

The February Regular Monthly meeting was held on February 17, 2009, in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm; the meeting adjourned at 10:00pm.

Call to Order

Chairwoman McLean
Deputy Chair Burke
Commissioner Mahar
Commissioner Van Kroonenburg

Staff

Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
Solicitor Barrett
Recording Secretary Smith

Attendance

Councillor Earl McKenna
Councillor Christine Blair
and 2 village residents

Approval of the Minutes

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Burke*

"That the minutes of January 20, 2009 be approved as presented."

Motion Carried.

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

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the agenda be approved as presented with the additions for new business of Canada Day and Summer Student Applications by the Clerk."

Motion Carried.

**Miscellaneous business including
delegations**

Councillor Blair

Attended the council committee meeting February 12 for the County of Colchester. Discussion was held regarding long term strategic plan. Mayor Taylor discussed bringing the Bible Hill Water Project higher up on the priority list. The Municipality of Colchester also appointed their engineer as Traffic Authority.

Councillor Earl McKenna

Sidewalk By-Law was unsuccessful, but the by-law regarding no horses on sidewalks falls under the Motor Vehicle Act, Section 167. The Open Burning By-Law is being presented to D. McDougall, CAO, County of Colchester.

**Business arising out of the
minutes**

Commission in Committee Report

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Von Kroonenburg*

"That the Village of Bible Hill support Councillor McKenna in regards to the Open Burning By-Law."

Motion Carried.

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Von Kroonenburg*

"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.

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the Village of Bible Hill cancel the March 10th Commission in Committee Meeting and reschedule the March 17th Regular Monthly Meeting to March 16th."

Motion Carried.

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Mahar*

"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.

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

"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, up to \$1500.00"

Motion Carried.

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Mahar*

“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.

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

“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.

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Mahar*

“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.

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

“That the Village of Bible Hill transfer \$106,000 from the Operating Fund to the Fire Reserve.”

Motion Carried.

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Mahar*

“That the Village of Bible Hill transfer \$75,000 from the Operating Fund to the Operating Reserve.”

Motion Carried.

Review of Correspondence

Mayor Robert Taylor - Water Tower Project

Letter was written to Mayor Robert Taylor in regards to construction of a water tower and to outline the Village's upcoming major infrastructure projects.

Minister Taylor Re: Water Tower

Received a letter from Minister Taylor in reference to lands required to construct a water tower on lands owned by Province.

MLA Muir Re: Road Paving

Letter was written to MLA Muir thanking him for requesting the Village's input regarding road repaving projects in Bible Hill.

MLA Muir Re: Thank You Letter

Received a letter from MLA Muir thanking the Village for recognizing his impending retirement from provincial politics.

Minister Hulburt Re: Serving On Both Commission and Municipality

Received a letter from Minister Hulburt in reference to the motion of the Village Commission regarding the ability of a person to serve as both a municipal councillor and a village commissioner.

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

Environmental Services Report

Deputy Chair Burke reported that Phase III tenders are out and that March 3rd was the closing date. Burke reported that permission was given to the Clerk to expend funds to consult with Horner & Associates to review proposals from the replacement of the Sewer Pumping Station. Attended all meetings.

Protective Services Report & Fire Brigade Report

Commissioner Mahar reported that the February Bible Hill Safety Advisory meeting was cancelled to lack of quorum. Mahar attended the Family Fun Day, it was a huge success with over 159 people attending, and the

magician was enjoyed by the children. Mahar reviewed the minutes of the February Bible Hill Fire Brigade Report. The Brigade responded to two emergency calls during the period of January 13 to February 11, 2009, and the loss reported by the Fire Brigade to date is Nil.

Recreation Services Report

Commissioner Van Kroonenburg reviewed the minutes from the last Parks and Recreation Committee meeting. The Active Kids Program is to restart March 26th, as very good feedback was reported. There was a lack of chaperones for the Pre-Teen Dance on February 13th, and this needs correcting before there will be any future dances. Next meeting will be in March. There is no Parks and Recreation Committee meeting in April, as there is not enough quorum. Attended all meetings.

Transportation Services Report

The current system of snow removal and the use of salt on sidewalks and crosswalks seem to be a good practice. Should be clearing up soon. Potholes and sidewalk concerns are to be passed on to the Clerk. Pictou Road being worked on as we speak.

Clerks Report

Meeting with local business owners tomorrow while CBCL is in town, regarding the replacement of the Phase III water project.

Solicitor's Report

A draft letter to private well owners to get signatures tonight.

Chairwoman's Report

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

The Accounts

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

"That the accounts be approved for payment."

Motion Carried

New Business

Federal Stimulus Plan

A discussion was held on the press release of the stimulus plan package in Ottawa.

*Moved by Mahar
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

“That the Village of Bible Hill write to Richard Hulburt of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations to request funding for shovel ready projects, which include College Road sidewalks, and sewer pumping station.”

Motion Carried.

Purchase of Dump Box

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Mahar*

“That the Village of Bible Hill approve the purchase of the Dump Insert for the Dodge Ram 4x4 Truck from the low bidder Ocean Equipment in the amount of \$3,350 + hst.”

Motion Carried.

In Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole

Sale of Murdock Park

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Burke*

“That the regular monthly meeting be adjourned to an In Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole, to discuss sale of Murdock Park.”

Motion Carried.

At 7:57 pm the Commission in Committee went into an In Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole, with 2 residents interested in the purchase of Murdock Park the In Camera meeting ended at 8:25pm.

Adjournment

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Burke*

“That the February 17, 2009 Regular Monthly meeting of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned.”

Motion Carried.

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The meeting adjourned at 10:00pm.

Michelle Smith
Recording Secretary

Sharon McLean
Chairwoman