

The Village of Bible Hill held the Yearly Audit Committee Meeting beginning at 6:15 pm in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. Chair Burke, Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg, Commissioner Mahar, Commissioner McLean, Clerk Christianson, and Mr. MacDonald and Miss MacKenzie from Grant Thornton were present. The representatives from Grant Thornton presented the audited statements to March 31, 2011 and answered questions from the Commissioners regarding the statements and the audit. The Audit Committee Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

The Village of Bible Hill Regular Monthly meeting was held on May 17, 2011 in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. The meeting was called to order by Chair Burke at 7:10 pm; the meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

**Call to Order**

Chair Burke  
Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg  
Commissioner Mahar  
Commissioner McLean

Staff: Clerk and Treasurer Christianson  
Solicitor Barrett  
Recording Secretary Curry

In Attendance: M. Chiasson, Truro Daily News  
L. MacCormick, resident  
K. MacDonald, Grant Thornton  
R. MacKenzie, Grant Thornton  
D. Mellish, Bible Hill Fire Chief

**Approval of the Minutes of April 19, 2011**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by McLean*

*"That the minutes of April 19, 2011 be approved as presented."*

*Motion carried.*

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

*Moved by McLean  
Seconded by Mahar*

*"That the agenda be approved as presented."*

*Motion carried.*

**Miscellaneous Business Including Delegations**

Chair Burke welcomed observers to the meeting.

**Business Arising out of the Minutes**

**Audit Committee Report - approval of 2010-2011 audited statements**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by McLean*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill approve the 2010-2011 audited statements."*

*Motion carried.*

Mr. MacDonald and Miss MacKenzie of Grant Thornton left the meeting.

**Motion to approve transfer from operating fund to capital fund \$437,610.**

*Moved by McLean  
Seconded by Mahar*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill approve the transfer of \$437,610 from the operating fund to the capital fund."*

*Motion carried.*

#### **Commission in Committee Report**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by McLean*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill increase their mileage rates to 0.415 for the first 16,000km in accordance with the new provincial rate."*

*Motion carried.*

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by Mahar*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill proceed with the RFQ for the SCBA Air Compressor and Fill Station contingent on grant approval through the Emergency Services Provider Fund."*

*Motion carried.*

#### **Commission in Committee Meeting of the Whole**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by McLean*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill engage Milton Hoyt Trucking and Excavating Ltd. to provide fill (at \$105 per load), screened topsoil (at \$262.50 per load), and bulldozer at (\$88 per hour) to complete the grading around the sewer*

*pumping station at the Bible Hill Recreation Park. After the grading has been completed, quotes will be sought for either hydro-seeding or sodding at this location."*

*Motion carried.*

#### **CUPE Contract**

The Chair reported that a new three year contract has been signed and is satisfactory to all parties.

#### **Residential and Commercial Tax Rates 2011-2012**

*Moved by Mahar*

*Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill approve the 2011-2012 budget with the residential tax rate of \$0.68 per \$100 (including \$0.17 sewer rate) and a commercial tax rate of \$0.85 per \$100."*

*Motion carried.*

#### **Operating and Capital Budgets 2011-2012**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg*

*Seconded by McLean*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill approve the Operating and Capital Budgets for 2011-2012 as presented."*

*Motion carried.*

#### **Wellness Reimbursement Program**

*Moved by Mahar*

*Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill approve the Bible Hill Wellness Reimbursement Program as presented."*

*Motion carried.*

There was a short break while Ms. Chiasson asked a few questions of the Commission.

#### **RFP Fire Vehicle**

The Clerk reported that the RFP for the fire vehicle had

been posted on the Nova Scotia Government Procurement website and had received three proposals. The Selection Committee met with the consultant and reviewed these proposals. It was the recommendation of the committee that the RFP be awarded to Fort Garry Fire Vehicles.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by Mahar*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill proceed with the next stage of the RFP process, the pre construction meeting with Fort Garry Fire Vehicles. The estimated cost of the project is \$421,154 + HST."*

*Motion carried.*

Commissioner Mahar expressed his concerns regarding the multiplex system to be installed on the fire vehicle due to the complexity and the new technology incorporated in this unit. He questioned whether or not the multiplex system would have the 20 year life span expected from the fire vehicle.

