

**Village of Bible Hill  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
November 16, 2021**



The Village of Bible Hill regular monthly meeting was held on November 16, 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 8:07pm.

**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 October 19, and November 9, 2021**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg and seconded by Pitcher, that the meeting minutes of October 19, and November 9, 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 Clerk and Treasurer Bell requested to add bulk salt supply under miscellaneous, chickens to business arising out of the business, correspondence from the Minister of Municipal Affairs, and Bible Hill Recreation Park paving under new business. Kennedy requested to add Christmas tree and Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition under new business.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg and seconded by Pitcher, that the agenda be approved with 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**

Chair Kennedy welcomed Jason Haughn to the meeting.

**Village holiday events schedule**

Clerk and Treasurer Bell presented a schedule of the upcoming Village holiday events.

**Bulk salt supply**

Clerk and Treasurer Bell provided information regarding potential disruptions to the Village's usual supply of bulk salt this winter as a result of the strike at Windsor Salt in Pugwash. Bell noted that the Village has confirmed a less convenient and more costly alternative is available, if required. 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 award the sanitary sewer engineering project to Englobe Corporation at the total cost of \$44,203.50 plus HST. Motion carried.*

### **Chickens**

Clerk and Treasurer Bell followed up on an item from the most recent Commission in Committee meeting of chicken concerns within Saywood Estates.

*It was determined by consensus that Clerk and Treasurer Bell send the letter to the residence, pending proof of the chickens are provided.*

### **Review of Correspondence**

#### **County of Colchester – Re: Safe Restart Funding**

Clerk and Treasurer Bell presented correspondence received from Robert Simmonds, Chief Administrative Officer of the County of Colchester that advises of Colchester Council's approval of the Village's request for a portion of the Safe Restart Funding received by Colchester from the Province, pending the receipt of supporting documentation. The Commission discussed.

#### **Minister of Municipal Affairs**

Clerk and Treasurer Bell presented correspondence received from the Minister John A. Lohr, in response to the Village's letter regarding the Service Change Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) review. The Commission discussed.

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

#### **Commissioner Burke**

Commissioner Burke spoke about his recent Village activity. Burke discussed the Main Street turn going into the Subway underpass, which had some road repairs conducted by the Department of Pubic Works.

Burke discussed that some residents have suggested forming a homeowners' association for Saywood Estates.

#### **Commissioner Shea**

Commissioner Shea provided an update of his recent work within the Village, including attending meetings for the Regional Accessibility Advisory Committee, which has awarded a proposal to reachAbility Association, a Halifax based non-profit, to have a public ready accessibility plan for Bible Hill, Truro, Colchester, Stewiacke, and Tatamagouche. Shea added that this project is within budget, and will be completed by the April 2022 provincial deadline. Shea then presented the November 2021 Fire Chief's report – as attached.

### **Commissioner Pitcher**

Commissioner Pitcher noted her recent Village activities, including Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee updates. Commissioner Pitcher then presented the November 2021 Recreation report – as attached. The Commission discussed.

### **Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg**

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg noted her recent Village activities, including attending a virtual training. Van Kroonenburg then provided an update on two projects currently being undertaken within the Village, the Meadowland Avenue drainage project, and the sanitary sewer laterals assessment project. Van Kroonenburg added that the sewer assessment is currently looking for volunteer homeowners for this work to be conducted, and that this request for volunteers has been published in the upcoming Action in the Hill newsletter. Van Kroonenburg noted that the Meadowland Ave project is at the topographical survey and pipe assessment stage, and that survey was planned to begin this week. The Commission discussed.

### **Chair Kennedy**

Chair Kennedy reported his recent Village activity, including attending a conference hosted by the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities, attending a meeting with the Department of Public Works, attending the area Remembrance Day ceremony on behalf of the Village, and more. The Commission discussed.

### **Clerk and Treasurer Bell**

Clerk and Treasurer Bell opened his report by providing updates regarding accessibility improvements, which are ongoing at 69 Pictou Road. Bell added that new high resolution security cameras have been installed at 67 and 69 Pictou Road. Bell added that access control and alarm renewals are now ongoing, and work will then move to the two main parks.

