

## Village of Bible Hill

### 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Electors of Village of Bible Hill November 9, 2020



The 66<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the electors of Village of Bible Hill was held on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the H. Douglas Boyce Village Hall, 69 Pictou Road. The meeting was called to order at 8:02pm. The meeting adjourned at 8:56pm.

Call to order: Chair Lois MacCormick  
Deputy Chair Donna Van Kroonenburg  
Commissioner Kevin Kennedy  
Commissioner Knickolle Pitcher  
Commissioner Tom Burke  
Clerk and Treasurer Mitchell Bell  
Recording Secretary Pamela Chandler  
Fire Captain of Equipment Dave PearsTon  
Grant Thornton Auditor Jeff Mantin  
Solicitor Daniel Roper of Burchell MacDougall

Guests: Brad Lowe, election candidate for the Office of Village Commissioner  
Justin Clark, election candidate for the Office of Village Commissioner  
Carvell McNutt, election candidate for the Office of Village Commissioner  
Dave Ritcey, MLA  
Christine Blair, Mayor of Colchester  
Wade Parker, Councillor - District 11  
Curtis MacKinnon, RCMP Colchester District Commander  
Deputy Chief Chris Hurley  
Ashton Comeau, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee member  
Murray MacCormick, resident  
Nicholas Bell, resident

Regrets: Tim Shea, election candidate for the Office of Village Commissioner

Clerk and Treasurer Bell welcomed those present to the meeting and introduced those seated at the head table. Noting that the meeting was the 66<sup>th</sup> such meeting, Bell took a moment to reflect on minute items from the year of the 1<sup>st</sup> annual meeting.

Chair MacCormick welcomed guests, including Madame Mayor Christine Blair, Councilor Wade Parker, MLA Dave Ritcey, and Staff Sergeant Curtis MacKinnon. She then called the meeting to order at 8:02pm.

## **Approval of the Minutes of the 65th Annual Meeting**

*Moved by Commissioner Van Kroonenburg and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy, that the minutes of the 65<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the electors of the Village of Bible Hill be approved as circulated. Motion carried.*

Justin Clarke joined the meeting at 8:01pm.

## **Reports of Commissioners**

### **Commissioner Burke - Transportation Services Report**

Commissioner Burke presented the Transportation Services Report – as attached.

### **Commissioner Kennedy - Protective Services Report**

Commissioner Kennedy presented the Protective Services Report – as attached.

### **Commissioner Pitcher- Recreation and Cultural Services Report**

Commissioner Pitcher presented the Recreation and Cultural Services Report – as attached.

### **Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg – Environmental Health Services Report**

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg presented the Environmental Health Services Report – as attached.

### **Chair MacCormick - Chair's Report**

Chair MacCormick presented the Chair's Report – as attached.

Chair MacCormick ended her report by encouraging anyone interested to attend the Village's regular Commission meetings held the third Tuesday of each month, and offered sincere thanks to the Village Commissioners and staff for their work and their faith in her as serving on the Commission over the years.

The room applauded Chair MacCormick for her work and dedication to the Village throughout her years as member of the Commission.

## **Other Reports**

### **Clerk and Treasurer Bell - Bible Hill Fire Brigade Report**

Bible Hill Fire Brigade Captain of Equipment Dave PearsTon presented the Fire Brigade Report on behalf of Fire Chief Joey Bisson – as attached.

### **Auditor's Report**

Mr. Jeff Mantin, CPA, of Grant Thornton, reviewed in detail the Independent Auditor's Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020. He explained the opinion of the auditor, as well as the responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the financial statements. Mr. Mantin also explained the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements and highlighted the consolidated statement of operations

and surplus and the consolidated statement of financial position, and noted that the Village expenses and revenues are largely consistent with the prior year and in-line with the budget.

Chair MacCormick thanked Mr. Mantin for his report.

### **Business arising out of the minutes**

There was no business arising out of the minutes.

### **Adoption of Reports**

*Moved by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg, that the reports given this evening be adopted. Motion carried.*

### **Miscellaneous Business**

Chair MacCormick opened the floor to the Commission candidates.

Tom Burke provided information as to why he should be re-elected as Village Commissioner, highlighting limitations that will arise due to the Covid-19 pandemic, and his experience working through tough situations and experiences in the past.

Justin Clark started by congratulating Chair MacCormick on her retirement, and thanking Commissioner Burke for his work as Commissioner. He provided information regarding his personal background, noting that he and his family decided to settle in Bible Hill as it is a lovely small, safe, family-friendly town. He noted that he is a registered CPA, and said skills would assist the Village in managing these unprecedented times. He highlighted his volunteering within the community, and closed by wishing fellow candidates well during this week's polls, and requesting all residents take the time to vote.

Brad Lowe opened by thanking the Commission and Village of Bible Hill for their work, and for inviting the candidates to the meetings over these past few months. He noted that his fiancé and he "planted their roots" in the Village, and that he is an active volunteer with the Bible Hill Fire Brigade. He added that he and his fiancée both attended the local Dalhousie Agricultural Campus, and having lived in Bible Hill for school encouraged them to settle down in the Village, including starting his own business here. He then noted that he would like to further support the Parks & Recreation within the Village, and further partake and support the Bible Hill Fire Brigade.

Carvell McNutt introduced himself as a long-term Bible Hill resident a long time active member of the community, highlighting his volunteer experience with Bible Hill Fire Brigade. He noted that he has watched the Village grow, and that he wants to encourage the Village's growth, and improvements and support to the community youth, parks, fire brigade, etc. He noted that he wants to look ahead to keep children and residents here in the Village, protecting them as we grow in the future. He noted that he has recommendations for Village trails and parks. He

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Chair MacCormick thanked the Commission Candidates for their words, and then closed by thanking everyone in the audience for attending.

## Adjournment

*Moved by Commissioner Kennedy and seconded by Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg, that the meeting be adjourned.  
Motion carried.*

The meeting adjourned at 8:56pm.

Chair MacCormick



Clerk and Treasurer Bell



Recording Secretary Chandler

