

A Commission in Committee meeting was held on April 14, 2009, in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm; the meeting adjourned at 10:05pm.

**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  
Mike Topley, P.Eng., Horner Associates Ltd./ADI Ltd.  
Mike MacDougall, P.Eng Horner Associates Ltd./ADI Ltd.

**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*

**Delegations**

**Mike Topley, P.Eng. and Mike MacDougall, P.Eng Horner Associates Ltd./ADI Ltd.: presentation on upgrades to sewage pumping station and storm drainage system Bible Hill Recreation Park**

The engineers from Horner Associates presented the study “Preliminary Design - Sanitary and Storm Sewer Realignment Bible Hill Recreation Park Location”. The purpose of the study is to review the current sanitary and storm sewage systems at the Bible Hill Recreation Park (former landfill site) and to recommend a cost effective means to replace the sewer pumping station.

The engineers had reviewed documentation, interviewed staff from the Village and the Municipality, and conducted a series of soil investigations and test pits to identify the limits of the landfill material and bedrock in the area. Two options were investigated. The first was an alignment that would run along the east side of the park and then across the multi-purpose field down to the Salmon River and crossing the river to the existing sewage trunk line. The second option which was an alignment along the east side of the current parking lot at the park

then across Guest Drive to the Salmon River with a river crossing to the trunk line. The engineers did not recommend option 1 due to the difficulties associated with constructing through a landfill site and the problems associated with the sandstone bedrock identified at the multi-purpose field. After a question and answer period, the Deputy Chair thanked Mr. Topley and Mr. MacDougall for their report and they left the meeting.

*Moved by McLean*

*Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

*“That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill make application to Round 2 of the Building Canada Fund to provide financing for the elimination of the Sewage Pumping Station and realignment of sanitary and storm sewer lines at the Bible Hill Recreation Park location.”*

*Motion Carried.*

#### **Councillor Christine Blair**

Councillor Blair informed the Commission that Colchester would be reviewing the Open Burning By Law on April 16<sup>th</sup>. She requested the opinion of the Village in regards to the Phase 3 and Phase 4 Water Expansion Projects and in particular the funding request made by the Village to Colchester. Tenders for Phase 3 closed at \$760,000 substantially above the approved MRIF funding of \$502,000. Bible Hill had requested that Colchester approve an increase in funding from \$83,000 to \$212,000 which would match Bible Hill's contribution. Bible Hill had taken the average tender prices for Phase 3 and applied them to Phase 4 and requested that Colchester increase funding for that project from \$180,000 to \$461,000 again matching Bible Hill's contribution or agree to reduce the scope of the project which would require contributions from Bible Hill and Colchester in the range of \$227,000. These requests will be addressed by Council at the April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Councillor Blair also sought clarification from the Village

on the request made to the municipality for permission to construct the sidewalk on Osprey Drive. This request will be on the agenda for the last council meeting in April. Councillor Blair discussed the importance of clear communication between the Commission and the Councilors and the need to keep information flowing. She said that she valued the input of the Commission and wished to have their opinions before she made decisions affecting the Village. It was agreed that the Councilors should contact the Chair or other Commissioners to seek information.

**Business arising out of the minutes**

**Memorandum of Understanding - NSAC section of the Cobequid Trail**

The Clerk and Treasurer outlined the responsibilities of Bible Hill in the Draft Memorandum of Understanding between Bible Hill, Colchester, and the Nova Scotia Agricultural College regarding the expansion of the Cobequid Trail in Bible Hill. This document is still in the draft stage and the final version will be brought back to the table for approval at a later date.

**Presentation of Plaques to Muir and Casey**

It was agreed that these plaques to show the Village's appreciation to Mr. Muir and Mr. Casey for their services as elected representatives to the community would be made when they have ended their terms of office and hopefully at a large public event such as Canada Day.

**Bible Hill Safety Advisory Committee Policy Amendment - Composition of the Committee**

*Moved by Mahar*

*Seconded by McLean*

*“That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill Safety Advisory Committee Policy (2005) be amended to add a committee member appointed on an annual basis by the Bible Hill Fire Brigade.”*

*Motion Carried.*

**Bible Hill Safety Advisory Committee Membership Applications**

*Moved by Mahar*

*Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

*“That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill appoint Susan Thompson-Mahar, Troy Zwanepol, Leota Upham, and Julie Gray for two year terms on the Bible Hill Safety Advisory Committee.*

*Motion Carried.*

**Bible Hill Parks and Recreation Committee Membership Applications**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg*

*Seconded by McLean*

*“That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill appoint Gilbert Salmons, Marie Tompkins, Kimberly Matlock and Doug Wile for two year terms on the Bible Hill Parks and Recreation Committee.”*

*Motion Carried.*

**Budget Review - 2009 - 2010 Assessments**

*Moved by McLean*

*Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

*“That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill approve a residential tax rate for fiscal year 2009-2010 of .66 and a commercial tax rate of .795 (both include a sewer rate of .17).”*

*Motion Carried.*

*Moved by McLean*

*Seconded by Mahar*

*“That the Commission in Committee recommends that the*

*Village of Bible Hill approve the budget for fiscal year 2009-2010 in the amount of \$2,430,610.”*

*Motion Carried.*

**Review of correspondence**

**Minister Mark Parent - Bible Hill Water Tower**

Correspondence from minister parent regarding the possible location of future water tower on NSAC lands was discussed. The Clerk reported that in conversation with area municipal staff that a review be made of future water expansion plans to ensure that the proposed tower was being located in the best possible location.

**The Navy League of Canada Battle of Atlantic Parade and Ceremony of Remembrance on May 3, 2009**

Chairwoman McLean will represent the Village of Bible Hill at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> ceremony.

**Fire Chief Dwane Mellish - Civic Numbering**

Correspondence was reviewed from the Fire Chief requesting that the Village of Bible Hill help promote usage of standardized 911 Civic Numbering System. It was agreed that promotional material would be placed in the next Action on the Hill and on the Village advertising sign.

**Christine Blair, President Bible Hill Cemetery Company**

The Cemetery Company requested that Mrs. Blair be given the use of an office key so that she could open and close the building for the two yearly cemetery board meetings. This request was approved by the commission.

**New Business**

**Kinsmen Request**

The Bible Hill Kinsmen Club requested that they be excluded from any vendor fees for the Pork Chop Bar-b-que at the Canada Day Celebrations held at the Bible Hill Recreation Park and be allowed to sell fundraising tickets at the event. The Commission agreed to this request.

**Village Hall Request POMBA**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg*

*Seconded by McLean*

*“That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill provide usage of the village hall for POMBA’s fundraising event at the area non-profit community organization rate.”*

*Motion Carried.*

**Unsightly premises Avon Street and Guest Drive**

It was agreed that the commissioners would view these two locations and discuss this issue at the next meeting.

Adjournment

*Moved by McLean*

*Seconded by Mahar*

*“That Commission in Committee Meeting be adjourned.”*

*Motion carried*

The meeting adjourned at 10:05pm.

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Robert Christianson

Clerk and Treasurer

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Tom Burke

Deputy Chairman