Bell reported on his recent meeting with Nova Scotia Department of Public Works and Municipality of the County of Colchester, with Chair Kennedy. Bell then provided Public Works' status updates on work on the Salmon River bridge which in the short term will include sidewalk scaffolding, improvements to the shoulder of Hazel Dr which there are no plans to improve, and the intersection of Main Street, Pictou Road and College Road which Public Works noted that there are no plans to improve this area. Bell updated the Commission of Public Works' plans to re-pave College Road next fiscal year. The Commission discussed.

### **Accounts**

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

### **New Business**

#### **Procurement: Windows and doors renewal – tender results**

Clerk and Treasurer Bell presented a summary of tender results for the windows and doors renewal project at H. Douglas Boyce Village Hall, as reported on by Fishburn Sheridan Atlantic Inc. The proposals received were: Fowler Construction at a cost of \$78,882.00 plus HST; GreyTop Commercial Construction at a cost of \$110,137 plus HST; Avondale Construction at a cost of \$135,405 plus HST; and Flagship Construction at a cost of \$145,376 plus HST. Bell provided a budget update on this project, and recommended deferring any award to the December meeting as the Village is awaiting a response on the Federal grant program for the project. The Commission discussed.

*It was agreed by consensus to defer award of the windows and doors renewal project tender to the December regular monthly meeting.*

**Procurement: Engineering services sidewalk renewals proposals**

Clerk and Treasurer Bell presented proposals received for engineering services for sidewalk renewals. The proposals received were from Gemtec Limited at a cost of \$32,325.00 plus HST; exp at a cost of \$40,480.00 plus HST; CBCL at a cost of \$63,215.60 plus HST; and R. V. Anderson Associates Limited at a cost of \$65,425.00 plus HST. The Commission discussed.

*Moved by Pitcher and seconded by Van Kroonenburg that Village of Bible Hill award the engineering services for sidewalk renewals project to exp at the cost of \$40,480.00 plus HST. Motion carried.*

**Procurement: Bible Hill Recreation Park paving**

Clerk and Treasurer Bell provided a quote from Will-Kare Paving and Contracting Limited to pave the parking lot at Bible Hill Recreation Park at the cost of \$90,000.00 plus HST. The Commission discussed.

*Moved by Pitcher and seconded by Shea that Village of Bible Hill award paving of the parking lot at Bible Hill Recreation Park at the cost of \$90,000 plus HST. Motion withdrawn on the agreement of the mover and seconder.*

*Moved by Pitcher and seconded by Shea that Village of Bible Hill award Will-Kare Paving and Contracting Limited paving of the parking lot at Bible Hill Recreation Park at the cost of \$90,000 plus HST, contingent on receiving confirmation from the contractor that the depth of three inches of asphalt is suitable for the property. Motion carried.*

**Christmas tree in Village Hall**

Chair Kennedy informed the Commission that he has received a complaint from a hall user regarding the real Christmas tree installed in H. Douglas Boyce Village Hall. The Commission discussed.

*It was agreed by consensus to have staff to quote the use of an artificial tree for the next holiday season.*

**Review of Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission announcement**

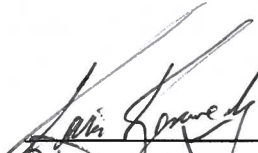
Chair Kennedy read correspondence from Colchester Mayor Christine Blair regarding the future of the Nova Scotia Exhibition (NSPE) grounds, including large investments from the Province to improve the grounds and facilities, and is seeking a ten-year management plan for the facility. Kennedy added that it has been announced that the existing board has been terminated, and that the Nova Scotia Farm Loan Board will be issuing a request for proposals for managing the site, which is estimated to be awarded in February or March 2022. The Commission discussed.

