

**Village of Bible Hill
Regular Monthly Meeting
March 18, 2008**

The March Regular Monthly meeting was held on March 18, 2008, in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 8:43pm.

Call to order

Chairwoman Blair
Deputy Chair Burke
Commissioner McKenna
Commissioner Van Kroonenburg

Regrets from Commissioner McLean

Staff

Robert Christianson, Clerk and Treasurer
Jill Nette, Solicitor - arrived at 7:20pm
Angie Ogden, Recording Secretary

Approval of the Minutes of February 19, 2008

*Moved by McKenna
Seconded by VanKroonenburg*

"That the minutes of February 19, 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 with the additions of Transportation under new business and an in camera session regarding a staffing issue."

Motion carried

Business from the Minutes

Commission In Committee Report

Surplus BA Harness & Bottle Equipment for Brigade

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by McKenna*

"That the Village of Bible Hill sell four surplus BA harnesses and bottles as well as an assortment of turnout gear to the Bass River Fire Brigade for \$1,000.00. Proceeds from the sale shall go to the Fire Vehicle and Equipment Reserve Fund and the Bible Hill Solicitor will draft a Sale Agreement."

Motion carried

Capital Budget 2008

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by McKenna*

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“That the Village of Bible Hill during the 2008 study of the Five year Capital Budget, make a review of additional upgrades to the fire station expansion.”

Motion carried

Temporary Workplace Traffic Control Manual

Moved by Burke

Seconded by Van Kroonenburg

“That the Village of Bible Hill as required by Section 82 of the Occupational Health and Safety Act adopt as a Code of Practice the latest edition of the Temporary Workplace Traffic Control Manual, as published by the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, as amended from time to time.”

Motion carried

2008 Canada Day

Moved by Burke

Seconded by Van Kroonenburg

“That the Village Clerk be authorized to submit a financial request to the Department of Canadian Heritage for the 2008 Canada Day Program.”

Motion carried

Update Phase 3 Water Expansion Project

Last Wednesday the Clerk and Mark Evans from CBCL met with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, the Department of Environment and the Truro Water Utility regarding Phase III of the water project.

The Main Street section is a complex work area because of the sanitary sewer, storm sewer & traffic lights. CBCL is currently looking into the best way to install the water line in this area.

The Clerk and representatives from the Department of Transportation both prefer that the water line for Ryland Avenue be pushed to the north side, under the sidewalk and that the sidewalk be reinstated rather than the road. The Clerk outlined that the money to reinstate the sidewalk may have to come from the reserve funds.

The design for the water project will be ready for April 4th; we currently have not received approval for funding

under the MRIF program.

Fire Station Expansion Project

Plans are completed for the fire station expansion. The plans have been submitted to the County of Colchester for a building permit. Once the building permit is issued we will post our tender on the Government of Nova Scotia Procurement website.

Review of correspondence

Rezoning Application- Stonehouse property

The Public Hearing for the rezoning application is taking place on March 27th. Commissioner McKenna reported that the planning advisory committee has recommended to council that the property be rezoned to commercial from R-2. Neighbours have expressed concerns about the drainage issues. Commissioner McKenna and Van Kroonenberg will attend the meeting and report back to the commission.

Meeting with the Town of Truro

The Commission has agreed to notify the Town of Truro that the Village regular monthly meeting is scheduled for April 15th and that they would be willing to meet Town Council to discuss issues relating to both the Town of Truro and the Village of Bible Hill on April 16th.

Approval of Community Recreation Capital Grant

The Commission reviewed correspondence received from Minister Barnet regarding application approval for the 2007-08 Community Recreation Capital Grant Program up to \$4,585.

Reports of Commissioners and Clerk and Treasurer

Commissioner Van Kroonenburg, Parks & Recreation

Commissioner Van Kroonenburg there was not at the Parks & Recreation meeting in March because there was no quorum.

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 five emergency calls with a \$4.00 loss. Information on the upgrade of the fire paging system will be received at the CFFA meeting on March 19th. The Fire Chief and two Deputy Chiefs have met with John Redden to discuss the fire apparatus review.

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Upcoming events are the Spring Banquet on April 19th, Annual Auction on April 29th.

The Safety Advisory Committee met March 3rd. Seven RCMP public meetings were held in Colchester County. Commissioner McKenna is waiting to hear from DOT regarding a speaker for an upcoming Safety Advisory meeting. Krista Myers will be transferring to Halifax and will no longer be on the Safety Advisory Committee. The commission agreed to send her a thank you letter from the Village in mid April for her services.

Deputy Chairman Burke, Environmental Services

Deputy Chairman Burke reported that he was present at all meetings relating to the design of fire hall expansion.

A discussion was held on utility vehicles parking on sidewalks. The commission agreed to report any utility vehicles parking on sidewalks to the office, the number of the vehicle is required.

Clerk and Treasurer Christianson

The Clerk reported he had a request for 60 Village pins for a curling event. The clerk reported that the Village did not have an approved policy regarding the distribution of pins. The commission agreed to not give the 60 pins to the curling group.

Chairwoman Blair

Chairwoman Blair reported on a number of events that she had attended on behalf of the Village. Chairwoman Blair will be out of town from March 19th to the 28th.

The Accounts

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

"That the accounts be approved for payment."

Motion Carried

New Business

Application for Use of Kitchen in Village Hall

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by McKenna*

"That the Village of Bible Hill give free use of the Village Hall to the Mel-O-Dees for April 23rd from 7-9pm and April 24th from 8-1pm for their salad plate fundraiser as outlined in our special rates policy"

Motion carried

Field Maintenance

Moved by McKenna

Seconded by Van Kroonenburg

“That the Village of Bible Hill hire Hamilton Sod Farm Limited to do annual field maintenance to the Airport and Recreation Park ball fields for \$7,900 plus tax.”

Motion carried

Application for membership in the Bible Hill Parks and Recreation Committee

Moved by McKenna

Seconded by Burke

“That the Village of Bible Hill approved the membership application from Scott MacGillvary for a 2 year term to the Bible Hill Parks and Recreation Committee.”

Motion carried

Unightly premises Blanchard Avenue

A discussion was held concerning an unsightly premise on Blanchard Avenue. The commission agreed to send a letter to the Department of Environment regarding the issue of rats and a letter to the County of Colchester regarding the unsightly premises and to also address the concern of a business operating out of residential area.

Deputy Chairman Burke reported that the Johnson Avenue unsightly premise has been rectified.

Booking tents for Canada Day

Moved by Burke

Seconded by Van Kroonenburg

“That the Village of Bible Hill rent tenting, staging and chairs for the Canada Day Celebrations from Tents for Events at a cost of \$2,220.45.”

Motion carried

In-Camera Committee Meeting of the
Whole

Personnel Issue

*Moved by McKenna
Seconded by Burke*

*"That the commission meet in an In Camera
Committee of the Whole Meeting to discuss staffing
issues"*

Motion carried

At 8:20 pm the Commission went into an In Camera
Meeting, the In Camera Meeting ended at 8:40.

*Moved by McKenna
Seconded by Burke*

*"That non unionized staff and elected officials
received a 3% salary or honorarium increase effective
April 1, 2008. Compensation for unionized workers
will be addressed in the upcoming contract talks. The
Finance Officer's level shall be raised from step 2 to
step 3 effective April 1, 2008.*

Motion carried

Adjournment

Moved by Burke
Seconded by McKenna

"That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Angela Ogden
Finance Officer

Christine Blair
Chairwoman