

The Village of Bible Hill Commission in Committee Meeting was held on February 10, 2015 in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.

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

Regrets: Commissioner McLeod

Staff: Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
Recording Secretary Ogden

In Attendance: M. Chiasson, Truro Daily News
C. Blair, Colchester County Councillor

Review and Approval of the Minutes of the January 13, 2015

*Moved by MacCormick
Seconded by McLean*

That the minutes of January 13, 2015 be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

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

*Moved by MacCormick
Seconded by Burke*

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

Deputy Van Kroonenburg welcomed both County Councillor C. Blair and Ms. Chiasson from the Truro Daily News to the meeting.

- Councilor Blair

Councilor Blair reported that she met with the County Engineer, the Village Clerk and Commissioner McLean to review a draft design for the storm water issues between Village Line and Meadowland Avenue. Cost sharing with the Village on this project for 50% will be discussed at the upcoming Council meeting. The project is not covered under flooding grants as it is considered storm water run off. She also reported that the County Engineer, the Village Clerk and Councilor Parker will also be reviewing storm water issues in the Teakwood area.

New Business

- Special Meeting February 19, 2015

A special meeting will take place on February 19th at the Village Hall. The first meeting at 5pm will be to review and award the RFP for the Village Hall Renovations. A collaboration meeting will take place at 6pm between the Commission and the Bible Hill Recreation Committee to review the draft plans for the Natural Playground at the Bible Hill Recreation Park. The final plans will be available March 31st with construction to take place in the new fiscal year 2015/16.

- Bible Hill Kinsmen Club 40th Anniversary of their Charter

A letter of support was requested from the commission on the Bible Hill Kinsmen Club's 40th year. The commission agreed to also provide a plaque similar to our Volunteer recognition plaques for this event.

- County of Colchester Hearing Notice - Pictou Road

A Hearing took place earlier this afternoon for a property on Pictou Road deemed dangerous and unsightly under Section XV of the Municipal Government Act. The Dangerous and Unsightly Committee ordered for the house to be demolished, cleaned up and the basement to be filled within 90 days. After the deadline date if it is not adhered to the County will do the clean up and all expenses will be applied to the owners tax bill.

- Bible Hill Cemetery Company

A letter to the Commission from the Cemetery Company provided an updated contact list for their directors, expressed their appreciation of the level of co-operation from the Village and staff, outlined that the Bike Trail agreement expires in August 2015 but the Cemetery Company willing to enter into a one year renewal agreement and that the compost pile will not be available to the Village this year.

The Clerk will start the process with our solicitor to draft a renewal contract for the Bike Trail. Our maintenance staff will also be implementing a compost pile on our property near the secondary entrance to the Airport Ball fields this year.

- Sidewalk Snow Removal- February 3rd Storm

The Clerk outlined that our current sidewalk snow removal schedule was not successful during the recent snowstorm in February. The Clerk has researched layouts that other municipal units use, other municipalities have identified a priority of sidewalks on a map in red that will be cleared within 24 hrs and other areas in green will be done within 5 days. The Clerk recommended the Village implement procedures and a sidewalk priority policy. He distributed a draft priority list for the Village to the Commission, orange and green highlighted areas represented a 24 hr priority with all other streets a secondary priority and a 3-day snow removal time frame. This draft schedule will be used this weekend and the Clerk will draft a formal policy to ensure high-risk areas are a priority for sidewalk snow removal.

- Listing of Bar usage at Village Hall

The Clerk reviewed the bar usage list, in 2012 we had 11 bars which 4 were brigade events, in 2013 we had 13 which 4 were brigade events and in 2014 we had 6 bars which 4 were brigade events. This issue will be discussed with our solicitor at the upcoming Village Commission meeting.

- Canada Day- Inflatable RFQ Results

Moved by MacCormick

Seconded by McLean

That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill engage Glow Parties to provide Inflatables for the Canada Day Festivities at a cost of \$4,256.15 including HST.

Motion carried.

- Canada Day- Tent Rental RFQ Results

Moved by McLean

Seconded by MacCormick

That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill engage MacFarlands to provide tents for the Canada Day Festivities at a cost of \$2,702.50 including HST.

Motion carried.

- Canada Day- MC/Music/Sound RFQ Results

Moved by Burke

Seconded by MacCormick

That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill engage Gordon Tucker to provide music, sound and MC services for the Canada Day Festivities at a cost of \$2,000.00.

Motion carried.

- Budget Review

The Clerk reviewed the draft budget in line format with the Commission. Adjustments were made to the Government Services section with commissioners expenses changed to \$1,700, addition of promotion brochure for \$5,000, Transportation Services to include a streetlight at the corner of Maple Blvd and College Road. The Clerk also reviewed the reserve status with the 2015/16 budget adjustments. The Fire Brigade will be making a presentation to the Commission at the Commission Meeting on February 17th to go over their increase budget request for training of \$2,500 and capital of \$39,680.

A budget approval is anticipated for March.

Adjournment

*Moved by MacCormick
Seconded by Burke*

That the February 10, 2015 Commission in Committee Meeting of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Chair Burke

Clerk and Treasurer Christianson

Recording Secretary Ogden
