

Village of Bible Hill
Regular Monthly Meeting
November 18, 2008

The November Regular Monthly meeting was held on November 18, 2008, in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm; the meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Call to Order

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

Staff

Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
Solicitor Barrett
Recording Secretary Ogden

Attendance

Jason Malloy from Daily News and one resident.

Approval of the Minutes

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Blair*

“That the minutes of October 21, 2008 be approved as presented.”

Motion carried

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

*Moved by Blair
Seconded by Mahar*

“That the agenda be approved with the addition of unsightly premises on Pictou Road and Village Hall Special Rates Request from Colchester Adult Learning Association.”

Motion carried

**Miscellaneous business including
delegations**

There were no delegations.

**Business arising out of the
minutes**

Commission in Committee Report

Review of Municipal Government Act

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Blair*

“That the Village of Bible Hill write to Minister Muir requesting that the Municipal Government Act be reviewed by the Department of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations regarding a person serving as both a Village Commissioner and a County Councillor.”

Motion Carried

A discussion was held. Commissioner Blair reported that this issue has been talked about before and the Association of Nova Scotia Villages had written to the Minister regarding this and other recommendations regarding the Municipal Government Act.

*Moved by Blair
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

"That the motion to write Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations regarding a person serving as both a Village Commissioner and a County Councillor be laid on the table and placed under New Business for discussion."

Motion carried.

Brigade Purchase of Scott Air supplies

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

"That the Village of Bible Hill purchase six Scott Air Masks from Acklands-Grainger for a price of \$3,624 plus HST."

Motion carried

Village Hall Special Rate Request- St. David's Men's Group

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Blair*

"That the Village of Bible Hill approve the use of the Village Hall by the St. David's Men's Group for a fundraising event on December 13th, 2008 at a cost of \$46.00"

Motion carried

Administrative Assistant Position

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

"That the Village of Bible Hill make the Administrative Assistant Position full time. The current incumbent shall be offered either the full time position or a part-time position. If the current incumbent wishes to be employed in a part time position, the Clerk will staff the other part time position to make it full time."

Motion Carried

Bible Hill East Court Road Elementary School

The Chair reported that the East Court Road Elementary School meeting was well attended by Transportation, RCMP, School Board and Village representatives. There was no safe solution reached at the meeting regarding the parking on East Court Road. Various recommendations were made: RCMP could police the street and issue tickets, TIR (Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal) could provide cones for no parking zone, RCMP could write a letter to the parents and educate the children or the School Board could hire a consultant to come up with a solution to the parking problem.

Murdock Park

The Clerk reported that this has been an outstanding issue and a working project over the past two years. The appraised value of the land is \$8,000, legal fees estimated at \$1,500 and survey costs estimated at \$1,500. The Commission agreed to contact the abutting property owners and inquire on the interest to purchase the property, the appraised value, survey and legal estimates to be provided to them. If the property is to be sold, then a notice outlining the procedure and decision process is to go in the Action on the Hill.

College Road Sidewalk

The Clerk provided the Commission with an update from CBCL on the project. There will be a separate tender for the sidewalk to be included with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal tender for paving on College Road. The CBCL will only be involved with design and specification development. A meeting will be held with the Department of Infrastructure and Renewal, Environment, CBCL and the Village next week. The Village Commission will review the drawings at the December 9th Commission in Committee Meeting.

Open Burning

The Commission reviewed the letter written by the Fire Chief outlining his concerns with open air burning in the Village. He requested that the Village revisit the issue of requesting the County draft a by-law on open air burning.

*Motion by Mahar
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

"That the Village of Bible Hill send correspondence to the County of Colchester regarding revisiting the open air burning by-law for Bible Hill"

Motion Carried

The Commission also agreed to request a letter of support from Chief Mellish relating to this issue.

Review of Correspondence

Minister Casey - Proposed Elementary School

The email from Minister Casey was reviewed.

*Motion by Mahar
Seconded by Burke*

"That the Village of Bible Hill send correspondence outlining interest in the proposed school and request that if and when the process for a proposed school moves forward to be updated."

Motion Carried

Dan McDougall - Above Ground Pools

Correspondence was reviewed from Mr. McDougall, CAO of the County of Colchester. The current by-law provisions apply to the soft sided pools as it is based on the depth of water (exceeding one metre). He suggested that greater education and awareness is required for the public.

The Commission agreed to place information regarding by-law provisions in the next two upcoming issues of Action on the Hill.

**Reports of Commissioners,
Solicitor, and Clerk and Treasurer**

Commissioner Blair

Commissioner Blair reported that 12 streets have been paved in Bible Hill. Issues from concerned residents have been addressed by the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal. She also reported that the Pictou Road sidewalk is to be finished by December 1st.

