

The Village of Bible Hill Regular Monthly meeting was held on June 21, 2011 in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. The meeting was called to order by Chair Burke at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 10:30 pm.

Call to Order

Chair Burke
Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg
Commissioner MacCormick
Commissioner McLean
Commissioner McLeod

Staff: Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
Solicitor Barrett
Recording Secretary Curry
Finance Officer Ogden
Parks & Recreation Director Smithson

In Attendance: Councillor C. Blair
18 Village Residents
K. Pitcher, Saywood Homeowner's Assoc.
L. Boyce, Saywood Homeowner's Assoc.
J. Alcorn, MLA Zann's Assistant

Approval of the Minutes of May 17, 2011

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

"That the minutes of May 17, 2011 be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

Review and Approval of Agenda, Call for New or Other Business

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

"That the agenda be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

Chair Burke welcomed Councillor Blair and the Saywood Homeowner's Association to the meeting.

Miscellaneous Business Including Delegations

Saywood Homeowner's Association

Knickolle Pitcher addressed the Commission on behalf of the Saywood Homeowner's Association, a newly formed association created to petition the Village of Bible Hill for the installation of sidewalks and a bike lane on the main roads of Saywood Drive and Regency Point Drive. As well, the Association is in the process of lobbying the Province of Nova Scotia to have the roads in the subdivision repaved. Ms. Pitcher described the research she had done on behalf

of the association regarding cost sharing and also listed specific situations considered to be obvious safety hazards. She showed the Commission a petition signed by residents of Saywood subdivision in favor of the sidewalk installation and said she would drop the petition off later in the week. The Association also supplied pictures of potholes existing on both Saywood and Regency Point Drives.

The Commission did clarify one point of the presentation in that the existing sidewalk, crosswalk across College Road, overhead crosswalk light, and crossing guard at that location were all paid for by the Village of Bible Hill and not the school board. The Commission also informed the Saywood Homeowner's Association that the Saywood/Regency Point Drive location has been moved up to #3 on the Village's Sidewalk Priority List. It was discussed and agreed by all parties that it would be beneficial and logical to do sidewalk and repaving of this entire area at the same which would necessitate the Village working together with Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal.

The Chair reassured the homeowners of Saywood Drive that three years would be a reasonable timeframe to expect construction to begin on this sidewalk but it would depend on budgets and the availability of Transportation and Infrastructure to do the work in unison to create a seamless finished product.

The Clerk said that the Village's budget and audited statement were available on-line. This will give the Association an idea of Village revenues and expenditures.

The Chair thanked the Ms. Pitcher for her presentation.

Councillor Christine Blair

Councillor Blair congratulated new Commissioners McLeod and MacCormick as well as the newly elected Chair and Deputy Chair of the Commission. She discussed the proposed expansion of Lexington Park scheduled to take place in three stages. There will be a meeting this Thursday at 7:00 pm to approve this expansion request. Both Bible Hill Councillors approve of this request.

Councillor Blair also spoke on behalf of the Association of Nova Scotia Villages to clarify that the scheduled meeting with the Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party was not arranged at the request of the ANSV but rather through seven Villages in Kings County. The meeting is in Port Williams and all Villages are invited to attend.

Business Arising out of the Minutes

Commission in Committee Report

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Village of Bible Hill continue to negotiate with Fort Garry Fire Trucks eventually leading to the purchase of a new fire vehicle."

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by MacCormick*

"That the Village of Bible Hill move the Saywood Estates Regency and Saywood Drive sidewalk location up to number 3 on the Sidewalk Priority List and arrange to have a pre-engineering design study done in the near future."

Motion carried.

Sidewalk Priority Listing Approved June 14, 2011	
1	Pictou Road Village Court to the Village Boundary
2	College Road Day Care to Vimy
3	Saywood Estates Regency and Saywood Drive
4	Village Line Avenue Pictou to College **
5	Vimy Road Windale to Farnham
6	Main Street Subway to Bridge southside
7	Old Court House Branch College to Regency **
8	College Road Guest Drive to Osprey Court
9	College Road Vimy to Guest Drive
10	College Road Maple to Saywood
11	College Road Osprey to Maple
12	College Road Saywood to Old Court House Branch

** conditional upon cost sharing with the Municipality of the County of Colchester

GPS for all Village Vehicles

The Clerk reported that he had contacted Doug MacKenzie of the Town of Truro Recreation Department about a demonstration of the GPS system they are using and to explain the benefits of having this system in use. Mr. MacKenzie has agreed to do a demonstration for any interested Commissioners. The Commission was instructed to contact the Clerk with their availability and the Clerk will arrange a specific time with Mr. MacKenzie.

