

The February Commission in Committee meeting was held in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. The meeting was called to order by Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

**Call to Order**

Chair Burke  
Commissioner McLeod  
Commissioner McLean  
Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg

Regrets: Commissioner MacCormick

Present: L. MacLaughlin, Grant Thornton  
W. Parker, Colchester Councillor  
D. Mellish, Bible Hill Fire Chief  
M. Chiasson, Truro Daily News

Staff: R. Christianson, Clerk  
K. Curry, Recording Secretary

**Approval of the Minutes of  
January 8, 2013**

*Moved by Burke  
Seconded by McLeod*

*"That the minutes of January 8, 2013 be approved."*

*Motion carried.*

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg welcomed Mrs. MacLaughlin, Councillor Parker, Chief Mellish, and Ms. Chiasson to the meeting.

70<sup>th</sup> birthday wishes were also extended to Chair Burke.

**Review and approval of  
the agenda, call for new or  
other business**

*Moved by McLean  
Seconded by Burke*

*"That the agenda be approved."*

*Motion carried.*

**Miscellaneous business  
including delegations**

**Presentation by Mrs. MacLaughlin, Grant Thornton**

Mrs. MacLaughlin reviewed the report prepared by Grant Thornton for the Village of Bible Hill to those charged with governance - initial communication on audit planning. There were no significant changes noted for the audit to be done on the Village of Bible Hill. This report was given for information purposes.

**Councillor Parker**

Councillor Parker reported on the development of a new sewage by-law for Colchester County.

**Business Arising out of the minutes**

**Budget and Tax Rate Review**

The Clerk presented an updated budget review that is based on the preliminary tax assessments for District 1 and District 11. The proposed Recreation Park Upgrades were discussed with the Commission being informed that the Parks and Recreation Director will be doing a presentation on this project at the next Regular Monthly Meeting. The Village is still in negotiations with the Province of Nova Scotia in regards to the Fire Protection Grant and Sewer Levy for former NSAC properties. The Clerk is to attend a UNSM workshop on the upcoming Nova Scotia Power mandated streetlight conversion.

The entire draft budget was reviewed in detail.

**Motion to set up "Snow Removal Reserve"**

*Moved by McLean  
Seconded by McLeod*

*"That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill create a new reserve fund called Snow Removal Reserve for excess snow removal money each year that will be a fund for a year with disproportionate snow removal expenses."*

*Motion carried.*

**New Business**

**Tentative Meeting with the Town of Truro February 26, 2013 at 5pm**

A meeting will be taking place between the Town of Truro and the Village of Bible Hill to discuss items of mutual concern. The meeting will be held in the Village Chambers and a meal will be provided by the Village. Commissioner McLean has given her regrets.

**RFQ - Tents and Staging Canada Day 2013**

*Moved by McLeod  
Seconded by Burke*

*"That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill accept the quote from Commercial Tent at a cost of \$4,305 plus HST for tents and staging on Canada Day,*

*2013.”*

*Motion carried.*

#### **RFQ - Inflatable's Canada Day 2013**

*Moved by Burke*

*Seconded by McLeod*

*“That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill accept the quote from Big Entertainment at a cost of \$2,470 plus HST for inflatables on Canada Day, 2013.”*

*Motion carried.*

#### **RFQ - Playground Equipment**

*Moved by Burke*

*Seconded by McLeod*

*“That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill accept the quote from Henderson at a cost of \$26,050 plus HST for playground equipment at the Bible Hill Recreation Park.”*

*Motion carried.*

#### **RFQ - Service Vehicle Public Works**

*Moved by McLean*

*Seconded by Burke*

*“That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill accept the quote from Ron MacGillivray Chevrolet Buick GMC of Antigonish at a cost of \$31,480 plus HST for a Public Works Service Vehicle.”*

*Motion carried.*

The low bidder was O'Regan Chev Olds at \$31,000. However, the bumper to bumper warranty offered was for 3 years/60,000 km not the requested 5 year/100,000 km warranty that was being provided by Ron MacGillivray Chevrolet GMC.

**Motion - Transfer \$32,500 from Public Works Reserve to Operating Fund**

*Moved by Burke  
Seconded by McLeod*

*"That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill transfer \$32,500 from Public Works Reserve to Operating Fund."*

*Motion carried.*

**Purchase of Four Portable Radios for the Bible Hill Fire Brigade**

*Moved by McLeod  
Seconded by McLean*

*"That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill purchase four Motorola 6445 portable radios from Nova Communication at a price of \$3,882 plus HST."*

*Motion carried.*

**Adjournment**

*Moved by McLeod  
Seconded by McLean*

*"That the February 11, 2013 Commission in Committee Meeting of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned."*

*Motion carried.*

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg \_\_\_\_\_

Recording Secretary Curry \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk Christianson \_\_\_\_\_