

Village of Bible Hill
Regular Monthly Meeting
September 16, 2008

The September Regular Monthly meeting was held on September 16, 2008, in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Call to Order

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

Staff

Regrets: Robert Christianson, Clerk and Treasurer
Laura Barrett, Solicitor
Angie Ogden, Recording Secretary

Attendance

Earl McKenna, Village Resident.

Approval of the Minutes

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the minutes of August 18, 2008 be approved as presented."

Motion carried

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

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

*"That the agenda be approved with the additions of
Hub Residential Special Hall Rate and Bible Hill Cubs
Special Hall Rate under New Business."*

Motion carried

**Miscellaneous business including
delegations**

There Commission agreed to proceed with the agenda until Staff Sgt Jeff Christie arrived to make a presentation to the Commission, at that time the commission would allow Sgt Christie to make his presentation.

**Business arising out of the
minutes**

Commission in Committee Report

Special Rate Request- POMBA Sale

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by McLean*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill approve the special rate
request for the POMBA clothing sale at a 25%
discount of the regular non-profit rate."*

Motion carried.

Maritime Fire Fighters Association Memorial Service

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Mahar*

“That the Village of Bible Hill purchase a wreath in the amount of \$125 to be laid at the Maritime Fire Fighters Association Memorial Service on September 28th.”

Motion carried

Benefit Request

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

“That the Village of Bible Hill approve the request received from the Bible Hill Fire Brigade for the donation of the Village Hall for a Benefit Dance to assist Bible Hill residents who recently lost their household goods in a fire. This approval is made on the condition that this event takes place under the jurisdiction of the Bible Hill Fire Brigade.”

Motion carried

Maintenance Worker- Shawn Fancy

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by McLean*

“That the Village of Bible Hill hire Shawn Fancy as a Maintenance Worker for the Village of Bible Hill with a three month probationary period. This will be a unionized position under the CUPE contract.”

Motion carried

**Sidewalk Snow Removal Contract- Justaart
Landscaping**

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by McLean*

“That the Village of Bible Hill table the sidewalk snow removal contract and bring forward to the next commission meeting for further discussion and approval.”

Motion Carried

Staff Sgt Jeff Christie

Chairwoman Blair welcomed Sgt Christie to the commission meeting.

Sgt Christie from the Colchester RCMP presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Village of Bible Hill for their continued partnership in the community. Chairwoman Blair accepted the award on behalf of the commission.

TIR Replacement of Sidewalk on Pictou Road

Commissioner McLean outlined that she and the Clerk met with Jim Talbot from Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal regarding the replacement of sidewalk on Pictou Road. Mr. Talbot met with the directors last Friday and they agreed to replace the curb with concrete and the sidewalk with asphalt. If the Village would like to see the sidewalk replaced with concrete they would need to cost share on the project.

Motion of McLean

Seconded by Van Kroonenburg

"That the Village of Bible Hill send correspondence to TIR outlining that the Village agrees to the concrete curb and asphalt sidewalk."

Motion carried

ANSV Annual Meeting

Mrs. Ogden reported that 19 people have confirmed attendance to the ANSV Annual Meeting on September 20th. The Meet and Greet is September 19th from 7 to 10pm. The Annual Meeting is September 20th from 8:30 to 4:30pm.

Chairwoman Blair reported that we have three workshops; the last one is the panel of Clerks to discuss Clerk and Treasurer job descriptions before annual general meeting in afternoon. Commissioner McLean is a nominee for director of 2008-09 year.

Chairwoman Blair and Commissioner McLean will be attending the UNSM Conference Sept 17th returning on the 19th for the ANSV Meet and Greet Social. Chairwoman Blair will be laying a wreath on behalf of the Village for the Battle of Brittan on September 21st.

Traffic Concerns - Saywood Drive

Chairwoman Blair said that according to Staff Sgt Christie the white painted line before the stop sign is a warning that a stop sign is ahead, you do not have to stop behind it. This line helps you ease up to the stop sign, attempt to stop cars and not to slide into traffic during weather conditions.

2008 Christmas Party

The Commission reviewed the two proposals from Village staff for the location of the Christmas Party this year.

*Motion of Burke
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Village of Bible Hill commit to attending the Wooden Hog for our Christmas Party this year on December 13th."

Motion carried

Review of Correspondence

Mayor Smith- Re: Open Air Burning

A discussion was held.

*Motion of McLean
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the Village of Bible Hill send correspondence outlining our concerns after the Municipal Elections in October to the new mayor and councillors."

Motion Carried

Mayor Smith- Re: Local Infrastructure Announcements

Chairwoman Blair reviewed the letter sent by Mayor Smith regarding an invitation not being sent by the Village to the County concerning the recent

Infrastructure Announcement for the Water Extension in Bible Hill.

