

**Village of Bible Hill
Regular Monthly Meeting
October 19, 2021**



The Village of Bible Hill regular monthly meeting was held on October 19, 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 8:26pm.

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

Review and approval of the minutes of September 21, and October 12, 2021

Moved by Pitcher and seconded by Van Kroonenburg, that the meeting minutes of September 21 and October 12, 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 and the Clerk and Treasurer requested to add Department of Environment to miscellaneous business, and Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg requested to add a closed session for a personnel matter.

Moved by Pitcher and seconded by Shea, that the agenda be approved with the additions. 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

Department of Environment

Clerk and Treasurer Bell provided an update from the Department of Environment regarding the Department's ability to inspect and enforce complaints relating to public health conditions within a residence. Bell noted that the Department explained they are unable to enter a person's residence. The Commission discussed.

Business arising out of the minutes

Commission in Committee Report

Moved by Van Kroonenburg and seconded by Pitcher that Village of Bible Hill approve the Commemoration Policy as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Van Kroonenburg and seconded by Pitcher that Village of Bible Hill award the sanitary sewer lateral assessment program project to R. V. Anderson Associates Limited at the cost of \$18,600.00 plus HST. Motion carried.

Review of Correspondence

County of Colchester – Notice of Application for a Development Agreement

Clerk and Treasurer Bell presented correspondence received from Municipality of the County of Colchester with a notice of application for a development agreement for a property located at 522 Pictou Road, Valley. Bell noted that this information was shared as Bible Hill is a neighbouring municipal government to Valley. The Commission discussed.

Draft letter to Minister of Department of Municipal Affairs regarding consultation

Clerk and Treasurer Bell presented a draft letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs to request the Village be consulted as the Minister undertakes the work of his mandate letter to review the Municipal Government Act and the Provincial-Municipal Service Exchange of the 1990s. The Commission discussed.

Draft letter to Municipality of the County of Colchester regarding Safe Restart Funding

Clerk and Treasurer Bell presented a draft letter to the Municipality of the County of Colchester to request the County provide the Village a portion of the Safe Restart Program funding received from the Province. The Commission discussed.

Reports of Commissioners and Clerk and Treasurer

Commissioner Burke

Commissioner Burke spoke about his recent Village activity. Burke noted that Will-Kare Paving is currently conducting the final touches on the latest sidewalk renewal projects, including repairs to sod and landscaping work.

Burke added that the Department of Public Works has communicated that they are soon beginning work to install new crosswalk infrastructure at two crosswalks within the Village. Burke noted that he has observed that the intersection on Vimy Road at Rosemount and Andy's Ave have many students using this bus stop.

Burke closed his report by describing an issue brought to his attention regarding the Colchester Wastewater Treatment Facility processing Northern Pulp wastewater in Lower Truro, as reported in the Halifax Examiner. Burke suggested the County be contacted on the concern of contaminated water being sent into the Bay of Fundy, which provides fisheries, tourism, and is a critical component to the local economy and cannot risk being harmed.

Burke provided information regarding the Mass Casualty Commission's recent presentation.

Commissioner Shea

Commissioner Shea noted that the October Regional Accessibility meeting was cancelled, and that the next meeting is scheduled for November. Shea further explained his recent Village activities, including attending the recent Bible Hill Fire Brigade meeting and 75th anniversary celebration. Shea then presented the October 2021 Fire Chief's report – as attached.

Commissioner Pitcher

Commissioner Pitcher noted that she attended the October Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting. Pitcher then presented the October 2021 Recreation report – as attached.

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg noted that the Village has just now awarded the lateral sewer study project to R.V. Anderson and noted that the Meadowland drainage issue will be discussed later this evening.

Chair Kennedy

Chair Kennedy reported that he recently attended the September Joint Occupational Health and Safety meeting. Kennedy noted that he recently met with MLA Dave Ritcey to discuss various concerns. Kennedy added that he attended the Northern Pulp presentation earlier this month, as well as the October Bible Hill Fire Brigade monthly meeting and 75th anniversary celebration, and brought greetings from the Village.

