

A Commission in Committee meeting was held on January 13, 2009, in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Deputy Chair Call to Order

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

Staff: Clerk and Treasurer Christianson

Attendance

Earl McKenna, Councillor, District 11, County of Colchester and One Village Resident

Approval of Minutes of December 9, 2008

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Blair*

"That Commission in Committee Meeting minutes of December 9, 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 be approved."

Motion carried

Miscellaneous business including delegations

Councillor McKenna said that in the current County Budget \$300,000 had been set aside for the development of the Bible Hill Master Plan (road infrastructure on the Bates property). This item will be discussed in current budget deliberations for carry over into the new fiscal year. Councillor McKenna also said that he had copied the two e-mails regarding water problems on Teakwood Court to the Municipal Engineer.

Business arising out of the minutes

Open Burning By-Law

Previous to the Commission in Committee meeting, a discussion was held between Fire Chief Mellish, Councillors McKenna and Blair and the Village Commission regarding the need for an Open Burning By-Law in Bible Hill. It had been agreed that Chief Mellish will give Mayor Taylor a call to provide some detail regarding the current lack of by-law control over open burning in Bible Hill. Councillor McKenna will review current municipal by-laws in place and draft a recommendation for a potential by-law for Colchester County. This draft will go to the Village and to the Fire

Chief for review and comment. Chairwoman McLean will draft correspondence to Mayor Taylor updating him on the progress to date and informing him that the Fire Chief will be getting in touch with him. After the draft by-law has been vetted by the group, it will be presented to Municipal Council by Councillors Blair and McKenna.

Monitoring Former Landfill Site - Dillon Report

The conclusions and recommendations from the Dillon Report were reviewed in detail. As required by the Nova Scotia Department of Environment, the report will be forwarded to them with the request that they monitor the elevated nitrate counts in the College Road area. As well, the commission agreed with the recommendation from Dillon that soil samples be tested at the site.

Sidewalk Construction College Road

Draft Plans and budget were reviewed.

Moved by McLean

Seconded by Van Kroonenburg

"Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill proceed with the design for a ten foot wide multi-use sidewalk on College Road from Osprey to Maple Blvd. At the same time, continue with the request to TIR to have a new pedestrian crosswalk at Teakwood Drive approved for inclusion with this project."

Motion carried

Phase 3 -Water Line Extension

The Clerk reported that construction plans and specifications were being finalized for the project. Current schedule is tendered in February, tender results to be submitted to the Village in April.

Review of Correspondence

Water Problems Teakwood Drive

Two e-mails from residents of Teakwood Drive were reviewed. Both raised concerns regarding elevated ground water in the area causing their sump pumps to run on a very regular basis. Both residents had written to the Village to seek assistance in identifying and correcting the cause of the problem.

It was agreed that the Clerk and Treasurer would write to the CAO of Colchester County and the Nova Scotia Department of Environment to make them aware of this issue and to seek a cooperative approach from the three levels of government in trying to identify and correct the source of this problem.

James Webster - Area Mgr TIR - Snow and Ice Control

Mr. Webster, on behalf of the Minister of Transportation, responded to Chairwoman McLean's letter outlining the Village's concerns regarding snow and ice control on Village streets. It was agreed that the Commissioners will continue to monitor the situation and if problems continue to exist, then this issue will be brought to TIR's attention again.

Minister Brooke Taylor - Water Tower Location

The correspondence to Minister Taylor regarding assistance in acquiring provincial property for a new water tower was reviewed.

Mayor Robert Taylor re: Use of Road Salt for Snow Removal - Bible Hill Streets

An e-mail from Mayor Taylor was reviewed. The Mayor requested that the Village draft correspondence to TIR requesting that the streets in the "salt plume" area be switched from "sand only" snow and ice control to "salt" snow and ice control. The Mayor felt that the current level of service using sand only was too low.

After discussion, it was agreed that:

- a. reply would go the Mayor informing him that the Village was looking into this matter and would respond to him in a timely manner and
- b. that correspondence be sent to TIR inquiring into the current status of the monitoring of the salt plume and if, in their opinion, the sand only policy was necessary.

Mayor Robert Taylor re: Civic Centre

Correspondence from the mayor regarding the Village's inquiry into the effect that the civic centre will have on municipal finances was reviewed. The Mayor felt that this was a non-issue and that the county considered the civic centre an investment in the community.

Mayor Robert Taylor re: Open Burning

A letter from the mayor regarding the Village's inquiry into an Open Burning By-Law was reviewed.

Scottish Society of Colchester - Invitation Robbie Burns Day

Chairwoman McLean said that she will be attending the event on behalf of the Village.

Town of Truro re: "Truro Have your Say Session"

The invitation from the town to the village to take part in the Town's Public Participation Session was reviewed. The Clerk will attend the afternoon session and the Chair will attend the evening session representing the Village.

NS Firefighters Curling Association - Banquet Support

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

"Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill sponsor the Nova Scotia Firefighters Curling Association Banquet in the amount of \$200."

Motion carried.

New Business

Green Mobility Capital Grant Application

The Clerk reviewed a letter of support he had sent in regards to Colchester's application for a Green Mobility Capital Grant. The Village of Bible Hill will install and maintain five bicycle racks on Village properties if the grant is approved.

March Meeting Schedule

A discussion was held on Village Meetings in March. Due to vacations, there may not be a quorum at the meetings. This item will be placed on the next agenda for further discussion.

Colchester Information Item - Storm Water Issue St. David's Ave.

An information item prepared by staff at the County of Colchester was reviewed. There has been a longstanding problem of water leaving the TIR property on St. David's Avenue and affecting properties on Hillcrest Avenue. This item was reviewed as an information item.

Shannex Long-Term Care Facility

The Shannex Group is in the process of making application to Colchester to expand their long term care facility to include a retirement living building. This item was reviewed as an information item.

Schedule of Selection of Committee Members for SAC and P&R Committees

It was agreed that the selection of committee members would be made at the April meeting.

Adjournment

Moved by McLean

Seconded by Van Kroonenburg

"That Commission in Committee Meeting be adjourned."

Motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Robert Christianson
Clerk and Treasurer

Tom Burke
Deputy Chairman