

**Village of Bible Hill
Regular Monthly Meeting
February 19, 2008**

The February Regular Monthly meeting was held on February 19, 2008, in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 9:28 pm.

Call to order

Chairwoman Blair
Deputy Chair Burke
Commissioner McLean
Commissioner McKenna
Commissioner Van Kroonenburg

Staff

Robert Christianson, Clerk and Treasurer
Jill Nette, Solicitor
Angie Ogden, Recording Secretary

Approval of the Minutes of January 15, 2008

*Moved by McKenna
Seconded by McLean*

"That the minutes of January 15, 2008 be approved as presented."

Motion carried

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

*Moved by McKenna
Seconded by Burke*

"That the agenda be approved as presented."

Motion carried

Business from the Minutes

Commission In Committee Report

Security System at 67 Pictou Road

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Village of Bible Hill engage the firm of Holmes Locksmith and Security to upgrade the security alarm system and install five smoke detectors at 67 Pictou Road at a cost of \$2,060 plus HST. In addition, the Village of Bible Hill will purchase security monitoring service at \$179 a year plus HST."

Motion carried

Kenwood TK 2070 radios for Fire Brigade

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by McKenna*

"That the Village of Bible Hill purchase three Kenwood TK 2070 radios with additional batteries at a cost of \$1,809.60 plus HST from Nova Communications Ltd."

Motion carried

Automobile Emergency Lights for Fire Brigade

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*Moved by Burke
Seconded by McKenna*

"That the Village of Bible Hill purchase three automobile emergency lights with siren at a cost of \$2,235 plus HST from Safety Source Limited."

Motion carried

Commissioner Burke commented that a vendor he approached indicated that these were not modern and they were unable to quote on this item.

NFPA Harness for Fire Brigade

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by McKenna*

"That the Village of Bible Hill purchase four NFPA harnesses with rope from K&D Pratt at a cost of \$2,618.88 plus HST."

Hall request for Cobequid Spartans

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Village of Bible Hill approve Village Hall use on June 21st for the Cobequid Spartans at no charge as outlined in the Application for Special Rates Policy."

Motion carried

Hall request for High Rock Youth Ministries

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

"That the Village of Bible Hill approve a 25% discount to the High Rock Youth Ministries hall booking on March 8th as outlined in the Application for Special Rates Policy."

Motion carried

Hall request for Hub Residential

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Village of Bible Hill approve use of the Village Hall on April 22nd by Hub Residential for a \$46.00 caretaker fee as outlined in the Application for Special Rates Policy."

Motion carried

Construction of Addition to Fire Station

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The Clerk reported that Shaw was unable to supply the Village with brick samples similar to the current fire hall bricks. Thompson Engineering is waiting for samples to arrive from a company in Quebec. The commission agreed to have a meeting on February 25th at 3:45pm to review brick samples, the Fire Chief will be notified.

MRIF and Building Canada Fund Applications

The Village has currently not received information regarding our application for Phase III. The Clerk has resubmitted our application for Phase IV and has increased the application by 5%.

CBCL Engineering Services for Phase III and Phase IV water system expansions

A discussion was held.

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Village of Bible Hill hire CBCL to begin with the detail designs work only for Phase III of the water project."

Motion carried

Volunteer Awards Program

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Village of Bible Hill award Marie Thompkins, Doug While, Ebby Snow, Steve Ellis, Glen Locke and Beryl Keilty the Continuous Service Award"

Motion carried

*Moved by McKenna
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

"That the Village of Bible Hill award the Bible Hill Fire Brigade and Fowler Construction the Corporate Service Award. That Francis Casion and Juli Power be awarded the Special Recognition Award. That Rick Hilliard be awarded the Outstanding Recognition Award and be our representative at the Provincial Awards Ceremonies."

Motion carried

Review of correspondence

Honourable Jamie Muir- Sewer Charge NSAC

Correspondence from Honourable Jamie Muir was reviewed regarding sewer charge being paid by the Province on behalf of the NSAC. Bill 107 did not pass during the Fall session of the legislature and will be re-introduced. Mr. Muir will pass along our concerns to Brooke Taylor who is the Minister responsible for the

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Department of Agriculture.

The commission agreed to pass the letter received from the Honourable Jamie Muir to our solicitor at Burchell MacDougall who will draft a letter to Brooke Taylor on our behalf.

Bible Hill Fire Brigade Ladies Auxiliary

The thank you letter for use of the meeting room was reviewed by the commission.

Councillor Robert Taylor

Councillor Taylor outlined in his letter that the County of Colchester requires a letter written from the Village to formalize the request for County to participate in the water tower project.

It was agreed by the commission that a letter be sent to the County indicating our major project is a sewer pumping station and outline our current priority for the water extension. This letter will also outline that the Village is not in favour of area rates and we appreciate the initiative, a carbon copy to be sent to Councillor Taylor. The commission also agreed to send a letter to Honourable Jamie Muir, Brooke Taylor regarding our request for land at the NSAC.

Downtown Truro Partnership

The letter was reviewed by the Downtown Truro Partnership regarding the cancellation of the Tulip Festival.

Marvin MacDonald SNSMR

The commission reviewed the letter sent by Marvin MacDonald outlining our successful application to the Emergency Services Providers Fund for our construction of new vehicle bays.

