

The Village of Bible Hill Regular Monthly meeting was held on June 19, 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 8:30 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

Regrets: C. Blair, County Councillor

In Attendance: M. Chiasson, Truro Daily News  
B. Smithson, P&R Director  
R. Pearson, Clerk, Village of Canning  
D. DeWolfe, Dutch Mason Blues Festival  
M. Bentley, Dutch Mason Blues Festival

**Approval of the Minutes of  
May 15, 2012 Audit Meeting  
and the May 15, 2012  
Regular Monthly Meeting**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by McLeod*

*"That the May 15<sup>th</sup> Audit and Regular Monthly minutes 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.*

**Miscellaneous Business  
Including Delegations**

The Chair welcomed those in attendance for the meeting.

The Dutch Mason Blues Festival representatives were late and would be allowed to present when they arrived.

**Business Arising out of the  
Minutes**

**Commission in Committee Report**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by McLeod*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill complete a Lighting Design Plan and  
an Installation Plan with Truro, Colchester, and Stewiacke in*

*preparation for the conversion to LED streetlights."*

*Motion carried.*

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by MacCormick*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill approve the transfer of \$350,000 from operating reserve to operating fund and \$250,000 from capital reserve to operating fund."*

*Motion carried.*

### **Dutch Mason Blues Festival**

Mr. DeWolfe and Ms. Bentley made a presentation on behalf of the Dutch Mason Blues Festival which included an extensive history of the festival beginning in 2005 and going up to the 2012 planned events. This Blues Festival brings international recognition to blues and to this area as well as having a huge economic impact. The festival has been basically self-supporting but last year suffered its first financial loss. As this event is held in our community, Mr. DeWolfe was requesting that the Village of Bible Hill consider additional support to the festival be it either financially, through additional staff, or providing services such as policing, first aid or a shuttle service. The Chair responded on behalf of the Village that we have never provided financial support to such an event before but would consider their request and let them know.

Commissioner McLean arrived at 7:15pm.

### **School Crossing Guard Program**

The Clerk reviewed the number counts of children crossing at our current crossing stations that were done in January, March, and June. The highest numbers of children were, of course, recorded in June. A test count was done in January at the corner of East Court Road and College Road. The Commission agreed that once a crossing station is established, it is very difficult to eliminate that location.

*Moved by MacCormick  
Seconded by McLeod*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill provide an additional Crossing Guard at the East Court Road/College Road location on a one year trial basis."*

*Motion carried.*

### **Grant in Lieu of Taxes - NSPEC**

The Clerk has obtained a legal opinion regarding the grant in lieu of taxes for the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission and a letter has been circulated that was received from Frank DeMont at DeMont Law in New Glasgow.

As Chair Burke is now on the Board of Directors for the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission, he declared a conflict of interest and left the chair. Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg assumed the seat in his absence.

*Moved by MacCormick*

*Seconded by McLeod*

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

*Motion Carried.*

At 7:45 pm the Commission went into an In-Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole.

The In-Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole adjourned back to the Regular Monthly Meeting at 7:55 pm.

*Moved by MacCormick*

*Seconded by McLeod*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill have their solicitor draft an agreement between the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition and the Village of Bible Hill to excuse the Grant in Lieu for a one year basis with the understanding that the outstanding receivables are still due."*

*Motion carried.*

### **Reports of Commissioners**

#### **Environmental Services Report**

Commissioner McLean gave the Commission an update on the Storm Sewer Project at the Bible Hill Recreation Park. The Park will be hydroseeded with sod in specific areas as well as the walk ways returned to their original condition. Commissioner McLean attended one event on behalf of the Commission.

Commissioner McLean has also received feedback regarding the Pat Mahaney Bike Trail. This trail has become a very popular destination for many bikers and she has been told that parking has

become an issue. The Parks and Recreation Director responded that the trail is being used twice a week by a Bike Club of approximately 30 bikers of all ages. The Clerk responded that increasing the parking in this area would be very expensive. The Recreation Director is being requested to consult with the Bible Hill Cemetery Company and the users of this trail and to bring a report on parking in this area to the August meeting.

### **Protective Services Report & Fire Brigade Report**

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg read the Fire Chief's Report updating the Commissioners on the work of the Fire Brigade. She also listed several events that she had attended on behalf of the Commission.

### **Recreation Services Report**

Commissioner McLeod read the Recreation Services Report highlighting Canada Day plans, summer student staff, the successful "Animals in the Woods" program recently held, and the continuation of after school programming at several schools.

### **Transportation Services Report**

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg reported on the lack of a response from Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal regarding the sidewalk on Pictou Road. Dept of trans is still raising concerns about the condition of 300 mm pipe under the existing sidewalk.

The Clerk has been requested to begin the process of patching potholes that have been identified.

### **Clerk's Report**

The Clerk reported that the Village has now finished summer hiring. We have hired 4 programming staff, 2 maintenance staff, and 1 office/day camp counselor.

Sidewalk and line painting will be done this summer.

The Clerk also reported on the tremendous job that the Bible Hill Garden Club has done this year. They have weeded and planted all garden areas on the 67/69 Pictou Road property as well as Holy Well Park and around the sign on Main Street heading into Bible Hill from Onslow. A thank you card should be sent to the Garden Club to show our appreciation for their hard work.

### **Chair's Report**

The Chair reported on events he had attended on behalf of the Village highlighting the planting of the tree at Holy Well Park and the recent presentation of the 25 year award given to Firefighter Bob Gay in recognition of his many years of service in the Bible Hill Fire Brigade.

### **Accounts**

*Moved by McLean  
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

*"That the accounts be approved for payment"*

*Motion carried.*

### **New Business**

#### **Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medals**

The Village has received a letter from MP Scott Armstrong requesting one nomination for a Queen Elizabeth Jubilee Medal to be awarded in the riding of Cumberland-Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley.

The Village will be putting forward H. Douglas Boyce as our nomination.

#### **ANSV Annual General Meeting**

The Association of Nova Scotia Villages will be having their Annual General Meeting in Chester this year on September 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Commissioners have requested that the Clerk check prices for accommodations for September 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. He will report his findings to the Commission. The AGM will be covering such topics as LED lighting and how to perform staff evaluations. Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations will once again be attending to speak on the responsibilities of Commissioners.

### **Adjournment**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by McLean*

*"That the June 19, 2012 Regular Monthly Meeting of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned."*

*Motion carried.*

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Chair Burke

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Recording Secretary Curry

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Clerk and Treasurer Christianson

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