

**Village of Bible Hill  
Commission Meeting  
April 18, 2023**



The meeting was held in Commission Chambers, at the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. Chair Kennedy called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. A moment of silence was held in honor of those lost and affected by the April 18 - 19, 2020 tragedy.

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

**Regrets:** Commissioner Pitcher

**Guests:** Jason Haughn, Municipal Advisor  
Eric Boutilier, Councillor

**Review and approval of the minutes of March 21, and April 11, 2023.**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg and seconded by Shea, that the meeting minutes of March 21, and April 11, 2023 be approved. Motion carried.*

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

Kennedy called for new or other business and Bell requested to add closed session - public security at the end of new business.

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

**Call for declaration of conflict of interest**

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

**Miscellaneous business including delegations**

Kennedy welcomed Municipal Advisor Jason Haughn and Councillor Eric Boutilier to the meeting.

**Commissioner terms of office and election schedule**

Bell presented Commissioner terms of office and election schedule and noted Burke and Shea's terms of office are expiring in June.

**Bible Hill Fire Brigade (BHFB) - Radios**

As requested at the April Commission in Committee meeting, Bell brought forward information from the BHFB Chief, outlining why the brigade is looking to purchase 4 radios at a cost of \$28,663.95 plus HST from Nova Communications.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg and seconded by Shea that Village of Bible Hill accept the quote from Nova Communication for 4 radios, at a cost of \$28,663 plus HST. Motion carried.*

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

### **Commission in Committee Report**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg and seconded by Shea that Village of Bible Hill defer the July and August Commission in Committee Meetings. Motion carried.*

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg and seconded by Shea that Village of Bible Hill accept the quote from Eastern Fence for installation of a 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.*

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg and seconded by Shea that 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.*

## **Review of Correspondence**

### **MLA Dave Ritcey - Sustainable Services Growth Fund**

Bell presented correspondence from MLA Dave Ritcey regarding the 31.9MM Sustainable Services Growth Fund, projects that would be eligible for funding and noted only municipalities were provided the funding. He then questioned why Villages are expected to meet obligations but not able to access the same funding. Shea requested the Commission as a whole reach out to the MLA, both Bible Hill County councillors and the Mayor of the County of Colchester, asking for support on this matter. Van Kroonenburg asked if Haughn had any advice and he did not offer advice, but noted sending the mentioned support request letter was a good idea.

Kennedy then invited Councillor Boutilier to speak. Boutilier provided an oral report on the happenings of the County of Colchester.

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

Commissioner Shea, Commissioner Burke, and Clerk and Treasurer Bell presented oral reports. Commissioner Van Kroonenburg presented an oral report and submitted the April 2023 recreation report- as attached. Chair Kennedy presented an oral report and then submitted the April 2023 Bible Hill Fire Brigade Fire Chief report - as attached, on behalf of Commissioner Pitcher.

## **Accounts**

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

## **New Business**

### **Adoption of budget**

Bell presented the final draft budget document for review and approval and noted a few recent changes regarding the Truro- Bible Hill off-leash dog park expansion project, the requested BHFB training and convention budget increases, and the cost increase of both the Main Street (North) sidewalk project and the group benefits.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg and seconded by Shea that the Village approve the 2023-2024 budget as presented. Motion carried.*

**Setting of property tax rates – Resolution 1**

Bell presented Resolution 1 – setting of property taxes, noting the resolution sees tax rates remain consistent with prior years.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg and seconded by Shea that the Village of Bible Hill approve Resolution 1, a resolution for the setting of property tax rates. Motion carried.*

**Volunteer Awards Review**

The Commission discussed the Volunteer Awards and gave suggestions regarding what could be done differently moving forward.

**Sanitary sewer component renewals – tender review**

Bell presented one bid received for the sanitary sewer component renewals tender. He noted the bid received from Dexter Construction Company Limited was for \$1.16MM plus HST. Englobe estimated the project would cost approximately \$400,000 and recommended the contract not be awarded. Bell recommended cancelling the tender and will request ICIP funding term be extended.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg and seconded by Shea that Village of Bible Hill cancel the tender for the Bible Hill sanitary sewer component renewals. Motion carried.*

**Main Street (North) sidewalk renewal – tender review**

Bell presented a Main Street (North) sidewalk renewal tender review. The bids (without provisional curb) were as follows: Basin Contracting Limited at \$693,000 plus HST, Dexter Construction Company Limited at \$395,740 plus HST, and SW Weeks Construction at \$473,900 plus HST. EXP recommended awarding the project to Dexter Construction Company Limited.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg and seconded by Shea that Village of Bible Hill award Dexter Construction Company Limited the Main Street (North) sidewalk renewal project, without provisional curb, at a cost of \$395,740 plus HST. Motion carried.*