Peter Julian MP

The commission reviewed the letter sent by Peter Julian, MP regarding improving the health of Canadians by ridding Canada of polybrominated diphenyl ethers.

Recreation Nova Scotia

A letter was sent from Recreation Nova Scotia regarding the Provincial Volunteer Awards Ceremony on April 24th. The Village Chair, Recreation Co-ordinator and out Outstanding Recognition award winner Rick Hilliard will be in attendance.

Wayne Faulker NSEL

The commission reviewed the letter sent to Wayne

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Faulkner of NS Environment and Labour regarding an update on the monitoring results from the NSTPW study in 2001.

Paul Smith, Senior Planner

The commission agreed to send correspondence to the County supporting the rezoning application on Vimy Road for Shannex to build a retirement/assisted living complex. The commission had no objections and was in full support.

NSPE use of property for Canada Day 2008

The Village received approval by correspondence from Vaugh Dickie to use the Agridome and parking lot for our 2008 Canada Day Festivities. The Chair requested that the Clerk ensure this is booked with the Provincial Exhibition office.

Reports of Commissioners and Clerk and Treasurer

Commissioner Van Kroonenburg, Parks & Recreation

Commissioner Van Kroonenburg reviewed the minutes from the February 5th Bible Hill Parks and Recreation Meeting. The committee reviewed the 2008/09 budget. Laura also informed the Fundy Senior Games Committee that their request for a \$200.00 donation was tabled until a financial statement was received. Our Recreation Coordinator reviewed surveys conducted by Jim Campbell for the Town of Truro to help with their strategic planning; our Recreation Coordinator felt this should be done by the Village for the Recreation strategic planning process.

Commissioner McLean, Transportation Committee

Commissioner McLean reported that CN is currently doing steel work on the subway bridge last month and this month.

Sidewalk conditions are favourable, they have been very accessible. It is anticipated that the cost of snow removal will be over budget this year.

Commissioner McLean also reported that she had attended the RCMP Community meeting on Jan 14th. She will be away on vacation March 5 to April 3rd, she will be checking her e-mail and the Clerk has a contact phone number she can be reached at.

Commissioner McKenna, Protective Services

Commissioner McKenna reported on the activities of the Bible Hill Fire Brigade. In the past month the Fire Brigade responded to nine emergency calls with a \$4.00 loss. The Fire Brigade members reviewed the current version of the hall expansion plans and suggestions were forwarded to the Clerk. All brigade members have received an information sheet outlining if they qualify for the 2007 Firefighter tax credit. The Brigade accepted the resignation of Joey Bisson effective February 29th.

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The Safety Advisory Committee met February 4th. The committee discussed the RCMP Public meeting; they felt it was a good meeting. Commissioner McKenna reviewed the survey results. The Commission agreed to send Sergeant Jeff Christie a copy of the Bible Hill Community Survey results.

The commission agreed that a letter be sent to the Department of Transportation requesting the development of a sign to indicate to motorists when Park Street is closed, suggestion of location were Pictou and College Road.

The commission agreed to have the Chair of the Bible Hill Safety Advisory committee contact Bible Hill Central to indicate the playground sign paint is peeling off.

The Clerk was asked to provide names for a guest speaker from the Department of Transportation to attend the Bible Hill Safety Advisory Committee in April for a question and answer period.

Deputy Chairman Burke, Environmental Services

Deputy Chairman Burke had nothing to report on the Environmental Services Committee. He attended a meeting with the Clerk on Feb 18th to discuss engineering services for Phase III and IV of the water system.

Deputy Chair Burke requested that the lighting for the extension of the fire hall be low energy, LED.

Deputy Chair Burke reported that he will be away on April 19th and that his regrets be sent to the Brigade for their spring banquet.

Chairwoman Blair

Chairwoman Blair reported on a number of events that she had attended on behalf of the Village.

The Accounts

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by McLean*

"That the accounts be approved for payment."

Motion Carried

New Business

Diversity Week Steering Committee- June 29 to July 5

The Village Commission agreed to have "Diversity" as our theme for our Canada Day Festivities. The parade and event planning will reflect this theme. The Commission also agreed to replace Ms. Ogden's seat on the Steering Committee with Miss McCarron.

Purchase of replacement overhead crosswalk lights

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*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Burke*

"That the Village of Bible Hill purchase two RA5 overhead crosswalk sign from Electromega at a cost of \$1,405.00 each plus HST."

Request for Village Pins- Special Olympics 150

The Village Commission agreed to give the Special Olympics 150 pins for their floor hockey tournaments.

Colchester Highland Dance Association

The Village commission agreed to give the Colchester Highland Dance Association 100 pins for their provincial meet at RedCliff.

Election Calendar

The commission reviewed the election calendar, May 8-15 is nomination, June 2nd is the annual meeting, June 7 is election day. Lorrain Dawson has agreed to be the returning officer. There will be two commission seats, the seat for Chairwoman Blair and Commissioner McKenna.

Adjournment

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by McKenna*

"That the February 19th Regular Monthly meeting of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned."

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 pm.

**Angela Ogden
Finance Officer**

**Christine Blair
Chairwoman**