EMO JEPP Funding for connection of Village Office to generator at 69 Pictou Road

The Clerk reported on progress being made to connect the Village Office to the generator located at 69 Pictou Road. This project is being made possible through JEPP Funding and is approved because REMO will be using the Village Chambers as an operation center during an emergency situation.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLeod*

"That the Village of Bible Hill approve the quoted engineering fees of \$3,993.26 plus HST from MCW Thompson Engineering to prepare the proposed generator modification."

Motion carried.

Crosswalk Flag Program

The Clerk supplied the Commission with additional information that had been requested on the previously discussed Crosswalk Flag Program. He stated that in order to proceed with this program, approval would be needed from Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, Nova Scotia Power, or Bell Aliant depending on which poles were being used to hold the flags. Three test locations were discussed as well as the need to educate the public on the use of these flags. It was agreed that the Village could use their Action on the Hill newsletter, sending information home through the local schools, and holding a public meeting. Publicity and promotion of this program would be the responsibility of the Bible Hill Parks and Recreation Director.

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

"That the Village of Bible Hill adopt the Crosswalk Flag Program, get approval as needed, and go ahead with three test locations crossing College Road at the Bible Hill Recreation Park, crossing Pictou Road at Jennifer Drive, and crossing College Road at Maple Boulevard."

Motion carried.

Reports of Commissioners

Environmental Services Report

Commissioner McLean requested that the Village re-visit with the County of Colchester the Noise By-Law specifically for the Village of Bible Hill - similar to the process followed for the Open Burning By-Law.

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by McLeod*

"That the Village of Bible Hill request that the County of Colchester revisit the Noise By-Law to be enforced within the Village of Bible Hill including restrictions to lower volume by 1:00 am at open air events."

Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the issue of who would be responsible for enforcement of this by-law.

Commissioner McLean also mentioned the holdback from Eddy MacKay Construction until all work has been completed on the Sewer Pumping Station. To date the location has been too wet to complete this work.

Protective Services Report

Commissioner MacCormick read the Bible Hill Fire Brigade June Report outlining fire calls and upcoming events of the brigade.

One major issue discussed was the addition of deceased fire brigade member's names to the monument located in front of 69 Pictou Road. Commissioner McLean wished to be on record as supporting the addition of names to the monument.

Recreation and Culture Services

Commissioner McLeod reported on recreation events within the Village including the recent approval to hold the Nova Scotia 55+ Senior Games in the local area, progress being made by the Cobequid Lawn Bowls Club, the extensive summer programming within the Village, Colchester Bike Week including the recent opening of the Pat Mahaney Bike Trail, Canada Day preparations, and the recently completed Redcliff Trailblazer After School Program, the final Pre-teen Dance held this school year, and also the final Senior Social held this year.

The Commissioners and the Clerk commended the Parks and Recreation Director for his initiatives and progress on promotion recreation within the Village.

Transportation Services

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg reported that work has begun on the sidewalk on Osprey and that she had recently attended the Bible Hill Firemen's monthly meeting.

Clerk and Treasurer's Report

The Clerk expanded on details regarding progress on the Osprey sidewalk. Construction has been delayed due to wet weather. Work has also been delayed on ball field maintenance and grading around the recently installed Sewer Pumping Station at the Bible Hill Recreation Park. The Clerk detailed recent work carried out on a volunteer basis by the Bible Hill Garden Club on gardens at 67 Pictou Road, Holy Well Park, the garden by the Salmon River Bridge, and the garden entering Bible Hill on Main Street. The Clerk suggested a thank you card be sent to the Garden Club for their continued work beautifying Bible Hill.

The Clerk reported that two elm trees have been planted for the Long Term Service Volunteer recipients. One tree is at Holy Well Park and the other is on the property at 69 Pictou Road.

Village maintenance workers continue to work to keep up with mowing Village parks, trails, and fields.

Chair's Report

The Chair reported on events and meetings he had attended on behalf of the Village.

Accounts

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

"That the accounts be approved for payment"

Motion carried.

New Business

Municipal Government Act - power to expend money and Village of Bible Hill Purchasing Policy

The Clerk reviewed the Municipal Government Act and the Village of Bible Hill Purchasing Policy outlining proper procedures to follow for expenditures. The MGA states

what a Village can expend money on and if the program is not listed in the act, a Village does not have powers to expend money on it. The Village Purchasing Policy is somewhat flexible in that motions can be made by the Commission to supersede the policy in specific situations.

Brendon Smithson, P&R Director, Recreation Strategic Plan

P&R Director Smithson reported on his progress with creating a Recreation Strategic Plan for the Village. He also explained the process to be followed in stages. Of the four stages listed, Bible Hill is now completing Stage 2. This plan will give the Recreation Director and the Parks and Recreation Committee specific direction regarding the wishes of both the Village residents and the Commission.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLeod*

"That the Village of Bible Hill approve the key result areas of the proposed Bible Hill Strategic Plan as: 1) Parks/ Trails/Facilities; 2) Direct Programming; 3) Support Volunteers; and 4) Community Spirit."

