

The January Commission Committee meeting was held on February 14, 2006; in the Village Hall, 69 Pictou Road.

The Deputy Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 10:15 pm.

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

Staff: Mr. Christianson, Clerk and Treasurer.

In attendance: Doug Landsburg (for the discussion regarding) and Jason Malloy, Daily News.

Regrets: Commissioner McLean

Deputy Chair Calls the Meeting to Order at 7:00 pm

Approval of the Agenda

On motion of McKenna and seconded by Blair that the agenda be approved with the addition of update hall issue and Fire Brigade Banquet.

Motion carried

Approval of the Minutes of February 14th

On motion of Blair and seconded by Hilliard that the minutes of February 14, 2006 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried

Re-zoning application Wright Avenue

Mr. Landsburg made a presentation on his proposal to construct three multi unit buildings on Wright Avenue.

It was agreed that a letter would be drafted to the Municipal Planner in support of the re-zoning application.

Tax Rate Review

On motion of McKenna and seconded by Hilliard that Commission Committee recommends to the Commission that the 2006 – 2007 residential tax rate be set at .65 cents per hundred, and that the commercial tax rate be set at .70 cents per hundred.

Motion carried

On motion of Blair and seconded by Hilliard that Commission Committee recommends to the Commission that the 2006 – 2007 sewer rate (included in the residential tax rate and the commercial tax rate) be set at .17 cents per hundred.

Motion carried

	Financial Statements	Making Computer Backups	Storing Computer Backups in bank vault	Password Storage	Access to Village Vault
Any 1 Commissioners					
Any 2 Commissioners					
Commissioners by Motion					
Clerk & Treasurer					
Finance Officer					
Recreation Director					
Secretary					
Maintenance Forman					
Maintenance Worker					
Solicitor					
Fire Chief					

Crosswalk Project

On motion of Hilliard and seconded by Blair that Commission Committee recommends to the Commission that the procedure for the completion of the crosswalk project on Pictou Road be amended to allow for the use of invitational bids for the construction of the sidewalk component.

Motion carried

Adult Entertainment

It was agreed to have the Clerk and Treasurer write to the Municipality of the County of Colchester requesting a copy the staff report referred to in previous correspondence on this issue and further that the village requests that Land Use By-Law and Municipal Planning Strategy be amended to prohibit adult entertainment or shops.

Federal Gas Tax Funding

The Clerk reported that the Municipality of the County of Colchester is debating the method in which the fuel tax funds will be expended, either on projects that benefit the entire County (such as upgrades to the landfill site) or community specific projects. If the funds are earmarked for community specific projects the Village will be requested to submit a list for review.

Truro Tulip Festival Funding Request

On motion of Blair and seconded by McKenna that Commission Committee recommends to the Commission that the Village provide a funding in the amount of \$250 plus hst to support the project.

Motion carried

During discussion and voting on this issue Chair Hilliard left the table and sat in the audience.

REMO Agreement / funding generator

The Clerk reported that the Village received a grant in the amount of \$3,636 from the Municipality of the County of Colchester to assist with purchase of the generator system at 69 Pictou Road.

On motion of McKenna and seconded by Hilliard that Commission Committee recommends to the Commission that the Memorandum of Understanding between Regional Emergency Measures Organization and the Village of Bible Hill concerning the use of 69 Pictou Road as an emergency comfort centre be signed.

Motion carried

Municipal Funding Policy for Community Trails

On motion of Blair and seconded by Hilliard that Commission Committee recommends to the Commission that application be made to Colchester's Municipal Funding Policy for Community Trails for the extension of the Innovation Drive Trail east to meet with the Valley Trail.

Motion carried

Infrastructure Application

On motion of Blair and seconded by Hilliard that Commission Committee recommends to the Commission that application be made to the Canada Nova Scotia Infrastructure Program for the replacement of the sanitary sewage line on Main Street.

Motion carried

In Camera - Personnel Issue

On motion of Blair and seconded by Hilliard that Commission Committee recommends to the Commission that:

1. The Clerk and Treasurer be granted 5 weeks vacation from June 12 to July 14.
2. The Clerk and Treasurer be granted 2 weeks unpaid leave from July 17 to July 28.
3. The Secretary – Receptionist be requested to work full time from June 12 to July 31.
4. The Secretary – Receptionist be granted time in lieu leave from August 1 to August 31
5. The Finance Officer be grant 2 weeks vacation September 1 to September 15
6. The Finance Officer be granted 17 weeks maternity leave September 18 to January 12, 2007

7. The Finance Officer be granted 35 weeks parental leave January 15 to September 14
8. Staffing of a term position of Finance Officer be posted with HRDC July 3 to July 21. The time period of employment extends from August 21 to September 21, 2007. The rate of pay set at level 1 Finance Officer.

Motion carried

Update hall policy issue

The Clerk report that correspondence had yet to be drafted; but would be in the next few days.

Fire Brigade Spring Banquet

On motion of McKenna and seconded by Blair that Commission Committee recommends to the Commission that in recognition of the 60th Anniversary of the Bible Hill Fire Brigade that a one time grant be made in the amount of \$200 to assist with the Spring Banquet.

Motion carried

Adjournment

On motion of Hilliard and seconded by McKenna that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Robert Christianson
Clerk and Treasurer

Tom Burke
Deputy Chairman