

The July 8, 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 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

**Call to order**

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

Staff: Robert Christianson, Clerk and Treasurer

**Approval of the Minutes of  
June 10, 2008**

*Moved by McLean  
Seconded by Blair*

*"That Commission in Committee Meeting minutes of  
June 10, 2008 be approved."*

*Motion carried*

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

*Moved by Blair  
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

*"That the agenda with the addition of MOU Civic  
Centre, Canada Day, Maple Blvd and Truro Water  
Utility, swimming pools, parking Ryland Avenue, light  
and sign at Scenic Drive Park be approved."*

*Motion carried*

**Business arising out of the  
minutes**

**Phase 3 and Phase 4 Water Expansion Project**

The Clerk reviewed recently completed construction estimates for Phase 3 and Phase 4 of the Water Expansion Project. Estimates have increased from the 2007 projections which were for Phase 3 \$636,000 to \$887,000 and Phase 4 from \$1,128,000 to \$1,438,000.

A discussion was held on this issue. Additional expenses for Phase 3 resulted from the necessity of the replacement of the sidewalk on Ryland Avenue (water line to be installed under sidewalk), increased requirements from the Department of Transportation requiring road reinstatement and escalating general construction expenses due to the price of oil, etc.

*Moved by Blair  
Seconded by McLean*

*"That the Commission in Committee recommends the*

*Village of Bible Hill request from the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund an increase in the MRIF Grant to match current construction estimates.”*

*Motion carried*

*Moved by Blair  
Seconded by McLean*

*“That Commission in Committee recommends the Village of Bible Hill request an amendment to the unapproved Building Canada Infrastructure Application to reflect the projected increased construction expenses or that the application be withdrawn and resubmitted.”*

*Motion carried*

#### **Review of correspondence**

#### **Sidewalk / Road Concerns Saywood Drive**

Correspondence received from Mr. Davis was reviewed. He had concerns regarding road conditions and the lack of sidewalks in the Saywood Estates Subdivision. In addition, a discussion was held on a previous request from Mr. Wight concerning installation of storm drainage and curbs in front of his home in Saywood Estates. The Sidewalk Priority List approved in August of 2007 was reviewed. It was agreed that there would be no changes made to the Sidewalk Priority List and that correspondence would be sent to Mr. Davis and Mr. Wight explaining that while the Village appreciated their concerns regarding the lack of sidewalks in the Saywood Estates Subdivision, for safety concern reasons the Village would construct sidewalks according to the approved Sidewalk Priority list.

#### **Hedge Concern Scenic Drive**

A discussion was held on a concern raised by Mrs. Bowden concerning a hedge abutting her property on Scenic Drive. Most of the Commissioners had visited the site to take a look at the hedge and it was felt that the hedge was not in violation to any bylaws and was in fact very similar to other hedges in the area. A letter will be sent to Mrs. Bower.

#### **Concerns Truro Water Utility Scenic Drive**

Correspondence was received from Mr. Campbell

regarding problems caused at his property by the Truro Water Utility when new shut off valves were installed. It was agreed that correspondence would be sent to Mr. Campbell acknowledging receipt of his correspondence and requesting that the Village be kept-up-to date regarding this situation.

#### **Parking at 69 Pictou Road**

An e-mail received from Fire Chief Dwane Mellish regarding parking problems at 69 Pictou Road when large events have been held at the Village Hall. During these events cars have been infringing on the driveways and turning areas needed by the fire vehicles. The Clerk reported that he had discussed this issue with the Fire Chief and over the next number of months new steps would be implemented (caretakers putting out traffic cones, etc) to try and minimize this problem.

#### **Trade Payables July**

*Moved by McLean  
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

*"That the payment of the July trade accounts be approved."*

*Motion carried*

#### **New Business**

#### **May 31st Financial Statement**

The May 31<sup>st</sup> Financial Statement was reviewed by the Commission.

#### **Fire Brigade Exhaust Fan - Cardinal Fire and Safety and MicMac Fire**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by Mahar*

*"That Commission in Committee recommends that a positive pressure ventilation fan be purchased form Cardinal Fire and Safety in the amount of \$1,900 plus HST."*

*Motion carried*

### **Pot Hole Patching Various Locations**

*Moved by McLean  
Seconded by Blair*

*"That Commission in Committee recommends that a quotation from Willkare Paving for pot hole patching in the amount of 1,800 plus HST be approved.*

*Motion carried*

### **Tender Ride on Mower**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by McLean*

*"That Commission in Committee recommends that the tender received from MacLeod's Farm Machinery Limited in the amount of \$10,926 plus HST be approved.*

*Motion carried*

### **Installation of 2 Exterior Water Taps 67 Pictou Road**

*Moved by McLean  
Seconded by van Kroonenburg*

*"That Commission in Committee recommends that a quotation received from J.C. Mechanical Contractors Limited in the amount of \$1,293 plus HST for the installation of two hose bibs be approved."*

*Motion carried*

### **Bussing Day Camps**

The Clerk reported that Markie Bus Tours Limited has been contracted to provide bussing services for summer day camps at a cost of \$350 plus HST per trip.

### **New Park Signs**

*Moved by McLean  
Seconded by Blair*

*"That Commission in Committee recommends the purchase 12 new Park Identification Signs from Vi*

*Tech Limited at a cost of \$165 each plus HST.”*

*Motion carried*

**Motion to Transfer \$300,000 from capital reserve to operating fund**

*Moved by Blair*

*Seconded by Mahar*

*“That Commission in Committee approve the transfer of \$300,000 from capital reserve to operating fund.”*

*Motion carried*

**Capital and Memorandum of Understanding**

A discussion was held on the draft agreement between the Municipality of the County of Colchester and the Town of Truro regarding the construction of the new civic centre and upgrades to the legion stadium. The draft Memorandum of Understanding has identified a location off Exit 13 as the best location for the new Civic Centre. Some Commissioners felt that the Civic Centre should be located in the Bible Hill/Truro core area to promote commercial development in the community; however, the general feeling amongst the Commission was this agreement between Colchester and Truro was a long time coming and that the community was in dire need of a new civic centre regardless of location.

**Canada Day**

A review was made on the Village of Bible Hill Canada Day Program which was held this year at the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Grounds. It was agreed that next year the event would be moved back to the Bible Hill Rec Park and that the Agridome at the Nova Scotia Exhibition Grounds would be booked for a rain location. Concerns were expressed that the no parking signs were not put up on Ryland Avenue leading to a very congested street that would hamper emergency vehicles if required (this concern was expressed for a number of events held at the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Grounds. Better coordination between the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition and the Department of Transportation is required to insure that proper signage is put up for large events). Next year will be

the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Canada Day Program in Bible Hill and it was agreed that Mr. Walter Langille would be approached to do one final year as MC. The Commission felt that the schedule for the event went very well and the entertainment was excellent.

#### **Maple Blvd Truro Water Utility**

The Clerk requested that the Truro Water Utility make the proper repairs to sidewalk, curb, and lawns on Maple Blvd where the Water Utility had made repairs to the water line.

#### **Swimming Pools**

A letter will be sent to the Municipality requesting that a review be made of the Land Use Bylaw to request that all types of swimming pools require adequate fencing to prevent children falling into them.

#### **Light and sign at Scenic Drive Park**

The Clerk reported that the Power Corporation had contacted the Village and that a streetlight will be installed overlooking the park at Scenic Drive.

#### **Adjournment**

*Moved by McLean  
Seconded by Blair*

*"That the meeting be adjourned."*

*Motion carried*

The meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.

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**Robert Christianson**  
Clerk and Treasurer

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**Tom Burke**  
Deputy Chairman