

The January Regular Monthly meeting was held on January 20, 2009, in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm; the meeting adjourned at 10:05pm.

Call to Order

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

Staff

Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
Solicitor Barrett

Attendance

Jeff Yuill, President & Bob Taylor, Manager, Nova Scotia
Provincial Exhibition
Councillor Earl McKenna
Fire Chief Dwane Mellish

Approval of the Minutes

*Moved by Blair
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the minutes of December 16, 2008 be approved as presented."

Motion carried

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

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Burke*

"That the agenda be approved as presented."

Motion carried

**Miscellaneous business including
delegations**

Jeff Yuill & Bob Taylor, Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition

Mr. Yuill and Mr. Taylor made a presentation requesting that the properties owned by the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition and used for harness racing purposes be exempted from Village taxation. The request was made due to the poor financial standing of the raceway operations. The Commissioners asked a number of questions of the presenters and it was agreed that this issue would be discussed further during budget deliberations.

*Moved by Blair
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

"That the Village of Bible Hill accept the presentation made by the NSPE."

Motion carried.

Councillor McKenna discussed a recent meeting held at the School Board to collect feedback regarding a new elementary school for the community.

Councillor Earl McKenna & Fire Chief Dwane Mellish

A discussion was held on the Draft Open Burning By-law put together by Councillor McKenna. It was agreed that Councillor McKenna and the Fire Chief would do further work on the draft by-law and it would be presented to the Village again at the Commission in Committee meeting on February 10, 2009.

Business arising out of the minutes

Commission in Committee Report

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Blair*

“That the Village Bible Hill proceed with the design for a 10 foot wide multi-use sidewalk on College Road from Osprey to Maple Boulevard. At the same time, continue with the request to TIR to have a new pedestrian crosswalk at Teakwood Court approved for inclusion with this project.”

A discussion was held. The Clerk informed the Commission that TIR had agreed to review the earlier request for a pedestrian crosswalk at College Road and Osprey.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Blair*

“That the motion to construct the sidewalk on College Road be tabled until the Regular Monthly Meeting in February.”

Motion carried.

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

“That the Village of Bible Hill sponsor the Nova Scotia Firefighters Curling Association banquet in the amount of \$200.”

Motion Carried.

Salting of Village Streets and Sidewalks

The correspondence to TIR in regards to the snow removal methods on streets that were currently receiving sand only was discussed. As well, the Village's use of salt for ice and snow control on sidewalks was reviewed. It was agreed that the current system of using salt on sidewalks and crosswalks would continue.

Review of Correspondence

Mayor Robert Taylor - Water Tower Project

The January 15th correspondence from Mayor Taylor regarding Council's concern with Village's commitment to the Bible Hill Water Tower Project was discussed. In his correspondence, Mayor Taylor expressed Council's disappointment that the Village was unable to commit to this project prior to the 2013/2014 fiscal year.

Moved by Van Kroonenburg

Seconded by Mahar

"That the Village Chairwoman respond to the Mayor's correspondence that the Village had a list of priority capital projects and that Phase 3 and Phase 4 of the Water Extension Program, along with the replacement of the sewer pumping station, were ahead of the Water Tower Project. However, the Village is continuing to actively seek the most desirable property for the project and would appreciate Colchester's support in obtaining the property."

Motion carried.

Reports of Commissioners, Solicitor, and Clerk and Treasurer

Environmental Services Report

Deputy Chair Burke reviewed the Dillon study of the former landfill site at the Bible Hill Recreation Park.

Protective Services Report & Fire Brigade Report

Commissioner Mahar went through the minutes of the January Bible Hill Safety Advisory Committee and the January Bible Hill Fire Brigade Report. The Safety Advisory Committee is looking into obtaining reflective arm bands that the Committee will distribute to

pedestrians that walk at night to increase visibility. Fire loss reported from the Fire Brigade to date is \$93,000.

Recreation Services Report

Commissioner van Kroonenburg reviewed the minutes from the last Parks and Recreation Committee meeting. Colchester, Truro and Bible Hill are still waiting for the Bikeways Plan being developed by Hatch, Mott, and MacDonald and Commissioner Van Kroonenburg reminded everyone that the deadline for volunteer nominations is January 30.

Transportation Services Report

Commissioner Blair reported that cars were cutting into the College Road/Main Street intersection at Cavanaugh's by driving over a pedestrian ramp in the sidewalk. As well it is the time of year for bad pot holes in the streets and the Commission were reminded to pass on any concerns to the Clerk to pass on to TIR.

Chairwoman's Report

Chairwoman McLean reviewed the various functions she had attended on behalf of the Village in the past month.

*Moved by Blair
Seconded by Burke*

"That the Village of Bible Hill present a plaque to Dr. Jamie Muir in appreciation of his many years of service to the Village of Bible Hill as MLA for Truro-Bible Hill and to Bill Casey in appreciation of his years of service to the Village as MP for Cumberland, Colchester and Musquodoboit Valley."

Motion carried.

A discussion was held on a request by Dr. Muir for feedback from the Village in regards to potential road repaving projects. It was agreed that the Village would write to Dr. Muir with the following suggestions for road repaving.

1. College Road (Main Street to Old Courthouse Branch)
2. Vimy Road (from the end of 2008 paving to the Brookside Road intersection)

3. Saywood Drive
4. The older section of Dorset and Saxonhurst
5. Hazel Drive
6. Cooper/Oak/Hemlock

The Accounts

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Blair*

"That the accounts be approved for payment."

Motion Carried

New Business

Budget Review

A review was made of the upcoming budget.

Purchase of Pagers for Bible Hill Fire Brigade

*Motion of Mahar
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

"That the Village of Bible Hill approve the purchase of six pagers from the low bidder Down East Mobility in the amount of \$3,180. + hst."

Motion carried

Adjournment

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the January 20, 2009 Regular Monthly meeting of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned."

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 10:05pm.

Robert Christianson
Clerk and Treasurer

Sharon McLean
Chairwoman

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