

The May 13, 2008 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 8:00pm; the meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Prior to the start of the Commission in Committee meeting a session was held between the Village, Fire Brigade Chief Dwane Mellish and John T. Redden, CGI Insurance Business Services to review a draft report commissioned by the Village from CGI "Fire Services Study of Village of Bible Hill". A second draft report will be submitted by May 31. The review took longer than anticipated delaying the start of the Commission in Committee meeting by one hour.

Call to Order

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

Staff: Robert Christianson, Clerk and Treasurer

**Approval of the Minutes of
April 8, 2008**

*Moved by McKenna
Seconded by Blair*

*"That Commission in Committee Meeting minutes of
April 8, 2008 be approved."*

Motion carried

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

*Moved by Blair
Seconded by McLean*

*"That the agenda be approved with additions of Parks
and Recreation Committee concerns, landscaping
project - Bible Hill Garden Club, name for new
Shannex Nursing Home, and removal of CUPE talks
under In-camera Session."*

Motion carried

**Business arising out of the
minutes**

Fire Station Expansion

A discussion was held on the Fire Station Expansion Project. The contract has been signed. The issue of the existing oil storage tank is still outstanding. A decision must be made on whether or not the existing tank can be recertified and reused or whether the tank must be replaced. The Clerk was instructed to contact the Department of Environment regarding the status of the old tank.

*Moved by Blair
Seconded by McKenna*

"That the Village of Bible Hill have the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal make a double sided sign to promote the Fire Hall Expansion Project and to give credit to the Province of Nova Scotia for the funding provided through the Emergency services provider fund."

Motion carried

Phase 3 Water System Expansion

While a public announcement has been made for the approved project funding, no contract documents have been received to date from the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Program. As well, work is still on-going regarding URB approval. The final draft construction plans will be delivered the week of May 19th. Due to the above noted factors, construction of the project may not occur in this fiscal year.

Review of correspondence

Mike Smith, Mayor Municipality of the County of Colchester

Correspondence from the Mayor regarding Bible Hill's action in reference to the construction of a water tower was reviewed. It was agreed that a draft letter would be brought to the meeting of May 20th for review. The letter will outline the steps that Bible Hill has taken to date regarding the water tower and detail the upcoming capital projects that are slated for completion before a water tower is built.

Honourable Brooke Taylor, Minister Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture

Correspondence from the Minister was reviewed. The Minister stated that *"A change in the status of the NSAC will not necessarily mean a change in the ownership of the lands. While section 27(1)(a) of Bill 107 provides the Board of the College authority to purchase real property, this is only an option. As the 1956 Agreement signed by Deputy Minister Lusby indicates, the Province, in its capacity as owner of the property, agreed to share in the cost of the sewer system on the same basis as private landowners."* It was agreed that the Village of Bible Hill would write an acknowledgement letter to the Minister.

New Business

Removal of old canteen building Bible Hill Recreation Park

A discussion was held regarding Parks and Recreation Committee concerns that decisions were being made regarding recreation facilities in Bible Hill without the Committee having opportunity for input. In particular, the Committee had concerns regarding the removal of the old canteen building and the list of capital items that was submitted to the Province of Nova Scotia for Special Grant Funding. The Clerk and Treasurer explained that the letter outlining the items submitted to the province was done on an extreme short time schedule at the request of the province. The only person he had time to consult with was Commissioner McKenna.

*Moved by McKenna
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

“That the old canteen building will be removed after the completion of this year’s ball season and that, in the meantime, the deteriorated step into the building would be removed.”

Motion carried

The Capital Budget for Parks and Recreation will be reviewed on May 20th to see if funds could be freed up to construct a replacement storage building before the next year.

MFFA Memorial Service

*Moved by McKenna
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

“That the Village of Bible Hill assist the Bible Hill Fire Brigade in regards to the MFFA Memorial Service by photocopying and mailing out 450 invitations.”

Motion carried

April 2008 Province of Nova Scotia Mileage and meal Rates .4051 cents per Km

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Village of Bible Hill adopt the Province of Nova Scotia current mileage and meal rates. Mileage to be reimbursed at .4051 cents per kilometre and the per diem rates for meals be set at breakfast \$6, lunch \$12, and dinner \$20.

Motion carried

Meal Allowance for Fire Brigade Training

A discussion was held on the bill that had been submitted by the Fire Brigade for reimbursement for meals eaten by Brigade members during a training event. There is no policy in place for this type of reimbursement. If the Brigade wishes the Village to consider a policy, this could be done during the next budget development process.

Review of draft tender supply of new ride on mower

*Moved by McKenna
Seconded by McLean*

"That the specification for the new mower be approved and that the Village tender for the supply of the mower."

Motion carried

Purchase of Scott PASS Alarms

*Moved by McKenna
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

"That the Village of Bible Hill purchase 10 PASS alarms at a cost of \$6,991.00 from Levitt Safety Supply."

Motion carried

Purchase of shelving units for office building basement

*Moved by Blair
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Village of Bible Hill purchase shelving units from A1 Redirack in the amount of \$1,845.80."

Motion carried

Purchase and installation of additional "Welcome to Bible Hill" Sign

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Village of Bible Hill purchase and install an additional "Welcome to Bible Hill" sign. The sign to be supplied by Vi-Tech signs at a cost of \$549 plus HST."

Motion carried

Purchase of Playground Equipment

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Village of Bible Hill purchase two seesaws from ABC Recreation Ltd. One for \$3,609.22 and the second for \$3,857.82 which includes shipping, taxes and installation."

Motion carried

Sgt. Dave Darrah

It was agreed that the Village of Bible Hill would send a letter to former Sgt. Dave Darrah acknowledging all of the work he did on behalf of the citizens of Bible Hill.

Bible Hill Garden Club

The Bible Hill Garden Club approached the Chairwoman for suggestions on a project that they could do in Bible Hill. It was suggested that they may wish to look at some landscaping around 69 Pictou Road or around the proposed "Welcome to Bible Hill" sign.

Naming of Shannex Nursing Home

The Chairwoman said that she had been approached by the Shannex Corporation regarding some suggestions for some possible names for the nursing complex on Vimy Road. The Commission discussed this and made some suggestions for the Chairwoman.

Adjournment

*Moved by McKenna
Seconded by McLean*

"That the meeting be adjourned."

Motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:30

Robert Christianson
Clerk and Treasurer

Tom Burke
Deputy Chairman