

The Chair calls the meeting to order

Review and Approval of the Minutes of the November 15, 2005.

Review and Approval of the Agenda, Call for New or Other Business

Miscellaneous Business Including Delegations

Business Arising out of Minutes

Commission Committee Meeting December 13, 2005

Motion to approve the proposal call from CBCL for Pre-Engineering Design
Services

Overhead Crosswalk

Brigade Yukon

Review of Correspondence

Canada-Nova Scotia Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund

Bible Hill Water Distribution Pre-Design final payment

Reports of Commissioners, and Clerk and Treasurer

The Accounts

New Business

Purchase of Playground Equipment

Beautification of the Village

Adjournment

The regular monthly meeting of the Village of Bible Hill was held on December 20, 2005 at 7:00 pm; in the Village Hall, 69 Pictou Road.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Present: Chair Hilliard, Deputy Chair Burke, Commissioner Blair, Commissioner McKenna and Commissioner McLean.

Staff: Mr. Christianson, Clerk and Treasurer; Ms. Miller, Solicitor and Mrs. Ogden, Recording Secretary.

In attendance: Mr. Cook.

Review and Approval of minutes of November 15th, 2005.

On motion of Blair and seconded by McLean that the minutes of November 15th be accepted as presented.

Motion carried.

Review and approval of agenda, call for new or other business

On motion of McKenna and seconded by Burke that the agenda be approved with the following additions: Beautification of the Village, Overhead Crosswalk Project and Brigade Yukon.

Motion carried.

Miscellaneous business including delegations

- Mr. Cook

The Chair welcomed Mr. Cook to the Village meeting. Mr. Cook the Maintenance Forman said he will be attending village meetings to keep abreast on current issues within the Village.

Business Arising out of Minutes

- Commission Committee Meeting December 13th, 2005

Deputy Chair Burke reported on the commission committee meeting of November 13th and outlined the following recommended motion:

- On motion of Blair and seconded by Hilliard that the Commission in Committee recommend that the Village Commission approve the proposal call from CBCL for Pre-Engineering Design Services.

On motion of Burke and seconded by Blair that the Village Commission approve the proposal call from CBCL for Pre-Engineering Design Services in the amount of \$ 18,243.

Motion carried.

- Overhead Crosswalk Project

Commissioner McLean outlined the report given by Mr. McKinnon from Horner's on the status of the overhead crosswalk project. The posts are to be mounted next week. The next step is to contact Nova Scotia Power, no specific date has been set, they will not specify a time due to winter conditions; this is estimated to be done in January. The trust & signs are also to be finished in January. Therefore an estimated project completion date is the end of January.

Commissioner McLean and Blair both expressed disappointed that the project has taken so long to complete.

- Fire Brigade Yukon

The Clerk outlined that the Yukon has been purchased by the Village; the Brigade will reimburse the Village for this expense. The brigade has also paid for the light bar, radio installation and truck lettering expense. The truck is covered under the Village insurance and the Village is also covering gas expense and maintenance. The Yukon is not to be used for personnel use.

Commissioner Burke reported that he has received a complaint that he Yukon has been used for personnel use. The Clerk and will look into the complaint.

Review of correspondence

- Canada – Nova Scotia Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund

The Clerk reported that only 2.8 Million dollars will be allocated to our region over the next seven years, this is half of the amount that was previously allocated through this program. The Village is currently in negotiations with the County of Colchester regarding Federal Fuel Tax, Infrastructure Grant offered by Colchester and the Canada- Nova Scotia Infrastructure Program.

The Clerk and CAO for the County of Colchester are currently in the process of reviewing the formula used by UNSM to distribute the Federal Fuel Tax; this formula is based on population & dwelling units within the municipality. The Federal Government has placed restrictions on how the money is to be spent from the allotted Federal Fuel Tax to municipalities. The Clerk also reported that the Village could also apply for a grant with the Provincial Capital Assistance Program, although this program is limited.

- Bible Hill Water Distribution Pre-Design final payment

The Village has received final payment from the hold back on Claim #1 of the Water Distribution System Expansion Pre-Engineering Design project.

Reports of Commissioners, and Clerk and Treasurer

- Commissioner McLean

Commissioner McLean reported that the maintenance workers for the Village will be responsible to contact our contractor by 7:00 am regarding sanding of the sidewalks. Commissioner McLean reported that her and the Clerk reviewed outstanding correspondence from NSTPW, copies of the correspondence will be sent to Mr. Jim Talbot.

- Commissioner McKenna

Commissioner McKenna reported that the Fire Brigade responded to seven emergency calls during the period of November 10 to December 7, 2005. At the Fire Brigade meeting in December the 2006 officers were elected, the new steward is Mr. Van Kroonenburg. Commissioner McKenna commented on the new fire brigade members, they are expressing interest and taking the required training, their involvement and commitment is an asset to the brigade.

Commissioner McKenna outlined that a copy of the Safety Advisory Committee December meeting report was in the minute package. The committee plan on hosting the following events: Child ID in April, Boat Safety Course in June and a Babysitters Course. Their next meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2006.

- Deputy Chair Burke

Deputy Chair Burke reported that the Recreation Director is working on recruiting volunteers for the Parks and Recreation Committee.

A motion was brought to the table regarding the P&R Policy

On motion of Burke and seconded by McKenna that the P&R Policy be amended to include the allowance of one non-resident member to sit on the P&R Committee.

Motion carried.

Deputy Chair Burke outlined that the Parks and Recreation Director is currently in the process of obtaining a netting proposal for Senior Field at the Recreation Park. He also outlined the various Christmas activities such as the winners for Light up Bible Hill.

- Commissioner Blair

Commissioner Blair reported that two test holes have been dug at the Recreation site to determine presence of garbage at the potential site for the netting at the Recreation Park. One test site found garbage; the other will be used to install the pole if netting is ordered.

Commissioner Blair reported on the Association of Nova Scotia Villages. The Association met with the Liberal Caucus to address the Association of Nova Scotia Villages relationship with the Provincial and other levels of government. The NDP Caucus has expressed interest in meeting the Association. The committee is also addressing the committee structure for the new Fed/Provincial Funding Program. This committee has two members that sit on the UNSM board; the Association of Nova Scotia Villages would like to see a representative from a Village sit on the committee.

- Chair Hilliard

Chair Hilliard outlined various events he attended on behalf of the Village of Bible Hill during the month of December.

The Accounts

On motion of Burke and seconded by McLean that the accounts be approved as presented.
Motion carried.

Building Permits for the Month of November, 2005

Street Name	Building type	Construction Type	Amount
Meadowland Avenue	RSU	ADD	\$55,000
Osprey Court	RSU	NEW	\$250,000
		Total	\$305,000

New Business

- Purchase of Playground Equipment

On motion of Burke and seconded by Blair that the Village of Bible Hill purchase the Heavy Duty Swing set from Little Tikes for \$1,891.08 and a four wheeler play equipment structure for the Rec Site at \$1,200.
Motion carried.

- Beautification of the Village

Commission McKenna expressed interest in the Village having flower baskets on Pictou Road hanging from the power poles. The Clerk and Treasurer will look into obtaining grants, contacting Communities in Bloom and the Town of Truro.

On Motion of Commissioner McKenna that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 8:09pm.

A. Ogden
Recording Secretary

Richard Hilliard
Chair