

**Village of Bible Hill  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
April 20, 2021**



The Village of Bible Hill regular monthly meeting was held on April 20, 2021 in Commission Chambers, at the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. Chair Kennedy called the meeting to order at 7:00pm; the meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.

**Call to Order:** Chair Kennedy  
Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg  
Commissioner Burke  
Commissioner Pitcher  
Commissioner Shea  
Clerk and Treasurer Bell  
Recording Secretary Chandler  
Solicitor Roper, Burchell MacDougall

**Review and approval of the minutes of March 16, 2021 and April 13, 2021**

*Moved by Pitcher and seconded by Van Kroonenburg, that the meeting minutes of March 16, 2021 and April 13, 2021 be approved. Motion carried.*

**Call for new or other business and review and approval of agenda**

Chair Kennedy called for new or other business. Clerk and Treasurer requested to remove *Procurement of baseball field maintenance* from new business, and to move *localized flooding* from miscellaneous business to closed session.

*Moved by Burke and seconded by Shea, that the agenda be approved with amendments. Motion carried.*

**Call for declaration of conflict of interests**

Chair Kennedy called for any declaration of conflict of interest and no conflict was declared.

**Miscellaneous business including delegations**

**2021 – 2022 Budget adoption**

Chair Kennedy called for approval and adoption of the proposed 2021 – 2022 operating and capital budget as presented by Clerk and Treasurer Bell. The Commission discussed.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg and seconded by Pitcher that Village of Bible Hill adopt the 2021 – 2022 budget as presented; and that Resolution 1 be approved as presented. Motion carried.*

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

### **Commission in Committee Report**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg and seconded by Pitcher that Village of Bible Hill write a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, requesting incorporated Villages be more equitably considered for funding from the Canada Community Building Fund when the agreements are renewed. Motion carried.*

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg and seconded by Pitcher that Village of Bible Hill award Phase 2 and 3 of the College Road Sidewalk Project to CBCL at the proposed cost of \$18,126.10 plus HST. Motion carried.*

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg and seconded by Pitcher that Village of Bible Hill authorize the Commission in Committee to award the College Road Sidewalk Renewal project during the May 2021 meeting. Motion carried.*

### **Review of Correspondence**

There was no correspondence to review.

### **Reports of Commissioners and Clerk and Treasurer**

#### **Commissioner Burke, Transportation Services**

Commissioner Burke spoke about his recent Village activity. Burke spoke of recently filled potholes by the Department of Transportation and Active Transit (TAT). He added that the Bible Hill Recreation Park is seeing lots of use and called for a reminder for persons to watch crosswalks accordingly. He requested the Clerk and Treasurer revisit the idea of adding more playground approach signage in that area. Clerk and Treasurer noted that an ask was made to TAT for consideration to install such signage last summer, but no installation has taken place, or any follow up on the subject by TAT. The Clerk and Treasurer indicated he will follow up with TAT on the matter. The Commission discussed.

#### **Commissioner Shea, Protective Services**

Commissioner Shea presented the April 2021 Fire Chief's report – as attached. The Commission discussed.

#### **Commissioner Pitcher, Recreation and Cultural Services**

Commissioner Pitcher noted that she was pleased to recognize the Village volunteers and is enjoying seeing the volunteer posts and positive comments on social media. Commissioner Pitcher then presented the April 2021 Recreation report – as attached. The Commission discussed.

#### **Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg, Environmental Health Services**

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg noted that she attended the two-night Volunteer Awards Ceremony last month and enjoyed being able to present the awards to those volunteers being recognized. She added that the photos and posts on social media is well enjoyed and appreciated. She recommended doing something similar for the brigade's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary accordingly.

She added that she recently received a thank you to the Village from a resident for having a visually impaired child sign removed that was no longer needed. The Commission discussed.