Commissioner Van Kroonenburg

Commissioner Van Kroonenburg reported that the P&R

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Committee met on November 4th. A motion was passed to close the ball fields on October 1st. The Active Kids Program started for home schooled children at the Village Hall on Thursday's. There were also approximately 300 children who took part in the Safe Halloween Program.

Christmas Events: the Bible Hill Tree Lighting with the LED Light Exchange is on December 5th starting at 7:00 pm, the Centerpiece Workshop is on December 7th, Light Up Bible Hill is on December 11th, and the Children's Christmas Event will be on December 21st.

A discussion took place regarding the judges for Light Up Bible Hill. The Clerk will look into the decision of using previous year's winners for judges at next year's event.

Commissioner Mahar

Commissioner Mahar reviewed the Safety Advisory Committee report. The Committee will implement the following programs in the upcoming year: babysitting course, in cooperation with RCMP and Truro Bearcats make school presentations on the topic of drugs and drug use for Grades 5, 6 and 7, and a bullying program in cooperation with Red Cross. The Committee will also be having a Family Fun Day on January 31st at the Village Hall.

The Committee discussed the option of reversible "Road Closed" signs due to flooding to be posted at the end of College Road, Pictou Road, Main Street and Ryland Avenue. The Committee also reviewed correspondence from a resident concerning a sidewalk at the corner of College Road and Vimy Road. The Committee suggested it be surveyed for the best solution of white lines or an overhead amber light and that the Village keep the resident informed of any action taken.

Deputy Chair report - Burke

Deputy Chair Burke had nothing to report.

Commissioner Blair reported that a water line will be extended to a property on Pictou Road across from the new sidewalk under construction to address salt contamination.

Commissioner Mahar - Brigade Report

The Brigade responded to seven emergency calls during the period of October 9th to November 12th with a fire loss of \$93,000 to date. Mr. Galloway requested to be removed from the active member list and was placed on the honorary list. On December 3rd at the brigade meeting an election of officers will take place for the 2009 year.

Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that the Village Hall will be painted in January and that the staff picked "Imperial Sand" as the colour. The Commission agreed on the colour. He also passed out new bank signature cards for the Commission to sign.

Chairwoman McLean

The Chair reported that she laid the wreath at the November 11th ceremony on behalf of the Village. She also attended the East Court Road Elementary School meeting regarding parking issues.

The Accounts

*Moved by Blair
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

"That the accounts be approved for payment."

Motion Carried

New Business

Christmas Events

A list of Christmas events was in the minute package and the Commissioners were encouraged to attend the events. The Chair will meet with the Recreation Director to discuss duties at the events.

Borrowing Resolution

The Clerk reported that the Village may need to use the borrowing resolution depending on the cash flow from the tax base next year.

*Motion of Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Burke*

"That the Village of Bible Hill put in place the borrowing resolution and use it if necessary in 2009 with the interested rate being at prime."

Motion Carried

Trail Construction - Bible Hill Recreation Park

The Clerk reported that the Village is working with the County of Colchester and NSAC to extend the trail at the Recreation Park. Currently negotiations are still on going with the NSAC, no agreement has been signed. The Village and the County of Colchester has agreed to put the section through the Recreation Park, to rebuild walkway up to the bank along the Village property. The County of Colchester will look after the tender of the project, the Village will reimburse from the \$25,000 grant issued. The work is anticipated to take place in the next three to five weeks.

Joint Commission - P&R Committee Meeting - Bible Hill Recreation Survey

Jim Campbell from Nova Scotia Health and Promotion would like to review the survey results with the Commission and the Bible Hill Parks and Recreation Committee.

The Commission agreed to meet with Mr. Campbell and the P&R Committee meeting prior to the Regular Commission in Committee Meeting on December 9th. The Clerk to make arrangements.

Unsightly Premises - Pictou Road

A discussion was held. The Commission agreed to wait to see if any more cleaning will be done over the next week. Blair said that the resident would be prepared to send a complaint to the County themselves.

Village Hall Special Rates Request - Colchester Adult Learning Association

Moved by Burke

Seconded by Van Kroonenburg

"That the Village of Bible Hill approve free use of the Village Hall on January 24th, 2009 for a CALA literacy event."

Motion Carried.

Review of Municipal Government Act

Moved by Blair

Seconded by Van Kroonenburg

"That the motion to write Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations regarding a person serving as both a Village Commissioner and a County Councillor be removed from table.

Motion carried.

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Blair*

"That the Village of Bible Hill write to Minister Muir requesting that the Municipal Government Act be reviewed by the Department of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations regarding a person serving as both a Village Commissioner and a County Councillor."

Motion Carried

Commission Blair excused herself from the table during the vote on the motion.

Adjournment

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the November 18th, 2008 Regular Monthly meeting of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned."

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:48pm.

Angela Ogden
Finance Officer

Sharon McLean
Chairwoman