

**Village of Bible Hill  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
January 19, 2016**

The Village of Bible Hill Regular Monthly meeting was held on January 19, 2016 in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. Chair Burke called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Call to Order:           Chair Burke  
                                  Commissioner Kennedy  
                                  Deputy Chair MacCormick  
                                  Commissioner McLeod

Absent:                   Commissioner Van Kroonenburg

Staff:                     Clerk and Treasurer Christianson  
                                  Recording Secretary Curry  
                                  Solicitor MacDougall, Burchell MacDougall

Attendance:            Councillor Blair  
                                  Auditor L. MacLaughlin, Grant Thornton

**Approval of the Minutes of December 15, 2015**

*Moved by MacCormick  
Seconded by Kennedy*

*That the Regular Monthly Meeting minutes of December 15, 2015 be approved.*

*Motion carried*

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

*Moved by MacCormick  
Seconded by McLeod*

*That the agenda be approved as presented.*

*Motion carried.*

The Chair welcomed Councilor Blair, Solicitor MacDougall and Mrs. MacLaughlin to the meeting.

**Miscellaneous Business Including Delegations**

- **L. MacLaughlin, Grant Thornton - Review of Audit Plan**

Mrs. MacLaughlin presented the initial communication on audit planning to the Village Commission. It was reviewed in detail with few, if any, changes being made from last year.

- **County Councillor Blair**

Councillor Blair reported that this is a relatively quiet time of year for the County with budget work beginning in February. A new CAO for the Municipality of Colchester will start in April of this year with Crawford MacPherson continuing until that time as Interim CAO. She requested input from

Commissioners who attended the recent Networking Breakfast held at the Village Hall. She is hoping to increase participation in this event next year. Storm water management and Fire Marshall visits were also mentioned. The Chair brought forward the question of the County cost-sharing on the construction of a sidewalk from Village Line Avenue down to Regency Point. This road is a dividing point between Village and County. Councillor Blair suggested that the Village write a letter to the County now so that this request could be noted and put on file for next year's budgetary process. The Clerk will draft a letter.

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

- **Commission in Committee Report**

There is no Commission in Committee Report this month.

- **Update - Budget Review**

The Clerk reviewed the overall budget with the Commission. The Parks and Recreation Director will be presenting the Recreation budget at the next Commission meeting.

- **Budget - LED Advertising Sign**

The Clerk presented a quote obtained last year for a new LED Advertising Sign to replace the existing advertising sign on the front lawn of 69 Pictou Road. It is considerably cheaper to get a sign in one color versus multi-color. The Clerk was instructed to investigate the possibility of obtaining a Canada 150 grant for this purchase.

- **Bible Hill Tourist Map**

The Clerk reviewed a preliminary drawing of the map that the Village plans to produce as a sign to be placed at various entrance points to the Village. It was also suggested that the local restaurants might be approached to consider using the printed version as a placemat.

### **Review of Correspondence**

There was no correspondence noted this evening.

Mrs. MacLaughlin left the meeting at 8:10pm.

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

- **Protective Services Report**

Commissioner Kennedy read the Fire Brigade Report. The Brigade responded to 7 calls between December 3, 2015 and January 13, 2016. The Brigade is now accepting mutual aid membership as well as being busy updating their current membership application. A membership promotional sign will be put on Rod Lynk's garage by the Tim Horton drive thru. Calendars have been delivered to Village residents.

- **Transportation Services Report**

Deputy Chair MacCormick reported on sidewalk snow removal and mentioned events she had attended on behalf of the Village.

- **Environmental Services Report**

Commissioner Van Kroonenburg was not in attendance.

- **Recreation Services Report**

Commissioner McLeod read the Recreation Report that included an update on snowshoe rentals, an upcoming "Community Snowshoe", a report on Christmas events, progress on Canada Day planning, summer staff recruitment, and the upcoming Volunteer Awards. Commissioner McLeod, on behalf of the Parks and Rec Committee, presented a request to the Commission to have them serve at the dinner as a thank you gesture to award recipients. The Commission requested that the awards continue as they have been done in the past.

- **Clerk's Report**

The Clerk reported on snow removal in the Village. Two of last year's summer students are attending Dalhousie University and are helping the maintenance crew with shoveling duties. Maintenance is on call this weekend due to the predicted snowstorm.

- **Chair's Report**

The Chair reported on events he had attended on behalf of the Village.

### **Accounts**

*Moved by McLeod  
Seconded by MacCormick*

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

*Motion carried.*

### **New Business**

There was no new business noted.

### **In Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole**

*Moved by MacCormick  
Seconded by Kennedy*

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

*Motion Carried.*

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At 8:29 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 8:45 pm.

**Adjournment**

*Moved by McLeod*

*Seconded by MacCormick*

*That the January 19, 2016 Regular Monthly Meeting of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned.*

*Motion carried.*

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Chair Burke

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Recording Secretary Curry

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Clerk and Treasurer Christianson

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