

The Village of Bible Hill Regular Monthly meeting was held on August 18, 2015 in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. Chair Burke 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 Kennedy
Commissioner McLeod
Commissioner Van Kroonenburg

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

In Attendance: D. Stevenson, Municipal Electric Vehicle Charger Initiative
D. Mellish, Bible Hill Fire Chief
C. Blair, County of Colchester Councillor
W. Parker, County of Colchester Councillor
M. Chiasson, Media

Approval of the Minutes of July 21, 2015

Moved by MacCormick
Seconded by Kennedy

That the Regular Monthly Meeting minutes of July 21, 2015 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried

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

Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Kennedy

That the agenda be approved with the addition of Sidewalk Flags and Village Brochure under New Business.

Motion carried.

The Deputy Chair welcomed Councillor Parker, Councillor Blair, Fire Chief Mellish, Ms. Chiasson, and Mr. Stevenson to the meeting.

Miscellaneous Business Including Delegations

- David Stevenson - the Municipal Electric Vehicle Charger Initiative

Mr. Stevenson made a presentation on behalf of Nova Scotia Electric Vehicle Highway Services (EVHS) to participate in a program designed at creating a network of vehicle charging stations (VCS) across the province to provide convenient refueling stations for electric vehicles. Bible Hill would be an ideal location for this charging station and would conceivably bring new business to the area. For additional information, the Commission was requested to visit www.suncountryhighway.com or www.plugshare.com. The Commission will discuss this request further before a final decision is made.

- BHFB - purchase of modifications to Truck #232

Fire Chief Mellish made a presentation to the Commission on additional modifications for truck #232. Two companies were sourced with the Brigade preferring one over the other.

Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Kennedy

That the Village of Bible Hill obtain the services of Rocky Mountain Phoenix for modifications to truck #232 for \$7,722.96 + HST as well as additional lighting at a cost of \$925 + HST.

Motion carried.

- Councillor Blair, County of Colchester

Councillor Blair discussed the possible upcoming changes in the Municipal Elections Act. A response is requested by September 4. Councillor Blair believes that the changes will bring municipal elections more in line with the provincial system. She discussed the recent Flood Advisory Committee meeting she had attended and the fact that Farnham Brook remains at the top of the list for completion. Councillors Blair and Parker met with a representative from the Central Nova Tourist Association and brought forward some of their findings. The most significant comment on the Bible Hill area was insufficient signage for locations such as the Recreation Park and the Alumni Gardens. Colchester County CAO, Ramish Ummat, has resigned with his last day being October 2nd.

- Councillor Parker, County of Colchester

Councillor Parker also attended the meeting with Central Nova Tourism Association and mentioned the possibility of adding kilometer signs along the trails for walkers/joggers as well as the possibility developing an app for this area. Councillor Parker is continuing to bring flooding issues in Bible Hill forward to Council.

Business Arising out of the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Review of Correspondence

- Invitation to the Battle of Britain Ceremony

Chair Burke will attend the Battle of Britain Ceremony on September 20th. The office will send an acceptance and order a wreath.

Reports of Commissioners and Clerk and Treasurer

- Protective Services Report

Commissioner Kennedy read the Fire Brigade Report. The Brigade responded by 18 calls between June 11 and August 12. The Brigade has a new probationary member and helped with

local community events. Chief Mellish and Deputy Chief MacDonald recently attended the Maritime Fire Chiefs Association Annual Convention in Prince Edward Island.

- Transportation Services Report

Deputy Chair MacCormick reported on the progress of the Saywood Sidewalk Project. The project is almost complete and a walk-through of the completed project will be scheduled soon.

- Environmental Services Report

Commissioner Van Kroonenburg did not have a report this evening.

- Recreation Services Report

Commissioner McLeod read the Recreation Report that included an update on the Natural Playground, the After School Program, Summer Day Camps, and Scotia Pool. He also reported that Brendon, our Recreation Director, is moving on to the Provincial level with his last day at the Village being September 16th.

- Clerk's Report

The Clerk presented the July Financial Statement for review stating that all revenues and expenditures were on track.

The Regional After School Activity Program will not be based out of the Bible Hill Office this year and will be moving to one of the other municipalities that are involved with the program.

Stream Bank Stabilization for Farnham Brook will begin either the end of this week or early next week.

- Chair's Report

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

Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by MacCormick

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

Motion carried.

New Business

- Recreation Director Position

The Clerk reported that the job description for the Bible Hill Recreation Director position is ready to be advertised. He will be advertising through various means with an interview team put together to evaluate resumes and interview. It is hoped to have a new Recreation Director in place before the end of November.

- Motion to Transfer to Reserves

Moved by MacCormick
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg

That the Village of Bible Hill transfers \$9,000 from the Operating Fund to the Maintenance Reserve Fund, \$57,500 from the Operating Fund to the Fire Reserve Fund, and \$108,000 from the Operating Fund to the Operating Reserve Fund.

Motion carried.

- Discussion Paper - Municipal Elections Act

The Discussion Paper on the Municipal Elections Act was circulated earlier for the Commissioners to review. Feedback will be accepted by mail or email until September 4th, 2015. The Clerk noted that there was an inconsistency in the length of residency requirement between the Village section of the Municipal Government Act (6 months) and the proposed changes to the Municipal Government Act (resident on day of election). It was agreed that the chair will write a letter pointing out this inconsistency.

- Joint Provincial-Municipal Government Act Review

The Clerk will be applying to be on the Governance Efficiencies Working Group with the UNSM to develop policy issues for presentation, gather feedback, and make recommendations to the Act.

- Natural Playground Project

Moved by McLeod
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg

That the Village of Bible Hill approve the Government of Canada - ACOA Contract and the Chair and Clerk will sign where appropriate.

Motion carried.

Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLeod

That the Village of Bible Hill approve the revised budget for the Natural Playground Project.

Natural Playground Project
Bible Hill Recreation Park

Revenue

Government of Canada - ACOA - CIP 150	\$50,000
Village of Bible Hill	\$24,500

Province of Nova Scotia - RFD	\$16,000
County of Colchester	\$10,000
	<u>\$100,500</u>

Expenditures

Climbing Wall	\$ 5,000
Tree	\$ 1,000
Contract Administration and Site Inspection	\$ 6,000
Construction Contract	\$88,500
	<u>\$100,500</u>

Motion carried.

Moved by MacCormick
Seconded by Kennedy

That the Village of Bible Hill approve the purchase of a climbing wall from PlayPower LT Farmington, Inc. in the amount of \$5,022.66 including HST.

Motion carried.

Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLeod

That the Village of Bible Hill gives approval to engage Viridis for the Contract Administration and Site Supervision of the Natural Playground Project.

Motion carried.

Adjournment

Moved by MacCormick
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg

That the August 18, 2015 Regular Monthly Meeting of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Chair Burke

Recording Secretary Curry

Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
