

The Village of Bible Hill Regular Monthly meeting was held on June 20, 2017 in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. Chair MacCormick called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

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

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

Present: Colchester County Councillor W. Parker  
Colchester County Councillor E. Boutilier

**Review and Approval of the Minutes of May 16, 2017 and June 13, 2017**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by Kennedy*

*That the meeting minutes of May 16, 2017 and June 13, 2017 be approved as presented.*

*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 “Rec Park Walking Trail” under New Business.*

*Motion carried.*

Chair MacCormick welcomed Councillor Parker and Councillor Boutilier to the meeting.

**Miscellaneous Business Including Delegations**

Councillor Parker brought forward information to the commission on areas relevant to Bible Hill. There has been considerable debate over the “J” Class Streets in the Foxhill area. These roads are the responsibility of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal who contribute 50% of upgrades and request that the Municipality pay the remaining 50% (practice is to bill to the affected property owners). Colchester has been under pressure to take over these roads but if they do, it is estimated that the tax rate would increase by approximately 6 cents. If Village officials receive complaints about this issue, the MLA should be contacted by the resident. Councillor Parker also brought forward information on the drain blockage across from Osprey

and the drainage pipe proposed to be installed. The last item was the meeting that the developer of the Easy Home Living project had with area residents of both Osprey Ridge and Guest Drive regarding the proposed development. The appropriate permits and re-zoning has not been completed to date.

Councillor Boutilier spoke of the work being done on the salt marsh project. It has been proposed to move the location of several dikes along the Salmon River to hopefully alleviate ice buildup and flooding. This process will continue.

**Business Arising out of the Minutes**

- **Commission in Committee Report**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by Bell*

*That the Village of Bible Hill transfer \$280,000 from Operating Reserve to Operating Fund.*

*Motion carried.*

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by Kennedy*

*That the Village of Bible Hill instruct the Clerk to go forward with the development a RFQ for banking services.*

*Motion carried.*

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by Kennedy*

*That the Village of Bible Hill engage Justaart Landscaping for a three-year term with the addition of detailed information on paying labour rates for work not covered by the contract.*

*Motion carried.*

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by Kennedy*

*That the Village of Bible Hill proceed with signing the 2-year CUPE contract*

*Motion carried*

- **Meeting and Procedures Policy - questions and comments**

The Clerk reviewed the policy that had been circulated at the last meeting. Several questions for clarification were brought forward to be addressed. The policy was noted as being a guideline that can be implemented in certain situations as needed - time limits and the ability of presenters to speak at the meeting were of note.

- **BHFB - use of Brigade Exercise Equipment - reinstatement of Wellness Program**

Discussion was held on reinstating the Wellness Program that had been in effect for active fire fighters and full time staff. The Commission felt it was a good initiative to continue.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by Kennedy*

*That the Village of Bible Hill reinstate the Wellness Program for active fire fighters and full time staff that will have a budget of \$5,000.*

*Motion carried.*

- **Previous correspondence to the Minister of Transportation**

The Clerk brought forward previous correspondence to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal regarding the proposed change to the “Y” intersection at the corner of Bernie MacDonald Drive and Pictou Road. Also of noted were the Village’s concerns of the proposed stop signs on side streets off Village Line Avenue between College and Pictou Roads. There is now a new cabinet in place and the Chair was requested to send a letter to the new Minister of Transportation regarding the Village’s concerns on these two issues.

### Review of Correspondence

There was no correspondence noted this evening.

### Reports of Commissioners and Clerk and Treasurer

- **Commissioner Bell**

Commissioner Bell reported on Environmental Services. He reported that concrete work has begun on the outfall at the back of the Recreation Park. More rock may be needed to stabilize banks, the construction company is running into issues of gas exposure in certain areas, and the diesel pump that is temporarily re-routing waste water away from the outfall is now being shut off at night. The project appears to be on schedule and they hope to be completed by the end of August.

