

The Regular Monthly meeting was held on March 16, 2009, in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. Deputy Chair Burke called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.; the meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Call to Order

Deputy Chair Burke
Commissioner Mahar
Commissioner Van Kroonenburg

Regrets

Chairwoman McLean

Staff

Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
Solicitor Barrett
Recording Secretary Smith

Attendance

Councillor Earl McKenna
Councillor Christine Blair
and 1 resident

Approval of the Minutes

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Mahar*

“That the minutes of February 10th and February 17th be approved.”

Motion Carried.

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

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Mahar*

“That the agenda be approved.”

Motion Carried.

**Miscellaneous business
including delegations**

Councillor McKenna

Reported that Council’s discussion on the proposed open burning by-law was held over to the next council meeting.

Councillor Blair

Flood Advisory Committee: 2009 long term planning has identified storm water and flooding issues as a priority.

Scotia Pool Financial Request: Request to Council for an additional \$60,000 for 2008/09. Council previously committed \$100,000 for current year. Budget request for upcoming budget year 2009/10 was \$189,000.

RCMP – Additional Resources in Policing: Request for 4 positions to support 24-Hour policing for 2009/10. This is

a budgetary issue with a cost to the County of \$110,000 per Constable.

Civic Center Memorandum of Understanding
Amendments: The committee structure was outlined, consisting of the Town and the Municipality.

Business arising out of the minutes

Memorandum of Understanding - NSAC Section of the Cobequid Trail

An updated draft MOU between Colchester, Bible Hill and the NSAC was circulated. The MOU will be placed on the next agenda for approval.

Phase 3 Water Expansion

Tenders closed March 3rd, the range in tenders were \$725,000-\$1,313,000. Currently approved for \$502,000, short by approximately \$250,000. Clerk contacted infrastructure secretariat, and there are no additional funds available. The increase in costs is twofold; estimate application is 2-1/2 years old, and unlike in Phase 1 & 2 TIR has not approved construction occurring on the roadways; but is requiring that construction take place where possible under the sidewalk which has increased construction expenses.

*Moved by Mahar
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

“That the Village of Bible Hill, pending the positive response of the financial support from the County, accept J.R. Eisener’s project costs and move forward on the completion of Phase 3 as per full tender.”

Motion Carried.

Phase 4 Water Expansion Contract

The recently received contract from the Infrastructure Secretariat was reviewed. Project approval is for \$1,081,200, but using an average of the tenders for Phase 3, there would be a shortfall of \$600,000.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Mahar*

“That the Village of Bible Hill go back to infrastructure secretariat and the County of Colchester requesting an increase in funding for Phase 4.”

Motion Carried.

Round 2 Building Canada Fund

Deadline is April 16, 2009. The scope of the eligible projects to include green energy, disaster mitigation, culture, tourism, local roads, sport, and collaborative projects.

Salting/Sanding Village Streets

Mayor Taylor e-mailed a request to the Village, to write a letter addressed to DOTIR, and forwarded to his attention, requesting this sand only policy to be changed back to the use of salt on various streets in Bible Hill. The Clerk e-mailed DOTIR stating the Mayors concerns and added a question that were raised during the discussion of this request: Has the salt plume been continued to be monitored? TIR responded that the Department has not been monitoring the situation, and if the residents wish to switch from sand to salt, they would have to petition all the residents and have complete agreement to switch, and then submitted to DOTIR for confirmation/consideration.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Mahar*

“That the Village of Bible Hill will not proceed with the salting/sanding issue and communicate that to the Mayor.”

Motion Carried.

Crosswalk / Sidewalk College and Osprey

TIR would consider a pedestrian crossing at the Osprey Court/College Road intersection on the west side of the intersection. In order to meet TIR regulations, the crosswalk would have to have a sidewalk connecting at each end – meaning a sidewalk would have to be constructed on Osprey Court up to the intersection of Talon Court. As this street is owned by Colchester the Clerk has requested approval of Colchester to the construction of the sidewalk on west side of Osprey Court.