The Commission agreed to have the Clerk and Chairwoman draft a letter to Mayor Smith outlining our response to the correspondence & circulate to the commission for review prior to sending it.

H.D. Boyce - Re: Fire Study

The Commission reviewed the correspondence received from Mr. Boyce regarding his disagreement with the recent fire study. The commission agreed to copy this correspondence to the Fire Chief.

H.D. Boyce- Re: Canada Post

The Commission reviewed the correspondence received from Mr. Boyce regarding mailing address for Bible Hill as "Truro". The commission agreed to have Mr. Terry Terrace from Canada Post speak to the commission concerning the Bible Hill addresses at the next commission meeting. Once confirmation is made a letter be sent to Mr. Boyce outlining that Canada Post will be making a presentation to the commission at the meeting.

**Reports of commissioners,
solicitor, and clerk and treasurer**

Commissioner McLean

Commissioner McLean reported that the commission agreed upon suggestion from TIR to amend the sidewalk construction on Osprey/College Road on the south side of College Road to Osprey Drive to Teakwood Court, including a lighted overhead pedestrian crossing at College Road and Teakwood Court Intersection. She also reported that there are 12 streets being repaved in Bible Hill before fall. The tenders have been awarded to Basin Contracting. Commissioner McLean reported on the various activities she attended on behalf of the Village.

Commissioner Mahar

Commissioner Mahar reported that the brigade responded to 7 emergency calls for the period of August 14th to September 10th, for a total of 70 with a fire loss of \$43,000.00. The Brigade has cancelled its annual church parade and will combine this with the MFFA event on September 28th.

The Brigade will be co-hosting a benefit dance and silent auction for Scott and Donna MacDonald on Saturday October 4th. Tickets are available from Brigade members, donations welcome.

Upcoming events: Sept 21 hosting Colchester Firefighters Gold Tournament, Sept 28 hosting Maritime Firefighters Memorial Service, October 6 Grand Opening of Fire Hall Expansion and Oct 11 Fire Prevention Open House.

Commissioner Van Kroonenburg

Commissioner Van Kroonenburg reported that Jim Campbell would like to meet with both the Commission and P&R Committee to discuss the Strategic Plan once all parties have reviewed it. The date to tear down the Canteen Building at the Recreation Park has not been confirmed but Minor Ball will be given two weeks notice. The Colchester-Truro Bikeway Plan had a public consultation on September 15th at the Village Hall; a workshop will be taking place on October 1st at the Village Hall. The Recreation Director is looking into the option of a splash pad, for the next meeting she will have cost, maintenance and location. The P&R Committee also approved the purchase of a bike rack to be installed for the Village Hall.

Deputy Chair Burke

Deputy Chair Burke reported that the Village has signed the agreement with the Truro Water Utility to proceed with Phase 3, awaiting written approval for Phase 4.

Chairwoman Blair

Chairwoman Blair reported on activities/events she attended on behalf of the Village of Bible Hill. She has been acclaimed for the District 1 councillor seat in October. She also reported that she will resign as Chair at the October 21st monthly meeting, she will call the meeting to order and the Clerk will conduct the election of chair. The Finance Officer and Solicitor will be scrutineers for the votes and advise who the individual with the larger number of votes is; the ballots are to be destroyed after the count.

The Accounts

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by McLean*

"That the accounts be approved for payment."

Motion Carried

New Business

Hall Special Rates Request- Hub Residential

*On Motion of Burke
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Village of Bible Hill permit free use of the hall to Hub Residential on October 30th with a caretaker fee of \$46.00."

Motion Carried

Hall Special Rates Request- Bible Hill Cubs

*On Motion of McLean
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

"That the Village of Bible Hill permit free use of the hall to the Bible Hill Cubs every Tuesday evening as requested."

Motion Carried

In Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole

Personnel Issues

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

"That the regular monthly meeting be adjourned to an In Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole to discuss personnel issues."

Motion Carried.

At 8:42 pm the Commission in Committee went into an In Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole, the In Camera meeting ended at 8:49pm.

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

"That the Village advertise the hall caretaker position with the revised rate of \$13.03 per hour with a minimum of 10 hours per week."

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Motion Carried.

It was agreed by the commission to continue advertising for the spare crossing guard position. With the applicants for both the spare crossing guard and hall caretaker to be interviewed by Village Staff as it is an administrative operation.

Chairwoman Blair thanked the commission at her last meeting as Chairwoman. She is looking forward to working at the table as a commissioner. She also outlined that commissioners are invited to attend the Battle of Britain on September 21st and a reminder of the MFFA Memorial Parade the Bible Hill Fire Brigade is hosting at 2pm. The Commission has been welcomed to march in the parade along the firefighters.

Adjournment

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the September 16, 2008 Regular Monthly meeting of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned."

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Angela Ogden
Finance Officer

Christine Blair
Chairwoman