#### **Chair Kennedy**

Chair Kennedy reported that he recently attended the two-night volunteer awards presentations, and that it was great to meet and thank those volunteers for their work. He then discussed how April 14<sup>th</sup> he attended the fire brigade's meeting, where they presented their awards for the last two years in lieu of their typical banquet. Kennedy informed the Commission that some residents have a surplus of photos of the brigade over the years, and that these would be great to use to promote the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

He noted that he attended a meeting with the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition and all levels of government to discuss funding potential replacement of the Agridome. The Commission discussed.

### **Clerk and Treasurer Bell**

Clerk and Treasurer Bell opened his report by congratulating the Commission on adopting their budget. He then discussed that summer students are starting soon, beginning this month, through May and June. He noted that four maintenance summer staff, and two recreation summer staff have been hired, with two recreation positions remaining to hire. He informed the Commission that the Village has received informal notice of some wage funding for five summer students.

Bell informed the Commission that, following collection efforts, Chignecto Central Regional Centre for Education (CCRCE) has now paid their sewer levy invoice for last year. Bell informed the Commission that no submissions were received on a recent public call for expressions of interest to provide Village sidewalk snow removal services, noting that the procurement exercise opened in mid-February and closed on April 1, 2021, with advertisement placed on the Province's public procurement site, as well as in newspapers.

Bell further informed the Commission of his recent activities within the Village, which included:

- correspondence between the County of Colchester (Devin Trefry) and the Village regarding working together to address the deer population issue;
- attending a virtual accessibility forum regarding phase two of built environment standard recommendations under the Accessibility Act, noting the timeline through to implementation;
- submitting application to the Provincial Department of Communities Culture and Heritage for grant funding to undertake upgrades to the hall's building control system/systems;
- attending the Fire Brigade's April monthly meeting, where the Brigade presented awards for 2019 and 2020, and where the Chair presented a 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary gift to the Brigade;
- having Village flags at half-mast in respect and collective grief from the passing of The Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh, and of the tragedy of April 18 and 19, 2020; and
- attending a virtual meeting hosted by Member of Parliament (MP) Lenore Zann, discussing replacement of the Agridome structure at the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition property, where it was suggested a general letter of support from local governments for the Exhibition would strengthen an application for Federal funding. Bell added that the MP's office has provided information regarding a Federal grant funding opportunity for funding of retrofits, repairs and upgrades to existing community buildings that improve environmental outcomes.

Upon Bell's conclusion of his report, the Commission discussed, and requested Bell submit an application for the Federal grant funding for retrofits and repairs to the hall.

### **Accounts**

*Moved by Van Burke and seconded by Van Kroonenburg, that Village of Bible Hill approve the accounts for payment. Motion carried.*

## **New Business**

### **Procurement: Accessibility improvements – 69 Pictou Road**

Clerk and Treasurer Bell discussed the procurement of accessibility improvements for H. Douglas Boyce Village Hall (69 Pictou Road). The Commission discussed.

*Moved by Pitcher and seconded by Van Kroonenburg that Village of Bible Hill award the Accessibility Improvements project to Fowler Construction Services Limited at a cost of \$42,621, including contingency, plus HST. Motion carried.*

Clerk and Treasurer noted that after the most recent award, there is remaining grant funding for accessibility project(s), provided example additional projects that could possibly be undertaken with the excess funding, and requested direction from the Commission on what project(s) they would like to see prioritized. By consensus, the Commission directed the Clerk and Treasurer to prioritize efforts towards hall stage improvements and installation of an accessible wheelchair swing at a park.

### **Closed Session – Matter eligible for solicitor – client privilege (1)**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg and seconded by Burke to enter closed session. Motion carried.*

The Commission meeting entered closed session at 7:54pm.

Recording Secretary Chandler left the meeting at 7:54pm.

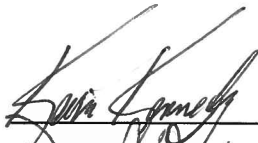
The Commission meeting returned to open session at 8:08pm.

## **Adjournment**

*Moved by Pitcher that the April 20, 2021 regular monthly meeting of Village of Bible Hill be adjourned. Motion carried.*

The meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.

Chair Kennedy



Recording Secretary Chandler



Clerk and Treasurer Bell

