

The Village of Bible Hill Regular Monthly meeting was held on July 18, 2017 in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. Chair MacCormick called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Call to Order: Chair MacCormick
Commissioner Bell
Commissioner Kennedy
Commissioner Mellish

Regrets: Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg

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

Review and Approval of the Minutes of June 20, 2017

*Moved by Bell
Seconded by Mellish*

That the meeting minutes June 20, 2017 be approved.

Motion carried

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

*Moved by Kennedy
Seconded by Bell*

That the agenda be approved with the addition of Fire Brigade iPad purchase under New Business.

Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Business Including Delegations

There were no delegations present.

Business Arising out of the Minutes

- **Topics Arising from the Round Table Discussion**

The Clerk reviewed the list that had been brought forward from last month's round table discussion.

1. Walking Track Bible Hill Recreation Park – The Clerk recommended that the Village should start this process to have the work completed in a timely manner. The Recreation Director will obtain a rough measurement of the distance and then the idea will be brought forward to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

2. Trail Development Bible Hill Recreation Park to Maple Blvd – This proposed trail section would be to join the Recreation Park to Maple Blvd as a further extension of the Trans Canada Trail. There are a few different routes possible. The Recreation Director will GPS the possible routes. There is a lot on Guest Drive that is of interest both for the possibility of using it for the trail and as for potential storm drainage access.

*Moved by Kennedy
Seconded by Bell*

That the Village of Bible Hill have the Clerk and Solicitor look into the possibility of purchasing the Guest Drive lot in question.

Motion carried.

3. Engagement of Business Community to Promote Bible Hill – The importance of engaging the business community within the Village was discussed with several ideas being brought forward. The possibility of creating a committee to look further into these ideas was put forward. This proposed committee would meet quarterly and report back to the commission meetings with their ideas.

The top three ideas were discussed with the remainder to be brought to the August meeting.

4. Public Session to Seek Resident Concerns & Ideas for Development
5. Additional Signage (Bulletin Board) to Promote Village Points of Interest
6. Quarterly Meetings to Discuss Broad Scope for Future Endeavors
7. Engagement with Dalhousie Partnering on New Projects

Review of Correspondence

- **Letter from Premier McNeil re: Shared Municipal Matters**

The Clerk reviewed the letter that was received from Premier McNeil in response to a letter from the Village with their concerns for improvements needed within the Village. The concerns were forwarded to the appropriate departments. The Clerk is to compose a letter to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal regarding outstanding transportation issues.

Reports of Commissioners and Clerk and Treasurer

- **Commissioner Bell**

Commissioner Bell reported on Environmental Services. The project at the Recreation Park continues to be on schedule. Mid Valley Construction has closed the entire park from July 19 to July 28.

- **Commissioner Kennedy**

Commissioner Kennedy reported on the meetings he had attended on behalf of the Village.

- **Commissioner Mellish**

Commissioner Mellish reported on Transportation Services. He has concerns about the lessening of street cleaning that has been done in the last number of years. The curbs are also in disrepair. Both of these issues are the responsibility of TIR and could ultimately result in storm drainage issues if a big storm was to wash all of the accumulated silt down the storm sewer pipes. The Clerk will circulate a TIR policy on street cleaning to the commissioners and will follow up with TIR's expected schedule to do street cleaning and curb repairs. He also reported on events and meetings he had attended.

- **Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg**

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg sent regrets to the meeting.

- **Clerk and Treasurer Christianson**

The Clerk circulated the June statement of Revenue and Expenditures and will respond to any questions from the commission.

- **Chair MacCormick**

Chair MacCormick reported on meetings and events she had attended on behalf of the Village.

Accounts

*Moved by Kennedy
Seconded by Bell*

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

Motion carried.

New Business

- **Deer population in Bible Hill**

A Village resident approached the Clerk with concerns about the deer population in Bible Hill. The Town of Truro is also having problems with deer and there are discussions and meetings on possible solutions. The Clerk will investigate any possible solutions mentioned by the Town.

- **RFQ – Mower Purchase / Trade In**

The Village sent out an RFP to trade in an older diesel large mower for a smaller gas zero turn lawn mower.

*Moved by Mellish
Seconded by Kennedy*

That the Village of Bible Hill purchase a John Deere Z950M Commercial Ztrak mower with a 72" deck from John Deere with the remaining balance after trade in of \$2,415.00 including HST.

Motion carried.

- **Transfer from Capital Reserves to Operating Fund - \$400,000**

Moved by Bell

Seconded by Kennedy

That the Village of Bible Hill transfer \$400,000 from Capital Reserves to the Operating Fund.

Motion carried.

- **Future Sidewalk Construction Projects**

The Clerk circulated the last approved sidewalk construction list to be reviewed and updated.

Current Sidewalk Construction Priority Listing from February 2016:

1. Pictou Road (south) from Vimy Road to Blanchard Avenue
2. Village Line Avenue from Pictou Road to College Road (built if Colchester cost shares)
3. Old Courthouse Branch from College Road to Regency Point (built if Colchester cost shares)
4. Hazel Drive (east)
5. Dunromin Avenue (east)

Additional:

- Main Street Multi-Use Trail – Salmon River Bridge to College Road
- Pictou Road from 22 Pictou Road to Vimy Road

The second item is currently in progress and can be removed from the list. In its place, the Clerk has recommended the construction on Main Street of a Multi-use trail from the Salmon River Bridge, under the Subway Tunnel (where the trail would have to narrow) and to the beginning of College Road. This project has the possibility of funding as both the County of Colchester and the Province of Nova Scotia want this sidewalk built to continue the Trans Canada Trail.

- **Banners**

Moved by Bell

Seconded by Kennedy

That the Village of Bible Hill put this item on the agenda for the August Commission Meeting.

Motion carried.

- **Fire Brigade Purchase**

The Fire Brigade will be adding new technology to two of their fire vehicles in the form of iPads which will include apps for mapping, *iamresponding*, and other relevant topics. The Fire Brigade

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made an application for funding for this technology initiative and has received the grant. The Village will purchase the iPads and be reimbursed by the Fire Brigade.

*Moved by Kennedy
Seconded by Mellish*

That the Village of Bible Hill purchase two ipads, accessories, and programs for this new technology initiative and be reimbursed by the Fire Brigade for their total cost minus the grant.

Motion carried.

Adjournment

Moved by Kennedy

That the July 18, 2017 Regular Monthly Meeting of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Chair MacCormick

Recording Secretary Curry

Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