**Adjournment**

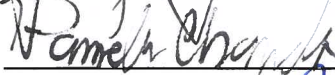
*Moved by Shea, that the November 16, 2021, regular monthly meeting of Village of Bible Hill be adjourned. Motion carried.*

The meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

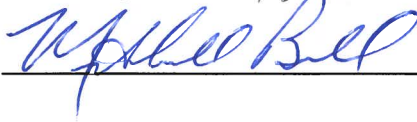
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Recording Secretary Chandler

  
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Clerk and Treasurer Bell

  
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## Fire Chief Report – November 2021

The Brigade responded to 8 emergency calls from the period October 13<sup>th</sup> to November 10<sup>th</sup>. They are as follows:

1. October 13<sup>th</sup>, 12:30pm, mutual Aid to Valley-Kemptown to Irving Lumber Mill for structure fire. Returned to the station at 3:00pm, with 10 members responding. Incident Command Chief Bisson
2. October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2:14pm, 5 Pictou Road, motor Vehicle alarm ringing. BMW alert sounded and paged fire. Returned to the station at 2:37pm, with 9 members responding. Incident Command Chief Bisson
3. October 20<sup>th</sup>, 5:17pm, 64 Allison Avenue, smoke condition. Resident burned some supper and extinguished herself. Returned to the station at 5:45pm, with 17 members responding. Incident command Chief Bisson.
4. November 1st, 9:29pm, 73 Old Pictou Road, mutual Aid to Valley-Kemptown for a structure fire. Returned to the station at 10:30pm, with 17 members responding. Incident command Captain Justine Mabey.
5. November 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:32am, 27 Jennifer Drive, car into building. No fluids leaking, no entrapment, stood down by RCMP. Returned to the station at 10:45am with 5 members responding. Incident command Chief Bisson
6. November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2:05pm, alarm ringing at Cox institute. Inspection of the building conducted, and nothing found. Returned to the station at 2:40pm, with 11 members responding. Incident command LT. Mabey
7. November 6<sup>th</sup>, 8:44am 21 Cox Road, alarm ringing at Cox Institute, inspection of the building performed, nothing found. Returned to the station at 9:22am, with 11 members responding. Incident Command Chief Bisson
8. November 8<sup>th</sup>, 9:15pm, 165 Victoria Street. mutual aid to Truro for standby at their station. Stood down and returned at 9:20pm, with 9 members responding. Incident command Deputy Chief Pearston.

Total calls: 83

Fire Loss: 66,000.00

### Notes:

- Members of the brigade attended an MFR course over 2 weekends and now the brigade has 21 members as registered MFR's.
- The Brigade held a weekend training on car fires.
- The brigade attended the BH junior High for a presentation, which was well received with the students.
- Currently the Brigade has 31 members with 2 applications still waiting for entry.
- Brigade elections will be held the first week of December.

This concludes the chief report for the month of October.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Bisson

## November Recreation Report

Safe Halloween took place on Sunday October 31, 2021, in H. Douglas Boyce Village Hall. This event was once again a very popular event, with a haunted Halloween maze set up throughout the hall and kitchen. Roughly 260 children, made their way through the maze, and receive bagged treats at the end. A total of 329 people attended the event, and the attendees had nothing but great things to say about the haunted maze. There were roughly 35 donations of treats or money received from local businesses to help make this event a successful one. Thank you letters have been sent out to all of the participating sponsors.

The Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification Course is going well, and the Parks and Recreation Director is gaining vital knowledge to service the Village of Bible Hill in becoming accessible by the 2030 deadline. Upon completion of the course, the Director will visit parks, trails, and facilities within the Village to grade them on the accessibility and inclusiveness for future considerations as we move towards a more accessible built environment.

Bible Hill Consolidated Intramurals and the Redcliff Trailblazers Exploratory programs are now in full swing. The school children at each school are really enjoying the programs, and both are very well attended. Both schools are grateful to have programs running once again during school hours after the very limited programming during the pandemic.

Christmas events are all being planned and booked for the upcoming holiday season. The Christmas Tree Lighting will take place on November 27<sup>th</sup>, and will see the Ron MacKay Memorial Youth Band perform holiday songs for the event. Gordon Tucker is also booked to be the emcee and sound technician for the evening. This will be the first holiday event to kick off the season. Various holiday events are being planned once again this year with the "Bible Hill Garden Club centerpiece workshop planned for December 5<sup>th</sup> at 2pm, a Christmas ornament painting event is being planned with Clay Café, for December 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, the "Tour of Lights" booked for December 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, Holiday cookie decorating and Teen Baking are set for December 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am and 1pm respectfully, and the New Year's Day Levee is planned for January 1<sup>st</sup> 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Josh Kennedy

*Parks and Recreation Director*