

Village of Bible Hill
Commission in Committee Meeting
April 11, 2023



The meeting was held in Commission Chambers, at the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Call to Order: Commissioner Kennedy
Commissioner Van Kroonenburg
Commissioner Pitcher
Commissioner Burke
Commissioner Shea
Clerk and Treasurer Bell
Recording Secretary Chaplin

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

Van Kroonenburg called for new or other business. Shea requested to add dog leash by-law under new business, Kennedy requested to add Murdock Drive sidewalk and dress code under new business and Bell requested to move Saywood Drive to the top of new business.

Moved by Kennedy and seconded by Pitcher, that the agenda be approved with amendments. Motion carried.

Call for declaration of conflict of interest

Van Kroonenburg called for any declarations of conflict of interest, and none were declared.

Miscellaneous business including delegations

Mayors and Chief's Breakfast

Bell presented information from the Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce regarding their upcoming Mayors and Chief's Breakfast event. Commissioners expressed interest in attending and will confirm at a later date if they require registration. Staff to send an e-mail reminder.

Commission Meeting Schedule

Bell presented the draft commission meeting schedule for the 2023 -2024 fiscal year and requested the committee's input.

Moved by Kennedy and seconded by Burke that the Commission in Committee recommend the Village of Bible Hill defer the July and August Commission in Committee Meetings. Motion carried.

New Business

Saywood Drive

Pitcher presented to the committee that she will be holding a meeting with Village residents and the RCMP on April 26th at 7:00 PM at the H. Douglas Boyce Village Hall, to hold a safety discussion and see if there is interest in starting a Neighbourhood Watch Program. She then talked about her experiences with recent thefts in the area. The committee discussed.

Burke left the meeting at 7:14 PM and returned at 7:17 PM.

Resident (Brad Harpell) was permitted to speak and addressed his concerns, outlining the numerous hours he has spent involved in this issue with the RCMP, in the last 7 months.

Resident (Brian Slemming) was permitted to speak and noted his concerns, noting that communication, engagement, and working together are necessary to figure out a solution.

The residents thanked the committee for the time to speak.

The consensus was that the Village offer space and advertise on the roadside sign for a meeting with the RCMP and residents on April 26th at 7:00 PM. Bell was instructed to reach out to RCMP to confirm their attendance and ability to facilitate a meeting and request reports on what has been done and what will be done surrounding recent thefts and resident safety concerns.

Procurement

Village Court swing set

Bell presented a price for installation of a replacement swing set at Village Court Park including removal of pea gravel and installation of wood fibre surfacing by Eastern Fence at a cost of \$13,600 plus HST.

Moved by Pitcher and seconded by Kennedy that the Commission in Committee recommend Village of Bible Hill accept the quote from Eastern Fence for installation of the swing set at Village Court Park and removal of pea gravel, as well as installation of wood fibre surfacing at a cost of \$13,600 plus HST. Motion carried.

Storage sheds

Bell presented a quote for two 12' x 24' storage buildings from Community Metal Debert at a cost of \$20,160 plus HST for Bible Hill Recreation Park and Airport Fields to support the need for more maintenance storage.

Moved by Pitcher and seconded by Kennedy that the Commission in Committee recommend Village of Bible Hill purchase two 12' x 24' storage buildings from Community Metal Debert at a cost of \$20,160 plus HST. Motion carried.

Municipal auditors – invitational or public process (?)

Bell questioned if the committee would prefer to continue with the same municipal auditors or go with a public process and reach out to other firms for pricing. The committee discussed and the consensus was to seek pricing from Grant Thornton as municipal auditor.

Snow clearing contractor – invitational or public process (?)

Bell questioned if the committee would prefer to continue with the same snow clearing contractors or go with a public process and reach out to other companies for pricing. The committee discussed and the consensus was to move forward with a public procurement process for pricing.

BHFB - Radios

Bell presented a quote from Nova Communication for 4 radios at a cost of \$28,663.95 plus HST. The committee discussed and requested to defer the agenda item to the April Regular Commission meeting so they can have more information from the Fire Chief as to why the brigade is looking to purchase specific radios.

Potential fundraising campaign – Bible Hill Recreation Park (BHRP) playground

Bell presented an estimated construction cost and potential funding opportunities for the BHRP revitalization project.

The committee discussed various fundraising ideas and the consensus was to send a donation request letter to local businesses, suppliers and community groups.

Municipality of Colchester - Guest Drive lot development

Bell presented correspondence from the County of Colchester requesting to understand whether the Village has objections to development of a parcel of land on Guest Drive. He then presented a few options regarding potential to trade land with the property owner, that would allow the Village to have access to Covington through to Guest, and the property owner to develop a lot near the entrance of the BHRP. The committee discussed.

Bell was instructed to confirm if the Village requires access to its property near the BHRP entrance in terms of the sewer pumping station, and if not, engage the resident to discuss swapping two lots on Guest Drive for the one Village lot on Guest Drive, near the BHRP entrance.

Dog leash by-law

Shea mentioned he has received complaints regarding dogs off-leash on Village trails, and requested the Village increase advertising that dogs must remain leashed on Village property. Bell noted that signs have been posted, and staff will advertise the issue further.

Murdock Drive sidewalk

Kennedy noted he received complaints from Murdock Drive residents regarding unevenness of the earth on the boulevard where new sidewalk was installed, making for difficult mowing. Bell noted he will ask maintenance to investigate the issue.

Dress code

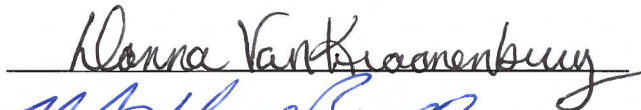
Kennedy reminded the committee that Commissioners should be sure to wear dress clothes when attending functions of or on behalf of the Village.

Adjournment

Moved by Pitcher that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM.

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg



Clerk and Treasurer Bell



Recording Secretary Chaplin

