

The Village of Bible Hill Regular Monthly meeting was held on November 19, 2013 in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. Chair Burke called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Call to Order: Chair Burke  
Commissioner McLean  
Commissioner Van Kroonenburg

Regrets: Deputy Chair MacCormick  
Commissioner McLeod

Staff: Clerk and Treasurer Christianson  
Recording Secretary Curry  
Solicitor MacDougall

In Attendance: Colchester Councillor Blair, District 1  
Colchester Councillor Parker, District 11  
Bible Hill Fire Chief Mellish

### **Approval of the Minutes of October 15, 2013**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by McLean*

*"That the Minutes of October 15, 2013 be approved as circulated."*

*Motion carried.*

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

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by McLean*

*"That the agenda be approved as presented."*

*Motion carried.*

Chair Burke welcomed Councillors Blair and Parker and Fire Chief Mellish to the meeting.

### **Miscellaneous Business Including Delegations**

#### Councillor Parker

Councillor Parker reported that he made a motion to have the Colchester Land Lease Development Bylaw amended to include Guest Drive. The motion was defeated. He has had contact from residents of Guest Drive that are both for and against this change.

#### Councillor Blair

Councillor Blair supported Councillor Parker in his quest to have this bylaw amended. She feels it is an issue that will come forward again. Her concern was liability in the case of an

accident or fire. Affordable housing is important but that housing must be safe. Councillor Blair also reported on the recent meeting she had attended of the County Flood Advisory Committee. Farnham Brook continues to be the area of focus in the Bible Hill area. Mrs. Blair had also attended the recent meeting of the Association of Nova Scotia Villages in New Minas where the major issue was changing the Village By-Laws to allow villages to sell or donate property.

### **Business Arising out of the Minutes**

#### Commission in Committee Motions

*Moved by McLean*

*Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

*“That the Village of Bible Hill sign the four Unsightly Premises Reports and forward them on to the County of Colchester.”*

*Motion carried.*

*Moved by McLean*

*Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

*“That the Village of Bible Hill write a letter of support to Councillor Parker regarding his efforts to have the planning bylaws amended to restrict placing older non CSA approved substandard modular homes on building lots in the Village.”*

*Motion carried.*

*Moved by McLean*

*Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

*“That the Village of Bible Hill amend the wording of the Advertising Sign Policy to include commercial recreation events held at the hall to be allowed on the sign.”*

*Motion carried.*

*Moved by McLean*

*Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

*“That the Village of Bible Hill purchase four bunker suits from Cuming’s Fire & Safety at a cost of \$6,348 plus HST.”*

*Motion carried.*

*Moved by McLean*

*Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

*“That the Village of Bible Hill approach Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal regarding the addition of a flashing green light and possibly a left turning lane on Pictou Road at the Vimy Road intersection.”*

*Motion carried.*

Letter of Support to Councillor Parker

A copy of the letter of support given to Councillor Parker was presented as an information item.

Letter to TIR regarding turning lane Pictou at Vimy

The Clerk will make an amendment to the letter to Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to mention the possibility of a flashing green light.

Village Hall Renovation Schedule: Priority Listing of Hall Renovations & Projected Date of Renovations

1. New stage located on west wall approximately 2 steps high. Old stage location will be converted to an enclosed storage area for tables and chairs.
2. Replace the air conditioning unit with either new air conditioning system or an air-to-air heat exchanger.
3. New windows with new curtains or shutters.
4. Lower ceiling, replace ceiling tiles in hall and foyer, new light fixtures and eliminate ceiling fans.
5. New folding tables and chairs on trolleys.
6. New sound system including projector and podium.
7. Convert current washrooms to fully accessible washrooms.
8. New energy efficient commercial refrigerator for kitchen.
9. Electrical upgrade.
10. New flooring.

Hall renovations will be scheduled to take place in January, February, and March of 2015. This will give ample time for those renting the hall on a regular basis to make alternate plans. The Village is also interested in making the Commission Chambers more accessible to community groups by using the side door into the room. This will free up the hall for additional recreation programming. An engineering design will need to be completed.

*Moved by McLean*

*Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

*“That the Village of Bible Hill tentatively schedule Village Hall renovations to begin in January, 2015.”*

*Motion carried.*

The Recreation Director will be requested to circulate a “wish list” to groups using the hall to obtain their input. These items will be brought back to the Village to begin the budgetary process. The engineering study will also be a budget item for this project.

Cobequid Trail Extension - Draft Agreement

The draft agreement was reviewed and a wording change was suggested.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by McLean*

*“That the Village of Bible Hill request a change in wording to amend the renewal clause to be done automatically. The Village agrees in principal with the draft agreement.”*

*Motion carried.*

#### Operating Reserve Policy

The draft Operating Reserve Policy was reviewed. There is an operating reserve currently in place but there is not a policy governing the reserve. This will be discussed further at the December Commission Meeting.

### **Review of Correspondence**

#### Letter from Nova Scotia Health & Wellness

The letter from Nova Scotia Health & Wellness confirming the \$70,000 grant for the upgrades to the Bible Hill Recreation Park that took place this past summer was brought forward as an information item.

### **Reports of Commissioners and Clerk and Treasurer**

#### Environmental Services Report

Commissioner McLean read her report that mentioned the upgrades done on the dyke systems to hopefully reduce the incidence of flooding in our community.

#### Protective Services Report

Commissioner Van Kroonenburg gave the Fire Brigade Report.

#### Recreation Services Report

Commissioner McLeod sent regrets to the meeting. In his place, the Clerk read the Recreation Services Report. It included an update on After School Programs, the Safe Halloween Program, and the Active Transportation Committee. The Recreation Director provided the Commissioners with a list of Village Christmas Events and all were encouraged to attend the events they were able to.

#### Transportation Services Report

Deputy Chair MacCormick sent regrets to the meeting. Chair Burke read the report she sent to the meeting. The next annual meeting of the Association of Nova Scotia Villages is being held in Pugwash. She suggested that due to limited lodging in that area, reservations should be made soon.

Clerk's Report

The Clerk discussed the service vehicle that the Fire Brigade has requested. The Clerk cannot recommend going over budget to purchase this vehicle. It was suggested that the Brigade plan for this purchase in the 5 Year Capital Budget that they are preparing for the Village. The Clerk circulated the October financial statement.

Chair's Report

Chair Burke on the events and meetings he had attended over the past month on behalf of the Village. He also discussed happenings of the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission, of which he is a member.

**Accounts**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by McLean*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill approve the accounts for payment."*

*Motion carried.*

**New Business**

Transfer of \$70,000 from Parks and Recreation Reserve to Operating Fund

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by McLean*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill transfer \$70,000 from the Parks and Recreation Reserve to the Operating Fund."*

*Motion carried.*

**Adjournment**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by McLean*

*"That the November 19, 2013 Regular Monthly Meeting of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned."*

*Motion carried.*

The meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Chair Burke

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Recording Secretary Curry

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Clerk and Treasurer Christianson

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