

The Village of Bible Hill Regular Monthly meeting was held on February 17, 2015 in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. Chair Burke called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm.

Call to Order:	Chair Burke
	Commissioner MacCormick
	Commissioner McLeod
	Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg
Regrets:	Commissioner McLean
Staff:	Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
	Solicitor MacDougall, Burchell MacDougall
In Attendance:	Chief Mellish, Bible Hill Fire Brigade
	Reporter Chiasson, Truro Daily News
	1 Village Resident

Approval of the Minutes of January 20, 2015

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
 Seconded by MacCormick*

That the Regular Monthly Meeting minutes of January 20, 2015 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

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

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
 Seconded by McLeod*

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

The Chair welcomed Fire Chief Mellish, Ms. Chiasson, and Ms. Loomer to the meeting.

Miscellaneous Business Including Delegations

- **Chief Mellish, BHFB Budget Presentation**

Chief Mellish reviewed in detail the Bible Hill Fire Brigade Capital Operating Budget requests. In 2015-2016 the Brigade would like a \$9,000 increase in the budget from \$70,000 to \$79,000. A major concern of the Brigade in the upcoming budget is the exchange rate between the American and Canadian dollar. The Chief also said that the three old bay doors on the original side of the fire hall need to be replaced. Of concern to the Brigade is that weekly indemnity be increased from \$500 to \$700. While most Brigade members have coverage from their employer, in some cases this is not available or not sufficient. As well, the Brigade would like the Village to consider a special request to cover the replacement of changing over all items with the new Bible Hill Fire

Brigade crest. As well, the Brigade would like an additional flagpole erected to put up a new fire brigade flag to be designed based on the new Fire Brigade crest.

Discussion was held between the Commissioners and the Chief. The Chair felt that more group buying should be done between fire brigades within Colchester County. Commissioner MacCormick asked for some details on some of the equipment requested in the budget and the Chair explained that the Village had a large capital project already scheduled for the 2015-2016 budget in the Saywood Sidewalk Project and that has had a major effect on the budget. The Chief closed by saying that the provision of fire services is an expensive proposition and needs to be prioritized. The well being of all firefighter volunteers should be considered at all times.

Business Arising out of the Minutes

- **Commission in Committee Report**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLeod*

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

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by MacCormick*

That the Village of Bible Hill engage MacFarland's to provide tent rentals for our Canada Day Festivities at a cost of \$2,702.50 including HST.

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLeod*

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

Motion carried.

Review of Correspondence

- **Dalhousie University's Faculty of Agriculture Power Breakfast**

Commissioner MacCormick will attend this function on behalf of the Village of Bible Hill.

Reports of Commissioners and Clerk and Treasurer

- **Protective Services Report**

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg read the Bible Hill Fire Brigade's report. The Brigade responded to four emergency calls during the period of January 15 to February 11, 2015. Probationary

member James Reid was voted into full membership. The brigade has adopted Accountability tags and is participating in the Coldest Night of the Year Walk-a-Thon.

- **Transportation Services Report**

Commissioner MacCormick reported on the excessive amount of snow received in the past few weeks and the strain it has placed on both sidewalk and road clearing. She has received a number of complaints but has tried to reassure the residents that all possible steps are being taken to clear up the snow removal backlog. Commissioner MacCormick also reported on the meeting that the Village recently hosted with Saywood Drive residents and the engineering firm that is providing the plans for the Saywood Sidewalk Project.

- **Environmental Services Report**

The Clerk presented the report for Commissioner McLean and discussed the recent meetings with staff and officials of the County of Colchester in regards to planned storm drainage upgrades in the Pictou Road/Retson Drive area and discussion was held on storm drainage issues in the College Road/Teakwood Court neighborhoods.

- **Recreation Services Report**

Commissioner McLeod read the January Recreation Report that outlined the upcoming Volunteer Awards, the lunchtime activity program at Bible Hill East Court Road Elementary School, the progress on the Natural Playground design, a successful NSCC After School Partnership, and the Learn to Skate program with both Bible Hill Elementary School Grade 2's.

- **Clerk's Report**

The Clerk and Treasurer reported on the progress of the tender closing for the Village Hall renovations and reviewed the changes to the budget from the Commission in Committee Meeting of the previous week.

- **Chair's Report**

Chair Burke reported on events he had attended and will be attending on behalf of the Village.

Accounts

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by MacCormick*

That the Village of Bible Hill approves the accounts for payment.

Motion carried.

New Business

- **In Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole - Legal Advice**

*Moved by McLeod
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

That the Regular Monthly Meeting be adjourned to an In Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole.

Motion Carried.

At 8:17 pm the Commission went into an In-Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole.

The In-Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole adjourned back to the Regular Monthly Meeting at 8:17 pm.

- **ANSV - Points for Discussion**

The Association of Nova Scotia Villages had emailed the member villages asking what discussion has your Commission has had on the road ahead and if you are considering amalgamation with an adjoining town or county? In the opinion of the Commissioners, it was agreed that there was no consideration being given to town status, that there might be a possibility of amalgamation with the Town of Truro and there may be a possibility of amalgamation with Colchester County but the likely outcome, if the Province proceeded with this municipal reform would be a regional government.

Adjournment

Moved by MacCormick

Seconded by Van Kroonenburg

That the February 17, 2015 Regular Monthly Meeting of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm.

Chair Burke

Recording Secretary Curry

Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
