

**Village of Bible Hill  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
June 16, 2015**

The Village of Bible Hill Regular Monthly meeting was held on June 16, 2015 in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. Chair Burke called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

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

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

Regrets:                Commissioner McLeod

In Attendance:        C. Blair, Colchester County Councillor  
                              D. Mellish, Bible Hill Fire Chief  
                              1 Village Resident

**Approval of the Minutes of May 19, 2015**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by Kennedy*

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

*Motion carried*

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

*Moved by MacCormick  
Seconded by Kennedy*

*That the agenda be approved with the addition of correspondence from Wallace Retirement Living.*

*Motion carried.*

The Deputy Chair welcomed Councillor Blair, Chief Mellish, and Ms. Loomer to the meeting.

**Miscellaneous Business Including Delegations**

- **BHFB Chief Dwane Mellish: automatic aid arrangement with the Truro Fire Service**

Chief Mellish congratulated Commissioner Kennedy on his appointment as Commissioner and his appointment to Protective Services. Chief Mellish was asked to attend the meeting to explain the Automatic Aid Protocol that has been initiated in cooperation with Truro Fire Service. Membership in the Bible Hill Fire Brigade, as in all

volunteer fire brigades across the province, has declined and it has become necessary to put into place a preventative, pro-active plan to avoid a negative scenario. This is not mutual aid. For certain fire calls a pumper and an operator from Truro Fire Service will automatically be sent out as an extension of the mutual aid agreement. The new exit protocol from the fire bays is now that the salvage van is first out the door. Another concern of the Fire Chief was that the Bible Hill Brigade only has 8 drivers with a Class 3 driver's license. More are interested now and a training program will begin. A new membership drive is also being undertaken. The Brigade would like the Village to assist with the membership drive in any way possible. The Clerk requested a written budget from the Brigade on how much money they are requesting.

The Fire Brigade is offering the use of the new fire bay to the Wallace Retirement Living residence next door as an interim emergency shelter if an evacuation is necessary. The Clerk will draft a letter to Wallace Living but will circulate to the Chair and to the Fire Chief before a final version is sent.

- **Councillor Blair**

Councillor Blair reported that demolition has begun on a property on Pictou Road that has been an unsightly concern. The Colchester Flood Advisory Committee met on May 12<sup>th</sup> and continues to work on Farnham Brook. Councillor Blair reported that the \$1.7 million earmarked for the Bible Hill Master Plan has now been redirected and will be used to develop the Palliser property. The buildings there will be demolished with the exception of the Interpretative Centre that hopes to be open by mid July. Councillor Blair also said that she had received many compliments to the Village on the new Cobequid Trail extension. Noise has been an issue in the Bible Hill area with motocross bikes being driven within the Village boundaries. The County is actively involved with resolving this noise issue.

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

- **Commission in Committee Report**

*Moved by MacCormick  
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

*I move that that the Village of Bible Hill purchase a Philips HeartStart On-Site Defibrillator AED and additional accessories from Can-med Healthcare at a cost of \$2,649.42 plus HST.*

*Motion carried.*

- **Sidewalk Construction Projects - First Draft of Priority List**

The Clerk presented the written version of the draft priority list that was talked about at the last meeting.

*Draft Sidewalk Priority List - June 2015*

- *Holy Well Park to the Salmon River Bridge - 1*

- *Village Line Avenue Pictou to College - 2*
- *Old Court House Branch College to Regency - 2*
- *Hazel Drive*

1. *Potential Active Transportation Route - possible funding from external agencies*
2. *Conditional upon cost sharing with the County of Colchester.*

- **Holy Well Park - damage to well**

Holy Well Park has sustained some damage to the well monument and the metal plate that was engraved is now missing. General repairs also have to be made. The Clerk has done some investigation on replacing the plaque and repairing the monument. The Clerk was instructed to proceed with this project keeping the repairs under \$1,000.

### Review of Correspondence

- **Natural Playground Grant Approval - Municipality of Colchester**

The Village of Bible Hill will be receiving funding in the amount of \$10,000 for the design and construction of a natural playground in the Bible Hill Recreation Park from the Municipality of Colchester.

- **Natural Playground Grant Approval - Province of Nova Scotia**

The Village of Bible Hill will be receiving a grant in the amount of \$16,000 from Nova Scotia's Recreation Facility Development Grant Program for the natural playground.

- **Ball Field Dugouts Grant Approval - Province of Nova Scotia**

The Village of Bible Hill will be receiving \$2,900 from the Community Recreation Capital Grant Program to assist with the costs incurred with the construction of two baseball dugouts.

- **Saywood Sidewalk Construction Project**

The Saywood Sidewalk Project has begun and is going very well. The site is neat and tidy with good traffic control. Work is now being carried out on the storm drainage system.

- **NSPE Invitation - August 25**

Chair Burke will be attending the Official Opening Ceremonies of the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition on August 25<sup>th</sup>.

### Reports of Commissioners and Clerk and Treasurer

- **Protective Services Report**

Commissioner Kennedy read the Bible Hill Fire Brigade's report. The brigade responded to 5 emergency calls between May 14<sup>th</sup> and June 10<sup>th</sup>. Stephen MacDonald was voted into

full membership. Four members of the brigade attended the Fire Department Information Conference in Wolfville. Bible Hill RIT members continue monthly training and a five-team summer weekend duty schedule has been initiated.

- **Transportation Services Report**

Deputy Chair MacCormick reported that the next Saywood Project Construction Meeting would be on June 24<sup>th</sup> at 11am. On June 25<sup>th</sup> she will be attending an ANSV meeting.

- **Environmental Services Report**

Commissioner Van Kroonenburg reported on events she had attended on behalf of the Village.

- **Recreation Services Report**

The Recreation Report was circulated. It included updates on the After School Program, Summer Day Camps, Canada Day, and the recent Cobequid Trail Opening.

- **Clerk's Report**

The Clerk did not have a report this evening.

- **Chair's Report**

The Chair reported on events he had attended on behalf of the Village. He reminded all Commissioners about Canada Day festivities and being in the parade.

### **Accounts**

*Moved by MacCormick  
Seconded by Kennedy*

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

*Motion carried.*

### **New Business**

- **ANSV Annual Meeting**

A full copy of the information sent out to ANSV Member Villages was circulated for information purposes. The Annual General Meeting is in Bible Hill this year on September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Deputy Chair MacCormick would like confirmation of attendance to register for the AGM.

- **Canada Day 2015**

The Canada Day issue of Action on the Hill was included for information purposes. All Commissioners will be in the parade again this year on a horse-drawn wagon.

**Adjournment**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by Kennedy*

*That the June 16, 2015 Regular Monthly Meeting of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned.*

*Motion carried.*

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Chair Burke

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Recording Secretary Curry

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Clerk and Treasurer Christianson

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