

The Village of Bible Hill Regular Monthly meeting was held on September 17, 2013 in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. Chair Burke called the meeting to order at 7:00pm; the meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Call to Order: Chair Burke
Deputy Chair MacCormick
Commissioner McLean
Commissioner McLeod
Commissioner Van Kroonenburg

Staff: Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
Recording Secretary Curry
Solicitor Kouwenberg

In Attendance: Colchester County Councillor Blair, District 1
TDN Reporter Chiasson
Village Resident Cheyne

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

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

“That the agenda be approved with the addition of a Fire Brigade purchase under New Business.”

Motion carried.

Chair Burke welcomed Councillor Blair, Ms. Chiasson and Mr. Cheyne to the meeting.

Miscellaneous Business Including Delegations

Mr. Cheyne, Teakwood Court, Storm Water System Problems

Mr. Cheyne spoke to the Commission regarding the increasing storm water system problems that the residents of Teakwood Court and area have been experiencing over the last number of years. Mr. Cheyne is a 26 year resident of Teakwood Court and has, over the past number of years, been experiencing increasing water problems. Residents that have previously never had water problems are now faced with installing sump pumps, blocked storm drains, and unsafe sidewalks. Holes are appearing in the sidewalk that have been deemed by the residents as a danger to everyone, especially the children and handicapped. These holes appear to be the result of gravel washing away under the sidewalk and into the storm drainage system and causing the area to collapse. Mr. Cheyne has been in contact with Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, the County of Colchester, and MLA Lenore Zann. He has not received satisfactory action to date. Councillor Blair has been to view the site and has brought the area to the attention of County Council. Mr. Cheyne would like the Village of Bible Hill to look into this situation to see if there would be any way of providing assistance to these Village residents. He thanked the Commissioners for listening to his presentation.

Councillor Blair

Councillor Blair reiterated that she has been fully aware of the problems these residents in the Teakwood Court area have been experiencing. She has brought the issue to the County and would like the Village to consider what they can do. It was suggested that a letter be written to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal from the Village advising them of the situation.

Councillor Blair is on the County Flood Advisory Committee and brought information from the County on the upcoming work to be done on Farnham Brook. The County CAO and engineer will be in touch with the Village Clerk regarding this work. She is also on the Dangerous and Unightly Premises Committee and reported that a demolition order has been issued for a property on Poplar Drive.

Councillor Blair congratulated the Village on their new additions at the Bible Hill Recreation Park and commented on how wonderful it looked.

Business Arising out of the Minutes

Commission in Committee Report

*Moved by MacCormick
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Village of Bible Hill award the RFQ for Fire Fighting Boots to Nova Fire Equipment at a cost of \$2,325 plus HST."

Motion carried.

*Moved by MacCormick
Seconded by McLeod*

"That the Village of Bible Hill give approval to the Personnel Committee to go into negotiations with Standard Life in regards to future administration of the Village Pension Plan."

Motion carried.

*Moved by MacCormick
Seconded by McLeod*

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

Motion carried.

*Moved by MacCormick
Seconded by McLeod*

"That the Village of Bible Hill retains the sidewalk priority list with the addition of Hazel Drive as number 12 on the priority list."

Sidewalk Priority Listing Approved October 9, 2012

1. *College Road Day Care to Vimy & Holywell Park to the Subway Tunnel*
2. *Saywood Estates Regency and Saywood Drive*
3. *Village Line Avenue Pictou to College ***
4. *Vimy Road Windale to Farnham*
5. *Main Street Subway to Bridge Southside*
6. *Old Court House Branch College to Regency ***
7. *College Road Guest Drive to Osprey Court*
8. *College Road Vimy to Guest Drive*
9. *College Road Maple to Saywood*
10. *College Road Osprey to Maple*
11. *College Road Saywood to Old Court House Branch*
12. *Hazel Drive*

***Conditional upon cost sharing with the Municipality of the County of Colchester*

Motion carried.