**Closed session – Public safety**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg and seconded by Shea that Village of Bible Hill enter closed session at 8:07 PM.*

The Commission came out of closed session at 8:27 PM

**Adjournment**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.*

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Chair Kennedy

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Clerk and Treasurer Bell

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Recording Secretary Chaplin

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**BIBLE HILL**



**FIRE BRIGADE**



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## Fire Chief Report – April 2023

The Brigade responded to 15 emergency calls from the period of March 8 to April 12, 2023, they are as follows:

1. March 8, 11:08 pm, Mutual aid to Truro. Cleared and returned to the station at 11:30 pm, with 14 members responding. IC Bisson
2. March 9<sup>th</sup>, 12:07 pm, Mutual Aid to Truro, stood down before departing the station. Cleared at 12:12 pm, with 9 members responding. IC Bisson
3. March 16, 7:41 pm, Mutual Aid to Truro, stood down right away. Cleared at 7:44 pm, with 8 members responding. IC LT Currie
4. March 17, 10:18 pm, Cooper Terrace, smoke condition, furnace malfunction, backed up into the house. Cleared at 11:25 pm, with 14 members responding, IC DC Pearston.
5. March 21, 5:41 pm, Pictou Rd, Alarm ringing at Daycare, electricians working. Stood down before leaving. Cleared at 5:44 pm, with 17 members responding. IC DC Pearston.
6. March 21, 7:01 pm, Harmony Rd, Mutual Aid to Salmon River possible structure fire. Stood down, was determined it was a grass fire. Cleared at 7:12 pm, with 24 members responding. IC DC Pearston.
7. March 28, Teakwood Crt., 23:39, Illegal burn, investigation. Outside bon fire not meeting requirements. Cleared at 12:10 am with 12 members responding. IC LT Currie.
8. March 28, 07:55 am, Cumming Drive, General Fire Alarm, technicians on site requested stand down. Cleared at 07:59 am, with 8 members responding. IC LT Currie
9. March 28, 08:41 pm, Mutual Aid to Truro, cleared at 9:25 pm, with 18 members responding. IC LT Currie
10. March 29, 9:30 pm, College Road, General Alarm, stood down by 201, maintenance working on panel. Cleared 9:40 pm, with 15 members responding. IC Bisson
11. March 30, 1:16 am, Dixon Crt, Investigation on illegal burn. Quick extinguishment, cleared at 1:50 am with 12 members responding. IC Currie
12. April 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:44 am, Transformer on fire. Cleared at 8:29 am, with 11 members responding. IC Pearston/Dykeman
13. April 7, 11:01 pm, Windale Drive, Tree on power line. Cleared at 11:06, with 15 members responding. IC Pearston
14. April 8<sup>th</sup>, 8:59 pm, bomber drive, Possible structure fire, DC Mabey investigated and determined, the fire was extinguished at that point. Cleared at 9:31 pm, with 25 members responding. IC DC Mabey
15. April 10<sup>th</sup>, 10:37 pm, Loop Old Highway 4, mutual aid to Valley Kemptown, barn fire. Cleared at 0200 am with 14 members responding. IC Currie.

Total Calls: **64**

Total Fire Loss: **\$0**

Respectfully submitted,  
Chief Bisson

## April Recreation Report

- The Village was awarded a \$3000.00 grant from Sport Nova Scotia to purchase it's own Parasport Boccia Ball equipment.
- The Village was awarded a \$4400.00 grant from Recreation Nova Scotia with partnership with the Government of Canada and Province of Nova Scotia. This grant is for a adaptive equipment loan and for programming use. The idea for this was to create a space for those with disabilities to come have a sensory friendly active night, where all equipment will be out for families to enjoy. Summer students will also be doing "pop up park sessions" with all sorts of adaptive equipment.
- The Village received the CPRA Youth employment grant. This grant covers the salaries of one youth employment for the summer term. The application put in was for the job title of "inclusion support camp worker". The idea of this was to create a position for an individual with experience with children with disabilities to gain more experience with hopes of pursuing a career in the sector. This will allow the opportunity for children with more intensive needs to have a worker that is solely dedicated to them (just as much as the other workers but mainly focus with one for consistency). This individual will have a caseload of 3-5 kids depending on the need level.
- The after school program with Bible Hill Consolidated is going well and has received positive feedback.
- Registration for 19+ summer soccer at the Bible Hill Recreation Park multipurpose field has opened and is set to include 3 divisions : women's, co-ed competitive, and co-ed recreational.

Respectfully submitted,

Haley Smith  
Parks and Recreation Director

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