- **Commissioner Kennedy**

Commissioner Kennedy reported on the Fire Brigade for May. The brigade responded to 9 calls between May 11 and June 14. Items of note were the recent Father’s Day fundraiser breakfast, the upcoming Winding River Op’ry event with proceeds going to the fire brigade, the brigade’s

participation in Canada Day events, the upcoming Annual Poker Rally held in the parking lot, and the recently approved training for select brigade members with EHS to be Medical First Responders.

- **Commissioner Mellish**

Commissioner Mellish did not have a report this evening.

- **Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg**

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg reported on Recreation Services. Included were updates on the Recreation Park work and affected areas of the park, the Airport Fields are handling increased usage due to the Rec Park closure, Summer Day Camps are planned and continue to take applications to fill the last remaining spots, and the much-anticipated upcoming Canada Day activities.

- **Clerk and Treasurer Christianson**

The Clerk reported on a recent issue at the Recreation Park project affecting Nova Scotia Power. It has now been corrected and work continues on schedule.

- **Chair MacCormick**

Chair MacCormick reported on events she had attended on behalf of the Village including the Village's Annual Meeting, bi-weekly construction meetings, Canada Day committee meetings, the recent Fire Brigade Auction and the upcoming Scotia Pool re-opening and re-naming ceremony. The event at Scotia Pool is on Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> and everyone was encouraged to attend.

#### Accounts

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by Bell*

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

*Motion carried.*

- **Trail Re-surfacing - Retson Drive**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by Bell*

*That the Village of Bible Hill accept the proposal for the resurfacing of the Retson Drive connection section of the Cobequid Trail from Will-Kare Paving & Contracting Limited at a cost of \$10,000 including HST.*

*Motion carried.*

- **Sidewalk Repairs**

*Moved by Bell  
Seconded by Kennedy*

*That the Village of Bible Hill approve the proposal and contract from Will-Kare Paving and Contracting Limited for sidewalk patching in various areas within the Village for a cost of \$52,000 + HST.*

*Motion carried.*

- **Canada Day 2017**

Chair MacCormick reported that Canada Day planning is proceeding on schedule. The parade has approximately 16 entries to date with more expected. Commissioners are to meet on St. David's Avenue at 9:30am to begin the parade. The grand opening will be at the Airport Fields this year at the back of the fields. Commissioners are to be there for the 12:30pm ceremonies.

- **Round Table Discussion - future projects/direction for Village of Bible Hill**

The Clerk requested input from the Commissioners on future projects and goals for the Village of Bible Hill. Ideas brought forward were:

1. Chair MacCormick would like to see a walking track completed at the Bible Hill Recreation Park that would encircle the entire park. This would be of great benefit to the walking community - especially seniors.
2. Commissioner Bell would like to see additional work done on trail development from the Recreation Park to Scenic Drive. This addition would complete the connection between Truro and the Cobequid Trail.
3. Commissioner Mellish would like to see a broader initiative to engage the local business community to promote the Village. He would like to see a session open to the public for ideas on residents' concerns and ideas for future development. He would like to see additional signage to promote landmarks and items of interest in the Village.
4. Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg would like to see a bulletin board erected in a prominent location to identify locations of interest within the Village.
5. Commissioner Bell suggested the formation of a sub-committee that would possibly meet quarterly to discuss the broad scope of future endeavors in the Village. The Village of Tatamagouche as an example to aim to duplicate. Dalhousie University is very open to partnering with the Village on new initiatives. This committee formation will be put back on the agenda for the July Commission Meeting.

- **Signature for Banking**

Commissioner Mellish signed the appropriate documents to initiate signing authority for the Village.

**In Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole - Personnel Issue**

*Moved by Bell  
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

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

*Motion Carried.*

At 8:20 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 Kennedy*

*Seconded by Bell*

*That the June 20, 2017 Regular Monthly Meeting of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned.*

*Motion carried.*

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Chair MacCormick

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Recording Secretary Curry

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Clerk and Treasurer Christianson

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