

Village of Bible Hill
Commission in Committee Meeting
May 9, 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 Burke
Commissioner Shea
Clerk and Treasurer Bell
Recording Secretary Chaplin

Regrets: Commissioner Pitcher

Delegations: Councillor Eric Boutilier, District 1
Parks and Recreation Director Smith

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

Van Kroonenburg called for new or other business.

Moved by Shea and seconded by Kennedy, that the agenda be approved. 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

Van Kroonenburg welcomed Boutilier to speak. He noted Scott Fraser is the interim CAO at the Municipality of the County of Colchester until they hire a replacement on the retirement of CAO Rob Simmonds. He spoke of a Bates Property Development meeting on May 18th, 2023, at the Village Hall and requested the Commission's support and attendance.

Canada Day update

Bell invited Smith to provide a review of the work done to date for Canada Day. Smith gave an in-depth overview, including: review of the budget to date, timeline changes, route and traffic control, increased safety measures, theme, float decorations and commissioner transportation. Bell, Smith and the committee discussed.

Kennedy left the meeting at 7:05 PM, and joined again at 7:13 PM.

New Business

Provincial Volunteer Awards Nominee

Bell notified the committee that they may nominate one outstanding volunteer to represent Bible Hill at the 2023 Provincial Volunteer Awards, in Halifax, on Sept 25, 2023. Bell presented the 2021 and 2022 Volunteer Award recipients and asked who the committee would like to nominate. The committee decided by consensus to nominate Foster Stewart for the 2023 Provincial Volunteer Representative Award.

Hosting of public dances

Bell invited Smith to speak regarding the hosting of public dances, for holiday events such as Halloween and Christmas, for both kids and adults. She suggested kids dances be free and adult dances be a fundraiser for the Bible Hill Recreation Park revitalization project. She then asked the committee their thoughts on having a bar service for the dances. The committee discussed and agreed by consensus that they are accepting of a bar service being hosted, as long as there is security present.

Procurement

BHFB - Spreader

Bell presented a quote for a spreader tool from MES Code 4 Fire & Rescue at a cost of \$17,495 plus HST. Bell clarified the available budget and that the vendor is the only known dealer.

Moved by Shea and seconded by Kennedy that the Commission in Committee recommend Village of Bible Hill purchase a spreader tool from MES Code 4 Fire & Rescue at a cost of \$17,495 plus HST. Motion carried.

BHFB – Turnout Gear

Bell presented a quote for 3 sets of morning pride turnout gear from Nova Fire Equipment at a cost of \$12,450 plus HST.

Moved by Kennedy and seconded by Shea that the Commission in Committee recommend Village of Bible Hill purchase 3 sets of morning pride turnout gear from Nova Fire Equipment at a cost of \$12,450 plus HST. Motion carried.

Policy Review - Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Policy

Bell reviewed the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Policy, specifically the role of the committee, and questioned if, before deciding to reinstate the committee, the commission is looking to update the policy. Bell, Smith and the committee discussed. The committee instructed Bell to investigate if other governments have a Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, and to investigate other options for day and time possibilities to hold the meetings. He will bring the information back to the May Regular Commission Meeting.

Office of Equity and Anti-Racism Initiatives – Virtual engagement sessions

Bell presented dates and times for virtual engagement sessions hosted by the Office of Equity and Anti-Racism Initiatives, and requested Commissioners attend a session that works in their schedule. It was noted that the times for sessions do not allow flexibility for a working person to attend.

Public Information Meeting – Municipality of Colchester

Bell reminded the Commissioner of the Public Information Meeting hosted by the Municipality of Colchester at H. Douglas Boyce Village Hall on May 18, 2023, regarding the development of the former Bates property.

Commissioner Burke announced to the committee that he will not be offering in the upcoming election and retiring after more than 25 years of service on the Village Commission. The committee discussed.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg

Clerk and Treasurer Bell

Recording Secretary Chaplin

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M. Bell
Chaplin