

The August 14, 2007 Commission in Committee meeting was held in the Village Office at 67 Pictou Road. The meeting was called to order by the Deputy Chair at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Call to Order

Commissioner Blair
Commissioner Burke
Commissioner McKenna
Commissioner McLean
Commissioner Van Kroonenburg

Staff: Robert Christianson, Clerk and Treasurer

**Approval of the Minutes of
July 10, 2007**

*Moved by Blair
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

*"That Commission in Committee Meeting minutes of
July 10, 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."

Motion carried

**Business arising from the
minutes**

Main Street Sewer Project

A discussion was held on the Main Street Sewer Project which is nearing completion. The Clerk was questioned on the fact that an irregular or pebbled surface was not used on the sidewalk at the intersections. Commissioner McKenna commented on the fact that businesses had endured a lot of disruptions during construction.

Water Expansion Project

The application for funding for the Water Expansion Project will be drafted for the meeting on August 20th. The Clerk was instructed to set up a meeting with other members of the Steering Committee either on the morning of August 21st or 22nd.

Town of Truro and Co-operative Projects

No further discussions have been held with the Town of Truro regarding the cooperative projects. The Chairwoman and the Clerk will follow up.

Sidewalk Repair Tenders

*Moved by McKenna
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Commission in Committee recommends that the tender for sidewalk repairs be awarded to Webster Brothers Paving and Concrete Ltd in the amount of \$45,570.00 plus hst."

Motion carried

New Business

Conducting of Meetings

Deputy Chair Burke spoke on meetings that Commissioners may have with other members of special interest groups that perhaps should be meetings held with the whole commission.

Dutch Mason Blues Festival

Discussion was held on the festival sponsored by the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition. It was agreed that it was a very successful event that the Chairwoman would like to write a letter of congratulations to the NSPE. The Village had received one complaint call regarding loud music being played late at night.

Flag Policy

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

"That the Commission in Committee recommends that the only flag to be flown on the flag pole at 69 Pictou Road will be the Canadian flag."

Motion carried

Fire Brigade Response Time Complaint

Chairwoman Blair reported to the Commission that she had received a complaint from a resident regarding the time it took for the fire brigade apparatus to arrive at the scene of a car fire. The complainant suggested that the village should engage professional full time firefighters like in the Town of Truro. After discussion, it was agreed that the Commissioners felt that there was no need for full time firefighters.

Fire Brigade Chief's Honorarium

It was agreed that no adjustment would be made in the budgeted amount of the fire chief's honorarium.

ANSV

Chairwoman Blair said the Annual Meeting of the Association of Nova Scotia Villages is scheduled in St. Peter's on the weekend of September 21st.

Commissioners wishing to attend should contact the Clerk and Treasurer.

Meeting Village of Tatamagouche

Chairwoman Blair as Chair of the Association of Nova Scotia Villages attended a meeting with the Village of Tatamagouche, the Tatamagouche Fire Brigade, and staff from the Municipality of the County of Colchester. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss fire rates paid by the Village to support the fire brigade. An issue of concern was raised at the meeting by the Municipality which had implied that if the Village did not levy a sufficient rate to support the fire brigade, the Municipality would levy a fire rate within the Village. The meeting discussed this.

This issue was discussed. It was agreed that Bible Hill and the Association of Nova Scotia Villages should address this with the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations.

Commissioners and Staff BBQ 12:00 noon Friday

Deputy Chairman Burke informed the Commissioners of the staff BBQ and asked the Commissioners to RSVP to the Finance Officer.

Meeting Adrian Armsworthy - Fire Brigade application for club license

Chairwoman Blair and the Clerk discussed a meeting held earlier that day with Mr. Armsworthy, a representative with Nova Scotia Alcohol and Gaming Authority to review the Fire Brigade's proposed application for a club license. Chairwoman Blair and the Clerk recommended that the Village support the application for club license in the brigade meeting rooms but it may be best that liquor service at the Village Hall remain through special occasion licenses.

The Clerk was instructed to discuss this with the fire brigade.

Large Flower Bed 69 Pictou Road

It was agreed to instruct the clerk to investigate a new design for the large flower bed at 69 Pictou Road to move to a more perennial bed.

Application for Special Rates Request

*Moved by Blair
Seconded by Mclean*

"That the Commission in Committee recommends that POMBA be given use of the Village Hall on October 14th at a 25% discount."

Motion carried

Request for fence along small park walkway

It was agreed that the Village would install a new fence along the side of the walkway leading into the park at Fernhill Drive.

Addition of staff member to pension fund

*Moved by Mckenna
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

"That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Administrative Assistant be placed on the Village Pension Plan retroactive to April 1, 2007."

Motion Carried

Sidewalk Repairs Maple Blvd.

The Clerk was instructed to contact the Town of Truro Water Utility to ask that repairs be made to the sidewalk on Maple Blvd where the new water laterals had been installed.

Welcome to Bible Hill Sign - Salmon River Bridge

The Clerk was asked to get a quote from Vi-Tech Signs to have the Bible Hill sign taken down and refurbished and then replaced.

Four way stop sign - Village Line and Meadowland

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Mclean*

"That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Village request that NSTPW install a 4 way stop sign at the intersection of Village Line Avenue and Meadowland Avenue."

Motion Carried

Adjournment

*Moved by McKenna
Seconded by McLean*

"That the meeting be adjourned."

Motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.

Robert Christianson
Clerk and Treasurer

Tom Burke
Deputy Chairman