Reports of Commissioners and
Clerk and Treasurer

Environmental Services Report

Clerk reported that he met with ADI and they have 2

situations; Sewer pumping station at Rec. Park and major storm collection system in the landfill site at Rec. Park. They have come up with a cost effective way to replace the sewer pumping station and to deal with the storm collection system. Agreed to table this for the next meeting and have the engineer from Horner present to discuss and field questions.

Clerk also reported that after meeting with Dept. of Environment and County that they agreed to get back together after the snow has gone to review the storm drainage issues in the Teakwood Court Area.

Protective Services Report and Fire Brigade Report

The Brigade responded to 8 emergency calls during the period of February 12 to March 11, 2009. Fire Loss to day: \$2,300.00. They formed a working group to start the preliminary planning to purchase a new fire truck. They developed and approved a policy to reimburse members who lose non insured essential personal items at an emergency scene. The Brigade agreed to have driver abstracts completed on all drivers, doing a third of the members each year.

Recreation Services Report

Commissioner Van Kroonenburg reported that 10 nominations have been approved for volunteer awards, on April 22, 2009 at 6:30 at the village hall. The catering has been booked and The Girl Guides will be doing it again this year. There is no quorum for April, so meeting has been cancelled. NSCC students will not be used as chaperones anymore, looking for a different community group for future dances, if there are not enough chaperones for the next dance, it will be cancelled. Next Lawn Bowling Meeting scheduled for some time in April and at this meeting they will talk about possible site locations. Next senior social is March 25th. Next Active Fundy meeting to be held in April. Seems to be moving forward, with target goals setup, and now working on strategies. Requested more information regarding tournament request, to be reported back at next meeting. Minor Ball Assoc. has requested a power source for running the batting machine.

Clerks Report

The Clerk reported that 2 full time summer staff are returning and 1 summer staff is returning for a month,

then planning to hire a high school student.

The Clerk also reported that the truck dump insert that was approved at last meeting had to be changed to the other supplier as the approved supplier couldn't get product for 2-3 months. The ETA on new supplier is March 20th, and to be installed during the week of March 23rd-27th.

February Financial Statement : Included with agenda for review.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Barrett reported that she had copy of appraisal for Murdock Drive. Nothing else to report.

Accounts

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the accounts be approved for payment."

Motion Carried

New Business

Review Sewage Pumping Station

Discussion was held earlier in this report.

2009-2010 Insurance Program

Insurance quote came in around the same, a little cheaper. Included for review.

Keith Hamilton Quote Ball Field Repairs

Agreed to add for review during the budgeting process.

Village Hall Request

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the Village of Bible Hill let the Cobequid Spartans Gymnastics use the hall on June 20th from 6-10 pm at no charge."

Motion Carried.

Quotes for Body Work Dodge 4x4

Deputy Chair Burke doesn't recommend aftermarket fenders and rocker panels. Need to get new quotes from both supplies with OEM fenders and rocker panels. Current quotes have aftermarket and economy fenders and rocker panels.

Streetlight Request

Commissioners are to review location at night and will put on agenda for next meeting.

Banking Documentation

*Moved by Mahar
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

"That the Village of Bible Hill approve the Clerk to Type 1 access to the Villages business accounts and business credit cards."

Motion Carried.

2004 Blizzard Claim Update

Received correspondence from EMO that the Municipal portion of audit is near completion. Will be advising further as soon as audit is completed.

Policy Review Bible Hill Safety Advisory Committee

It was agreed to ask the BHFB if they would like to appoint a member to the Safety Advisory Committee as does the RCMP. If the brigade is interested in proceeding with this an amendment will be made to the committee policy

Adjournment

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the March 16, 2009 Regular Monthly meeting of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned."

Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

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M. Smith
Recording Secretary

Tom Burke
Deputy Chairman