

Village of Bible Hill
Commission in Committee Meeting
December 12, 2017

The Village of Bible Hill Commission in Committee Meeting was held on December 12, 2017 in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Call to Order: Chair MacCormick
Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg
Commissioner Bell
Commissioner Kennedy
Commissioner Mellish

Staff: Clerk and Treasurer Christianson

In Attendance: Councillor Wade Parker, District 11

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

Moved by Bell

Seconded by Kennedy

That the agenda be approved.

Motion Carried

Call for Declaration of Conflict of Interests

No declarations of conflict of interest were made.

Councillor Wade Parker, District 11

Councillor Parker updated the Village on a number of programs being undertaken by the County:

- Colchester Christian Academy has approached the Municipality regarding acquisition of the former East Court Road School. A public hearing will be held on the 14th of December.
- Colchester has budgeted for the construction of the Village Line Sidewalk (a

cost shared project with Bible Hill) for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

- Development is continuing on the Fundy Discovery Centre. Water and sewer lines are being installed and tender has been let on the construction of a washroom building.
- The weather station and communication tower at the Debert Airport has been upgraded.

Round Table Discussion

Commissioner Mellish leadoff discussion on a number of points

- *Bible Hill branding* – the meeting explored various opportunities for branding the Village of Bible Hill to increase public knowledge of the community.
- *Joint initiatives* – the meeting felt it was very important that Bible Hill continue to be involved with joint initiatives that include Dalhousie University, the County of Colchester, the Town of Truro, and the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission.
- *Recreation* – it was agreed that it is important to expand the exiting trail network system and it was also felt that by enhancing the sports fields, Bible Hill could attract more regional event.
- *Bible Hill Fire Brigade* – Commissioner Mellish felt that the fire hydrants should be better identified with perhaps emblems painted on the roadways, especially on Ryland Avenue to keep vehicles from parking in front of fire hydrants. Commissioner Mellish also felt that the Village should be working with Fire Brigade to help increase volunteer membership.
- *Public Awareness and Promotion* – discussion was held on Bible Hill targeting more media releases and increasing social media communications.
- *Environmental Enhancements* – discussion was held on the possibility of installing solar panels on the roof of 69 Pictou Road, electrical charging units for vehicles, and the possibility of identifying Bible Hill as an environmentally sensitive community.
- *Village Electoral Reform* – discussion was held on amendments to the Bible Hill Election Day By Law to enhance voting opportunities for Village residents.
- Commissioner Van Kroonenburg reported that a number of the enhancements discussed earlier will have more detailed information presented in the recreation budget presentation at the January meeting. Among the items to be expanded are trail expansion and directional signage

- for the major parks fields.
- A discussion was held on re-introduction of the crosswalk flags.
 - It was also pointed out that there are now apps available that would give the public the opportunity to get more information on places and features in the Village.
 - Discussion was also held on the need for a priority process to identify a shorter high priority list of items to be worked on by the Village. It was identified that there was a need to develop a “go from here” procedure (short term/long term goals). Councilor Parker explained the process that Colchester had gone through earlier in the year where a consultant was hired and three days were taken to discuss ideas with councilors and employees to develop a priority list for future Colchester initiatives.
 - Councillor Parker also discussed an upcoming meeting that he and Councillor Boutilier were planning to meet with the residents of Bible Hill to find out what they wanted in the way of municipal services. Discussion was held on whether or not the village would participate.

All commissioners felt that the evening had been an excellent opportunity to discuss such a wide range of topics.

Adjournment

Moved by Kennedy
Seconded by Bell

That the December 12, 2017 Commission in Committee Meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:22pm.

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg _____

Clerk and Treasurer Christianson _____