Sale of Surplus 1987 Fire Vehicle

The Economy Fire Brigade has made an offer to purchase the 1987 Pumper from the Village of Bible Hill.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLeod*

“That the Village of Bible Hill sell the 1987 pumper to the Economy Fire Brigade at a price of \$10,000 as is, where is.”

Motion carried.

Association of Nova Scotia Villages Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the ANSV was held in New Minas last weekend. Chair Burke, Deputy Chair MacCormick, and Clerk Christianson attended on behalf of the Village. Eleven of the twenty-two Villages in the Association were represented. The meeting was reported to be successful with many topics of interest being covered. A new Board of Directors was elected with Ms. Mulroney of Chester, Chair; Mr. Benedict of Port Williams, Vice Chair; Mr. Stevens of New Minas, Secretary; Mrs. MacCormick of Bible Hill, Treasurer; Mrs. Blair, Past President; and Mr. Farley of Pugwash, Member at Large. The Annual General Meeting will be in Pugwash next year.

Review of Correspondence

There were no items of correspondence.

Reports of Commissioners and Clerk and Treasurer

Environmental Services Report

Commissioner McLean read a letter from Mr. H.D. Boyce regarding the 60th Anniversary Celebrations. She also read the Environmental Services Report stating that Farnham Brook is to be dealt with in the near future.

Protective Services Report

Commissioner Van Kroonenburg read the September Fire Brigade report.

Recreation Services Report

Commissioner McLeod read the September Recreation Report, which included the Recreation Park Grand Re-Opening, Senior Programming (Senior Fitness classes, Music Jamborees, and Senior Socials), as well as the increased usage of the Bible Hill ball fields.

Transportation Services Report

Deputy Chair MacCormick reported that sidewalk construction and repairs have been completed on Pictou Road, Blanchard Avenue, Armstrong Avenue, and areas of Meadowland Avenue. Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal have now painted the crosswalks in Bible Hill.

Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that one of our Crossing Guards have resigned and a spare Crossing Guard has been promoted to full time. The Village currently employs seven full time Crossing Guards and two spares (one additional spare is currently being trained). The Clerk also told the Commission that he would be on vacation next week and that the Finance Officer would be acting in his place.

Chair's Report

Chair Burke on the events and meetings he had attended over the past month on behalf of the Village.

Accounts

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLeod*

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

Motion carried.

New Business

Fire Brigade Purchase

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by MacCormick*

“That the Village of Bible Hill purchase 4 Scott Air Pak X3 and 8 Carbon Cylinders, Pak Tracker and Truck Charging System from Ackland Grainger at a cost of \$31,575.03 plus HST.”

Motion carried.

Association of Municipal Administrators Fall Conference - October 8-11 2013

The Clerk will be attending the AMA Fall Conference from October 8 to 11 in Cape Breton.

Reserve Funds

The Clerk brought forward these numbers as an information item for the Commissioners.

Operating Reserve	395,743.25
Capital Reserve	360,650.87
Recreation Reserve	71,044.78
Fire Reserve	57,601.16
Public Works Reserve	26,306.51

Vimy/College Road Intersection

A crossing was requested across College Road from Vimy Road. Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal has been contacted and two engineering firms have been contacted to give quotes on an engineering study.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by MacCormick*

“That the Village of Bible Hill engage PDI Engineering Group Inc. to do a study on College Road at a cost of \$2,750.”

Motion carried.

Public Smoking on Village Property

It was reported that there were some people smoking at the Grand Opening of the Recreation Park. There are No Smoking signs posted at all park and playground locations at the present time. The Clerk has been reviewing the Smoke-Free Places Act and will follow up with the government department responsible for this Act for further clarification.

Adjournment

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLeod*

“That the September 17, 2013 Regular Monthly Meeting of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned.”

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Chair Burke

Recording Secretary Curry

Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
