

A Commission in Committee meeting was held on February 10, 2009, in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

**Deputy Chair Call to Order**

Deputy Chair Burke  
Chairwoman McLean  
Commissioner Mahar  
Commissioner Van Kroonenburg

Staff: Clerk and Treasurer Christianson

**Attendance**

Councillor Earl McKenna, District 11, County of Colchester  
Councillor Christine Blair, District 1, County of Colchester  
Fire Chief Mellish, Bible Hill Fire Brigade  
Three Bible Hill Fire Fighters  
and One Village Resident

**Approval of Minutes of January 13, 2009**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by McLean*

*"That Commission in Committee Meeting minutes of January 13, 2009 be approved."*

*Motion carried*

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

*Moved by McLean  
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

*"That the agenda be approved."*

*Motion carried*

**Miscellaneous business including delegations**

**Fire Chief Dwane Mellish**

The Fire Chief made a presentation in response to his earlier budget submission and correspondence from the Village regarding that budget submission. The Fire Chief detailed some of his earlier budget requests and explained their necessity to the Village Commission. After the Fire Chief's presentation, Chairwoman McLean outlined some of the Village's concerns about the earlier budget submission in regards to increases in expenditures. She pointed out budget items such as the completion of the fire station expansion. Chairwoman McLean also said that the Village needed to control expenditures and did not wish to increase the tax rate.

**Councillor Blair and Councillor McKenna**

The County Councillors made presentations to the

Village regarding the proposed Open Burning By-law, horses on Village sidewalks and trails, construction of a water tower in Bible Hill, and the fact that Councillor McKenna had been placed on the Flood Advisory Committee by Council rather than Councillor Blair whose district included flood prone areas.

*Moved by McLean  
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

*"That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill support Councillor McKenna in regards to the Open Burning By-Law."*

*Motion Carried.*

*Moved by McLean  
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

*That Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill write to Council supporting the request made by Councillors McKenna and Blair that Councillor Blair be appointed to the Flood Advisory Committee in the place of Councillor McKenna."*

*Motion Carried*

A discussion was held with the Councillors in regards to the future construction of a water tower in the Village. The Village of Bible Hill in its five year plan has identified that the schedule for major infrastructure projects will be Phase 3 of the Water Expansion (to be completed in fiscal year 2009/2010), Phase 4 of the Water Expansion (scheduled to begin once contract documents are received from the Infrastructure Secretariat), replacement of the Sewage Pumping Station located at the Bible Hill Recreation Park and then the construction of a water tower to service commercial development, firefighting flows, and expansion of the Truro Water Utility beyond Village boundaries. It was agreed that this list of infrastructure projects will be communicated once again to the Municipality in response to the Mayor's letter of January 15<sup>th</sup>.

A discussion was held on people riding horses on Village sidewalks and on the walking trails on the Village. The Clerk explained that it was his understanding that as the sidewalks were owned by the Province of Nova Scotia, any regulation regarding their usage would be governed by provincial legislation. As the Village of Bible Hill owns the walking trails in the

Village, it has the authority to regulate usage on the trails.

**Business arising out of the minutes**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by Mahar*

*"That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill cancel the March 10<sup>th</sup> Commission in Committee Meeting and reschedule the March 17<sup>th</sup> Regular Monthly Meeting to March 16<sup>th</sup>."*

*Motion Carried.*

**Phase 3 Water Extension Tender Schedule**

Advertising for the Phase 3 Water Expansion Tender will start on February 13<sup>th</sup>. Tender closing date is March 3<sup>rd</sup>, tenders will be presented on March 16<sup>th</sup> for approval.

**College Road Sidewalk**

*Moved by McLean  
Seconded by Mahar*

*"That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill support the suggestion from the Department of Transportation that the proposed sidewalk on College Road, rather than being constructed from Osprey to Maple, be constructed from Osprey to Guest along with a new pedestrian crossing located within the area of the new sidewalk."*

*Motion Carried.*

**Sewer Pumping Station**

*Moved by McLean  
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

*"That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill give the Clerk authority to expend funds to consult with Horner & Associates to review proposals for the replacement of the Sewage Pumping Station at the Bible Hill Recreation Park."*

*Motion Carried.*

**New Business**

**Resignation of Commissioner Blair**

Commissioner Blair's letter of resignation was reviewed.

*Moved by Mahar*  
*Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

*“That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill schedule the by-election to fill the seat vacated by Mrs. Blair to coincide with the regular election date in June.”*

*Motion Carried.*

#### **Review of Committee Structure**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg*  
*Seconded by Mahar*

*“That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill appoint Chairwoman McLean to serve as Deputy Chair of Environmental Services, that Commissioner Mahar be appointed as the Chair of Transportation Services while remaining the Chair of Protective Services, and that Chairwoman McLean be appointed as the Village Representative to the Truro and District Chamber of Commerce.”*

*Motion Carried.*

#### **Appointment of Returning Officer**

*Moved by McLean*  
*Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

*“That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill engage Mrs. Dawson to act as returning officer (under the same terms and conditions as last year) for the upcoming election.”*

*Motion Carried*

#### **Transfer of Reserves**

*Moved by Mclean*  
*Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

*“That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill transfer \$106,000 from the Operating Fund to the Fire Reserve.”*

*Motion Carried.*

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg*  
*Seconded by Mahar*

*"That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill transfer \$75,000 from the Operating Fund to the Operating Reserve."*

*Motion Carried.*

### **2008 Volunteer Awards Program**

*Moved by McLean  
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

*"That the Commission in Committee Meeting be adjourned to an In Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole"*

*Motion Carried.*

At 8:30 pm the Commission in Committee went into an In Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole, the In Camera meeting ended at 8:50pm.

### **Adjournment**

*Moved by McLean  
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

*"That Commission in Committee Meeting be adjourned."*

*Motion carried*

The meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

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Robert Christianson  
Clerk and Treasurer

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Tom Burke  
Deputy Chairman