

**Village of Bible Hill
Regular Monthly Meeting
August 20, 2007**

The August Regular Monthly meeting was held on August 20, 2007, in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Call to order Chairwoman Blair
 Deputy Chair Burke
 Commissioner McLean
 Commissioner McKenna
 Commissioner Van Kronenburg

Staff Jill Nette, Solicitor
 Robert Christianson, Clerk and Treasurer

Approval of the Minutes of June 19, 2007 *Moved by McKenna*
 Seconded by Van Kroonenburg

 "That the minutes of June 19, 2007 be approved."

 Motion carried

Review and approval of agenda, call for new or other business *Moved by McLean*
 Seconded by McKenna

 "That the agenda be approved"

 Motion carried

Miscellaneous business including delegations **Beth Casey, Horner ADI**

 Sewage pumping station College Road - Ms Casey made a presentation regarding a report she had drafted reviewing the options for the replacement of the existing sewage pumping station located at the Bible Hill Recreation Park. The pumping station was constructed in 1971 to accept sewage flows from the Pictou/College Road sewer shed. The sewer pumping station is now over 35 years old and is at the end of its useful life.

 Alternative one would be to construct a new sewer pumping station complete with 1000 pressure sewer line and discharge into the gravity sewer line at the intersection of College Road and Vimy Road. The approximate cost would be \$800,000 to \$1,000,000.

 The second alternative would be to construct a gravity sewer line from the existing sewer pumping station across the Recreation Park and under the Salmon River to the main trunk line. The approximate cost would be in the range of \$500,000 to \$700,000.

 The Commissioners discussed the report with Ms Casey, and the Chair thanked her for her presentation.

Jeff Hoare

Mr Hoare, past fire chief of the Bible Hill Fire Brigade, made a presentation outlining his concerns regarding fire apparatus and more specifically the need for an aerial ladder truck. A discussion was held between the Commissioners and Mr. Hoare regarding the fire apparatus and the fire service in Bible Hill.

Business from the Minutes Commission in Committee Report

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by McLean*

“That the Village of Bible Hill purchase promotional signage for the Dutch Mason Blues Festival in the amount of \$500 + HST. That the Village of Bible Hill offer the services of the Parks and Recreation Coordinator on a part time basis, during regular working hours, to a maximum of 35 hours to assist with the promotion of the festival. That the Village of Bible Hill offer space to the NSPE in a newsletter to promote the festival and space on the Village web page. Finally, the Village of Bible Hill will provide space on the Village promotional sign to promote the festival.”

Motion Carried

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

“That the Village of Bible Hill purchase an advertisement in the Rotary Club of Truro Yearbook at a cost of \$349.”

Motion Carried

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by McLean*

‘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

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by McKenna*

“That the only flag to be flown on the flag pole at 69 Pictou Road will be the Canadian flag.”

Motion Carried

Moved by Burke

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Seconded by Van Kroonenburg

“That POMBA be given use of the Village Hall on October 14th at a 25% discount.”

Motion Carried.

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by McLean*

“That the Administrative Assistant be placed on the Village Pension Plan retroactive to April 1, 2007.”

Motion Carried.

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by McLean*

“That the Village of Bible Hill request that NSTPW install a 4 way stop sign at the intersection of Village Line Avenue and Meadowland Drive.”

Motion Carried.

Update Main Street Project

The Clerk and Treasurer reported that construction was winding down on the Main Street Project. Work on the sidewalk should be completed in a day or two and landscaping and asphalt repairs should be completed by the end of the week.

Water Expansion Project

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by McKenna*

“That the Village of Bible Hill, in cooperation with the Municipality of the County of Colchester proceed to submit an application to the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund for the expansion of the Bible Hill water distribution system. Total estimated expense of the project is 1.5 million dollars. The municipal share (1/3) to be cost shared between Colchester and Bible Hill. ”

Motion carried

Reports of Commissioners and Clerk and Treasurer

Commissioner McLean, Transportation Services

Commissioner McLean spoke on her attempts to have the Pictou Road and College Road street signs reinstated. Apparently, the signs were removed the previous summer when construction on

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those intersections took place. Commissioner McLean has received no satisfaction from the local Department of Transportation and will be contacting our MLA, the Honourable Jamie Muir.

Commissioner McKenna, Protective Services

Commissioner McKenna reported on the Bible Hill Fire Brigade. To date there have been 48 emergency calls. Recently the brigade took part in the Canada Day program and held a successful fundraising event at Cavanagh's Food Market. A meeting has been held with the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition to discuss events held at the facility and emergency response by the brigade to these events.

Commissioner Van Kroonenburg, Parks and Recreation

Commissioner Van Kroonenburg reported that there will be a full agenda for the upcoming Parks and Recreation Meeting to be held in September and she will be bringing a number of issues to the Commission after that meeting.

Deputy Chairman Burke, Environmental Services

Commissioner Burke reported on the sewer construction project on Main Street and discussed with the Commissioners in more detail the replacement of the sewer pumping station at the Bible Hill Recreation Park.

Chairwoman Blair

Chairwoman Blair reported on the various meetings and functions she had attended over the summer on behalf of the Village and her activities as chair of the Association of Nova Scotia Villages.

The Accounts

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by McLean*

"That the accounts be approved for payment."

Motion Carried

New Business

Sidewalk Priority Listing

*Moved by Mclean
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

"That the sidewalk priority listing be amended as follows."

Sidewalk Listing

College Road Osprey to Maple
College Road Day Care to Vimy
Pictou Road Village Court to the Village Boundary
College Road Guest Drive to Osprey Court
Vimy Road Windale to Farnham
Main Street Subway to Bridge southside
College Road Vimy to Guest Drive
College Road Maple to Saywood
College Road Saywood to Old Court House Branch
Old Court House Branch College to Regency
Saywood Estates Regency and Saywood Drive

Motion Carried.

Gas Distribution System Municipal Taxation Act

A review was made on the Gas Distribution System Municipal Tax Act passed by the Province of Nova Scotia in the winter of 2004. This agreement negotiated by the UNSM on behalf of the Nova Scotia Municipalities excludes the Villages from any taxation benefits of natural gas systems. Municipalities are given the option to share taxation benefits with Villages if they desire.

It was agreed that Bible Hill would request that this item be placed on the agenda for the Annual Meeting of Nova Scotia Villages.

Adjournment

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by McKenna*

"That the meeting be adjourned."

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Robert Christianson
Clerk and Treasurer

Christine Blair
Chairwoman