Motion carried.

Cobequid Lawn Bowls Club

The Clerk presented a request from the Cobequid Lawn Bowls Club for a contribution to their Lawn Bowls Club.

*Moved by McLeod
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Village of Bible Hill cost share with the Town of Truro and the County of Colchester to assist in purchasing lawn bowling supplies for the new Lawn Bowls Facility."

Motion defeated.

It was agreed that as Colchester has contributed \$75,000 from the general tax rate towards this project, and that the ratepayers of Bible Hill pay the County general tax rate, that an appropriate amount from the Village ratepayers has already been made to this program.

Truro Tree Program

The Clerk brought information to the Commission on the

Tree Program that the Town of Truro has in place. The Town will provide a rebate of 50% of the purchase price of a new tree to residents of Truro up to a maximum of \$500 per household.

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by MacCormick*

"That the Village of Bible Hill offer a 50% tree rebate to residents of Bible Hill with a maximum limit of \$200 per household on a first come first serve basis."

Motion carried.

The rebate will be offered to residents that provide a sales receipt and plant the tree themselves. An education package will be provided on proper planting procedures including recommendations from Nova Scotia Power on the location and types of trees suitable for planting near power lines. There will be no guarantee on these trees. Village Staff will administer the program.

Certificate of Officers, Directors, and Signing Authorities

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Village of Bible Hill have two Commissioners sign the Certificate of Officers, Directors, and Signing Authorities."

Motion carried.

Computer Purchase

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by MacCormick*

"That the Village of Bible Hill purchase five Toshiba computers from GEM Computers Ltd. for \$739 plus HST each."

Motion carried.

Bell Aliant's FibreOP demonstration Thursday, June 23 @ 3:00 pm

The Clerk provided information on the upcoming demonstration by Bell Aliant on FibreOP on Thursday, June 23rd at 3:00pm.

ANSV Meeting with Leader of Provincial Conservative Party - Jamie Baillie, June 27th

There is a meeting with the Leader of the Provincial Conservative Party Jamie Baillie on June 27th at 1:30pm in Port Williams. Councillor Blair, and ANSV Board Member, when asked to comment, stated that ANSV members will be present but will not be commenting on either the Village Discussion Paper or the Village of Pugwash.

Request for Cost Sharing - Fencing at Dog Park

The Town of Truro has been having an issue with big dogs and small dogs using the same dog park. The Town will be making an expansion of the park to create a separate area for small dogs. The Town is asking for a cost share amount of \$2,456 to assist with this project.

Moved by McLean

Seconded by Van Kroonenburg

"That the Village of Bible Hill cost share with the Town of Truro in expanding the Off Leash Dog Park."

Motion carried.

CEC Cougars Football Donation Request

Moved by McLeod

Seconded by MacCormick

"That the Village of Bible Hill approve a donation to the CEC Football Team for renovations of their varsity complex."

Motion defeated.

**In Camera Committee Meeting
of the Whole**

Moved by Van Kroonenburg

Seconded by McLean

"That the Regular Monthly Meeting be adjourned to an In Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole."

Motion Carried.

At 9:25 pm the Commission went into an In-Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole.

The In-Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole ended at

10:15 pm.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Village of Bible Hill accept the proposal from EXP to update a 1998 report prepared by W.N. Horner & Associates and provide an estimate of probable estimate cost including engineering fees for the completion of the construction of the sidewalk on Saywood Drive and a section of Regency Point Drive to Old Courthouse Branch Road."

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by MacCormick*

"That the Village of Bible Hill continue with the process to obtain a pumper fire vehicle from Fort Garry Fire Trucks at a price of \$420,998 plus HST. The next stages in this process will be approval from the Bible Hill Fire Brigade of the purchase details provided by Fort Garry Fire Trucks on June 20, 2011 for both Spartan Chassis Incorporated, Metro Star, and the Fort Garry Fire Trucks fire pumper apparatus details. In addition the details of the warranty for the Metro Star and Fort Garry Fire Trucks plus the draft copy of the performance bond shall be reviewed and a recommendation for or against approval received from the Village Solicitor. After the Bible Hill Fire Brigade has signed off on the above mentioned fire vehicle details, Fort Garry Fire Trucks will be instructed to produce the final drawings for the apparatus at which time the drawings will be signed off and an order will be placed. No additions or cost overruns will be accepted without the prior written approval of the Village of Bible Hill. It is also agreed to continue with the engagement of Maritime Fire Services Limited for the factory inspection and the inspection of the fire apparatus upon delivery in Bible Hill."

Motion carried.

Adjournment

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

"That the June 21, 2011 Regular Monthly Meeting of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned."

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 pm.

Chair Burke

Recording Secretary Curry

Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
