

**Village of Bible Hill  
Commission in Committee Meeting  
April 10, 2007**

The April Commission in Committee meeting was held on April 10, 2007; in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

**Call to order**

Deputy Chair Burke  
Chairwoman Blair  
Commissioner Hilliard  
Commissioner McKenna  
Commissioner McLean

Staff: Robert Christianson, Clerk and Treasurer

**Approval of the Minutes of March 13, 2007**

Moved by McKenna  
Seconded by Hilliard

*"That Commission in Committee Meeting minutes of March 13, 2007 be approved."*

Motion carried

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

Moved by McKenna  
Seconded by McLean

*"That the agenda be approved with the addition of a discussion concerning Harness Racing at the Truro Raceway."*

Motion carried

**Business from the Minutes**

**Bible Hill Parks and Recreation Committee**

As previously scheduled, members of the Bible Hill Parks and Recreation Committee met with the Village to discuss issues of concern. Representing the Parks and Recreation Committee were Marie Tompkins, Kim Matlock, Doug Wile and Scott MacGillivray. Given the problems associated with baseballs being hit out of the Senior Ball Park onto neighbouring properties, the Committee is investigating the possibility of a joint venture with the Town of Truro (who are having a similar problem at their baseball field) to construct a new joint facility. A discussion was also held on other problems associated with the Bible Hill Recreation Park that are due to the fact that the facility is built on a former landfill site. Settlement is having a negative effect on a lot of the fields and this problem seems to be accelerating. As well, there is no washroom or potable water on the site which, besides being a great inconvenience to area residents, is precluding provincial tournaments being

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held at the site.

The Committee expressed concerns that there was not enough feedback between the Committee and the Village and it was suggested that joint meetings be held twice yearly. The Committee also felt that, at times, they had been placed in awkward positions having to deal with members of the public who were not pleased with various aspects of recreation services in the community. The Village agreed that the Committee should not be placed in these types of circumstances and it was the role of the Village Commission to deal with these types of problems.

The Committee felt strongly that the judges for the "Light Up Bible Hill" contest should be children and not adults.

Finally, a discussion was held on the possibility of moving the Canada Day Festivities from the Bible Hill Recreation Park to the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition grounds. The Committee felt that the Canada Day program had outgrown the Recreation Park facility and that the Provincial Exhibition Grounds is a facility that has better infrastructure for this type of event. The Committee agreed to discuss this issue further.

#### **Update Main Street Project**

Tenders close on April 12 at 2pm at the offices of Horner and Associates. To date 9 contractors have taken out documents.

#### **Volunteer Awards Program**

The Bible Hill awards ceremony will be held on April 19.

#### **Water Expansion Project**

Chairwoman Blair updated the Commission on the County Council Meeting that she had attended on March 29<sup>th</sup>. The Municipality has agreed to support the Village of Bible Hill on the expansion of the water project by providing half of the municipal share for an infrastructure grant through gas tax revenues.

### **Community Identity Signs**

The minister of trans has approved three community identity signs that will have the names of the Village of Bible Hill and the Town of Truro as home of the Nova Scotia Agricultural College.

### **Review of Correspondence**

#### **Truro and Area Drug Awareness Committee**

Chairwoman Blair will represent the Village at the Truro and Area Drug Awareness Program.

#### **Municipality of the County of Colchester - Fire Brigade Insurance**

The Clerk reported that effective March 31, 2007 the Municipality of the County of Colchester is planning to provide insurance coverage for fire brigades. The Fire Chief and the Clerk will be working on providing the necessary information to the Municipality.

### **New Business**

#### **Harness Racing at the Truro Raceway**

Deputy Chair Burke reported on the meeting that he had attended on April 4. The meeting was organized by the Chair of the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission to discuss a centralized gaming facility that would provide necessary financial relief the Harness Racing Industry and be a boost to the local economy.

Moved by Blair  
Seconded by Hilliard

*"That the Village of Bible Hill will continue to provide support for the NSPE and its attempt to obtain permission to open a "Racino" on the Exhibition Grounds."*

Motion carried

Commissioner McKenna reported on a Planning Advisory Meeting that was held on April 5 to review the development agreement for the construction of a 24 unit apartment building at 43-45 Pictou Road. Although Commissioner McKenna voted against the development agreement, it was approved by the PAC and will be forwarded to County Council.

In Camera Committee of the Whole

Personnel Issue

Moved by Blair  
Seconded by McLean

*That the meeting adjourn to an In Camera Committee of the Whole Meeting."*

Motion carried

The In Camera Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at 8:45pm. Commission in Committee meeting resumed at 9:00pm.

Moved by McLean  
Seconded by Hilliard

*"That the Honorarium for Fire Chief be capped at \$6,027."*

Motion carried

Adjournment

Moved by McKenna  
Seconded by Hilliard

*"That the meeting be adjourned."*

Motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm

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Robert Christianson  
Clerk and Treasurer

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Tom Burke  
Deputy Chairman