Clerk and Treasurer Bell

Clerk and Treasurer Bell reported his attendance at the October Association of Municipal Administrators conference in Dartmouth. He provided an update to Commissioners on a number of ongoing projects: accessibility and security improvements, landscaping work at two locations on Village Line Avenue, and a sensory tunnel for Bible Hill Recreation Park.

Bell noted that the October Regional Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting was cancelled as the Committee is awaiting proposals from consultants to draft a regional accessibility plan, and that the next meeting is scheduled for early November.

Bell then noted that a tender has been issued seeking bids on replacing windows and doors at 69 Pictou Road, and that pricing is expected to be presented to the Commission in November.

Bell informed the Commission of an upcoming regularly scheduled meeting with the Department of Public Works and the Municipality of the County of Colchester at Council Chambers, and that Bible Hill is invited to attend.

Bell closed his report by stating that, after recent correspondence, Nova Scotia Farm Loan Board has reported that the Truro Raceway property tax accounts in arrears have been paid. The Commission discussed.

Accounts

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

New Business

Gas Tax Sharing Agreement

Clerk and Treasurer Bell presented a draft agreement between the Municipality and the Village for the sharing of Gas Tax Funds for approval. The Commission discussed.

Moved by Van Kroonenburg and seconded by Pitcher that Village of Bible Hill approve of the Gas Tax Funding Agreement and authorize its execution by Chair Kennedy. Motion carried.

Meadowland Avenue storm drainage issue – engineering proposal

Clerk and Treasurer Bell summarized a proposal from R. V. Anderson Associates Limited for engineering services to remedy storm water issues at Meadowland Avenue. Bell specified that he had reached out to two other engineers, and received only one proposal. Bell summarized the proposal including the estimated cost of \$10,800 plus HST. The Commission discussed. Bell explained how the issue is experienced within the Department of Public Works right of way, however on first approaching the Department to undertake work to resolve at their street, the Village was told the issue was not a priority.

Moved by Van Kroonenburg and seconded by Pitcher that Village of Bible Hill award the Meadowland Avenue storm drainage engineering work to R. V. Anderson Associates Limited, at a cost of \$10,800 plus HST and instruct the Clerk and Treasurer to issue a change order to strike the inspection services for a later date, for a net cost of \$9,200 plus HST. Motion carried.

Procurement: Brigade flagpole

Clerk and Treasurer Bell provided information regarding a request from Bible Hill Fire Brigade to purchase a 30-foot flagpole at 67/69 Pictou Road. Bell presented a quote from Flag Emporium, for an aluminum pole at \$2,955.00 plus HST, and a quote from Flags Unlimited for a fiberglass pole at \$1,895.55 plus HST. Bell presented a quote from TML Construction for the associated concrete work at \$3,967.00 plus HST and a quote from Stew's Construction for the same at \$7,360.00 plus. The Commission discussed.

Moved by Shea and seconded by Pitcher, that Village of Bible Hill award the purchase of a flagpole to Flag Emporium at a cost of \$2,955.00 plus HST and to TML Construction at a cost of \$3,967.00 plus HST, on the condition that Bible Hill Fire Brigade pay for costs in excess of the available budget of \$5,000.00. Motion carried.

Closed Session –Personnel

Moved by Shea and seconded by Pitcher to enter closed session. Motion carried.

The Commission meeting entered closed session at 8:15pm. Recording Secretary Chandler and Clerk and Treasurer Bell left the meeting.

The Commission meeting returned to open session at 8:25pm.

Adjournment

Moved by Shea that the October 19, 2021 regular monthly meeting of Village of Bible Hill be adjourned. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:26pm.

Chair Kennedy



Recording Secretary Chandler



Clerk and Treasurer Bell


