at a cost of \$18.52 per hour (including HST) for a minimum of four hours at a time."

Motion carried.

RFQ - Fence Repairs Bible Hill Recreation Park & Airport Ball Fields

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLeod*

"That the Village of Bible Hill accept the quote from Eastern Fence Erectors for Fence Repairs at the Bible Hill Recreation Park and Airport Ball Fields at the cost of \$4,385 plus HST."

Motion carried.

Motion to Approve Sale of Surplus Fire Vehicle

*Moved by McLeod
Seconded by MacCormick*

"That the Village of Bible Hill start the process to sell the Surplus Fire Vehicle."

Motion carried.

Bible Hill Fire Brigade Open House - May 23rd; 6:30-8:00pm

All Commissioners were encouraged to attend the Fire Brigade Open House on May 23rd to view the new fire truck.

Adjournment

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLeod*

"That the May 15, 2012 Regular Monthly Meeting of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned."

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Chair Burke _____

Recording Secretary Curry _____

Clerk and Treasurer Christianson _____