

**Village of Bible Hill
Commission Meeting
February 18, 2025**



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.

Call to Order: Commissioner Kevin Kennedy
Commissioner Knickolle Pitcher
Commissioner Dwight Giddens
Commissioner Tim Shea
Commissioner Van Kroonenburg

Staff: Clerk and Treasurer Mitchell Bell
Recording Secretary Angie Ogden
Solicitor Daniel Roper, Burchell MacDougall

Delegations: Luanne Schenkels, President, Cobequid Society for Athletic Excellence
Don Cameron, Treasurer, Cobequid Society for Athletic Excellence
Silvano Iaboni, Director, Cobequid Society for Athletic Excellence
Fire Chief Justine Kelly, BHFE
Captain Steve Currie, BHFE

Review and approval of the minutes of January 21 and February 11, 2025

- Moved by Van Kroonenburg and seconded by Shea to approve the January 21 and February 11, 2025 meeting minutes. 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 fund transfer under new business. Commissioner Giddens requested to add personnel matters under closed session.

- Moved by Van Kroonenburg and seconded by Pitcher that the agenda be approved with the addition of fund transfer and personnel matters. Motion carried.

Call for declaration of conflict of interest

Kennedy called for declarations of conflict of interest.

Miscellaneous business including delegations

Kennedy welcomed Luanne Schenkels, President of Cobequid Society for Athletic Excellence. Schenkels, Cameron and Iaboni presented to Commissioners on the story of the Cougar Dome's operations in Truro.

Schenkels, Cameron, and Iaboni left the meeting at 7:35 PM.

Bell outlined items in the protective services operating and capital budget. A discussion took place on proposed honorarium increases for volunteer brigade members, with Kelly and Currie speaking on the role of elected officers and the fire service.

Kelly and Currie left the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Business arising out of the minutes

Commission in Committee Report

- Moved by Van Kroonenburg and seconded by Pitcher that Village of Bible Hill dissolve the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and withdrawal the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Policy. Motion carried.
- Moved by Van Kroonenburg and seconded by Pitcher that Village of Bible Hill hire Jani-King for a one-year term for hall and office cleaning at a total cost of \$15,017. Motion carried.
- Moved by Van Kroonenburg and seconded by Pitcher that Village of Bible Hill direct the Clerk and Treasurer to make requests for marked crosswalks for Pictou Road at Village Court and College Road at Warren Drive to Nova Scotia Department of Public Works. Motion carried.
- Moved by Van Kroonenburg and seconded by Pitcher to submit a response to ANSV, noting the Village's support of further exploring an ANSV staff position as presented.

Reports of Commissioners and Clerk and Treasurer

Pitcher, Shea, Kennedy, Van Kroonenburg, Giddens and Bell provided verbal reports. The Parks and Recreation Director Report and Fire Chief Report were submitted.

Review of Correspondence

Bible Hill Cemetery Club (BHCC)- Directors

Bell presented a letter and list of directors from the BHCC.

Accounts

The accounts were presented for review.

New Business

Advertising

Shea discussed options for the Village to enhance revenue by selling advertising spaces at the baseball fields and possibly at Canada Day events. Bell will discuss further with our solicitor on legal aspects of advertising or sponsoring events and will also review the effects on HST remittance.

Fund transfer

Bell presented an inter-account fund transfer of \$400,000 from the operating reserve account to the operating fund account.

- Moved by Van Kroonenburg and seconded by Pitcher, that Village of Bible Hill approve the fund transfer of \$400,000 from the operating reserve account to the operating fund account. Motion carried.

Closed Session - Personnel

- Moved by Van Kroonenburg and seconded by Shea, that Village of Bible Hill enter closed session. Motion carried.

The Commission entered closed session at 9:10 PM and exited closed session at 9:18 PM.

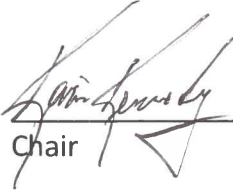
Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 PM.

Signature page to follow.

February 18, 2025 Commission Meeting Minute Approval:


Chair


Clerk and Treasurer


Recording Secretary