

The Village of Bible Hill Commission in Committee Meeting was held on February 11, 2014 in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. Deputy Chair MacCormick called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

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

Staff: Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
Recording Secretary Curry

In Attendance: County Councillor Blair, District 1
County Councillor Parker, District 11
M. Chiasson, Truro Daily News
D. Mellish, Bible Hill Fire Chief
N. Loomer, Village Resident

Deputy Chair MacCormick welcomed Councillor Blair, Councillor Parker and Ms. Chiasson to the meeting.

Approval of the Minutes of January 14, 2014

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

That the minutes of January 14, 2014 be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

Review and Approval of the Agenda, call for new or other business

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

That the agenda be approved.

Motion carried.

Scotia Pool Society

The Clerk reviewed a letter from the Province of Nova Scotia to Scotia Pool Society that outlined the requirements necessary for Scotia Pool to remain operational. They need proof that the pool is financially viable. Scotia Pool is also to be responsible for capital costs. The Society is preparing a letter of response to the Honourable Keith Colwell, Minister of Agriculture regarding his letter. There was a deadline given of July 31st, 2014 to advise the Minister if Scotia Pool will be preparing a new business plan. Bible Hill's Recreation Director is on the Scotia Pool Committee and will be asked to make a presentation to the Commission in March on Scotia Pool.

TIR 2014 Maintenance Program (RIM)

An email was received from MLA Lenore Zann regarding the RIM program that requested the Village compile a list of repairs to sidewalks, culverts, and potholes in the Village of Bible Hill. The Village Commissioners were able to prepare the following list:

1. Asphalt repairs/repaving Park Street from the tracks to the bridge
2. Asphalt repairs/repaving Main Street from Farnham Road to Pictou Road
3. Asphalt repairs/repaving Vimy Road from Eastmoor Drive to the bridge
4. Asphalt repairs/repaving Foxhill Drive at Meadowland Avenue (on Fenwood)
5. Storm drainage repairs/upgrades on Meadowland Avenue by Retson Drive
6. Ditching needed by two vacant lots from 16 Meadowland Avenue to the pond area
7. Catch basin repairs at the corner of Brite Avenue and Clover Drive
8. Storm drainage repairs/upgrades/ditching north side/south side College Road near Teakwood Drive
9. Asphalt repairs/repaving Hazel Drive at the entrance to Foodland
10. Plugged catch basin on Brooklyn Drive by Vimy Road
11. Teakwood Drive storm drains need to be cleaned out and repaired.

The Clerk was requested to submit this list to Ms. Zann on behalf of the Commission.

Crosswalk Request Guest Drive

An email was received from a Village resident living on Guest Drive regarding the dangerous crossing on College Road at Guest Drive. This location currently has an overhead crosswalk light but it is not one of the newer flashing crosswalk lights. The Commission would like to see this overhead crosswalk light updated to the newer flashing light. This is an issue for all those crossing at this location both during the school year and during the summer. The Clerk estimated that this would be a capital expense item of approximately \$25,000.

Another busy crossing location was identified as Vimy Road by Bible Hill Estates. A crossing count will be done at both the Vimy Road and College/Guest Drive locations.

Nova Scotia Power LED Deployment Plan

The Clerk has been contacted by Nova Scotia Power regarding the Village's decision to remain with Nova Scotia Power for streetlight rental. New LED lights are appearing in the Village but to date no savings have been identified. Nova Scotia Power will be in touch regarding the details of the LED deployment plan and the billing process.

BHFB Recommendation on RFQ - Service Vehicle Bible Hill Fire Brigade

The Clerk informed the Commissioners that three RFQ's were submitted for the service vehicle. The Fire Chief made a presentation to the Commission. He said that the Fire Brigade recommended the purchase of the truck from Hollis Ford due to the fact their bid included wiring for the emergency light, aluminum rims for the winter tires, and the fact that there was more leg room in the back seats. He said that this was an important consideration as one of the uses of this vehicle will be used to go to mutual aid calls and also for training.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLeod*

That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill purchase the half ton vehicle for the Fire Brigade from Hollis Ford at a cost of \$29,984 + HST as this vehicle meets all of the Fire Brigade's requirements.

Motion carried.

Register for Information about Dangerous Goods

The Clerk has recently received information from the Association of Municipal Administrators (AMA) regarding the transportation of dangerous goods through municipalities. The Clerk will clarify with the County of Colchester CAO that the County will be requesting this information be sent to them. As the railway through Bible Hill is the main line to Halifax, the Fire Chief expressed to the Commission the importance of having his information so that the Fire Brigade will know what is being transported through this area and be prepared to deal with any emergencies dealing with these substances. A degree of confidentiality is associated with this information but the Clerk will clarify with County CAO Ummat how this information will be shared.

Reply from Minister of Transportation regarding Saywood Drive

The Clerk read the response sent to the Commission regarding their request to have Saywood Drive re-paved at the same time that the sidewalks are being done. No commitment was made by the province for the repaving of Saywood Drive in coordination with the sidewalk construction.

Delegations

Councillor Blair informed the Commission of the upcoming information session being held at the Truro Fire Hall on February 27th at 7:00pm by CN Rail on dangerous goods that are being transported through this area.

Councillor Blair also stated that Scotia Pool is a small group of volunteers that should be applauded. It was reported to her that both Bible Hill and Colchester County Recreation Directors are assisting this committee in any way they can.

The Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Board is meeting February 12th where the Minister of Agriculture will be in attendance. The County is not prepared to take over the liabilities of the Commission but would be willing to take over the assets. All involved are concerned.

Councillor Parker reported the he had recently attended an EMO Board Meeting where they discussed the transport of dangerous goods.

Budget Review

The Administration, Transportation, and Recreation portions of the budget were reviewed in detail. Some adjustments were noted to the Clerk and amendments will be made. More discussions are to take place over the next several meetings on individual portions of the budget.

Adjournment

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

That the February 11, 2014 Commission in Committee Meeting of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Deputy Chair MacCormick _____

Clerk and Treasurer Christianson _____

Recording Secretary Curry _____