#### **Review of Correspondence**

##### **Invitation NSAC Open House**

Commissioners McLean and Mahar will be in attendance at the July 21<sup>st</sup> Open House.

##### **4H Presentation of Award Request**

The request for a donation was declined.

#### **Reports of Commissioners**

##### **Environmental Services Report**

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg reported on the work yet to be completed at the Bible Hill Recreation Park. The landscaping work will be completed as soon as the weather improves.

##### **Protective Services Report**

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg gave the Fire Brigade report.

##### **Recreation and Culture Services**

Commissioner McLean reported on Recreation and Culture Services highlighting the Facility Master Plan, the Strategic Plan, Lawn Bowling, the recent Local Senior Games, newly hired summer staff in the Village, and upcoming summer

events including Canada Day.

### **Transportation Services**

Commissioner Mahar updated the Commission on the change to LED lights by Nova Scotia Power. He also discussed the parking issues on Ryland Avenue and the recent municipal finance workshop he attended.

*Moved by Mahar*

*Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill request that correspondence be sent to James Webster, Area Manager at TIR to have the broken curb in the Village repaired."*

*Motion carried.*

If a satisfactory response is not received from Mr. Webster, the Village will send a letter to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal.

### **Clerk and Treasurer's Report**

The Clerk and Treasurer requested approval for upgrading cell phones for both himself and the Parks and Recreation Director to a Blackberry phone with data package.

*Moved by McLean*

*Seconded by Mahar*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill upgrade two Blackberry cell phones, including data packages, for the Clerk and Treasurer and the Parks and Recreation Director."*

*Motion carried.*

### **Chair's Report**

The Chair reported on events 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**

**Town of Truro bid for Nova Scotia Seniors Games**

*Moved by McLean  
Seconded by Mahar*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill write a letter of support for the Town of Truro bid for the Nova Scotia Senior Games."*

*Motion carried.*

**Colchester request for input re: development by Gardiner Properties**

*Moved by McLean  
Seconded by Mahar*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill write to the Development Officer at the County of Colchester giving support for the new development proposed by Gardiner Properties."*

*Motion carried.*

**NSPE - LED Streetlights**

The Province of Nova Scotia has announced that within five years all streetlights in the province will be upgraded to LED. A conference call will take place on May 20<sup>th</sup>, which the Clerk will be participating in, to discuss the price increase which is being passed on to the consumer.

**Garbage Cans on Main Collector Roads**

The Clerk requested consideration being given to garbage cans to be placed on Pictou, College, Main, and Vimy. Three to four cans would possibly be placed on each street with Village maintenance staff collecting garbage as needed. The Clerk was instructed to source out suitable garbage containers with pricing and bring it to the next commission meeting.

**Ball Field Maintenance RFQ Results**

A ball field maintenance RFQ was sent out to three vendors with only one being returned. This job will be very difficult as the weather conditions continue to be wet.

*Moved by McLean  
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill accept the proposal submitted by J&K Yard Masters to complete the work on Rec Park Field #1, 2, and 3 for \$3,369.50 and Airport Field #4, 5, and 6 for \$3,168.25 including HST."*

*Motion carried.*

#### **Crosswalk Flag Program**

The Commissioners requested additional information on this program. The Parks and Recreation Director will be instructed to provide additional details.

#### **Bike Trail Signage Design and Installation**

Signage along the new bike trail at the end of Warren Drive was discussed and the importance of this signage was agreed upon.

*Moved by McLean  
Seconded by Mahar*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill approve trail signage, design and installation by Cobequid Trail Consulting for \$1,880."*

*Motion carried.*

#### **In Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole**

*Moved by McLean  
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

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

*Motion Carried.*

At 8:25 pm the Commission went into an In-Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole.

The In-Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole ended at 8:45 pm.

#### **Adjournment**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by Mahar*

*"That the May 17, 2011 Regular Monthly Meeting of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned."*

*Motion carried.*

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Chair Burke

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Recording Secretary Curry

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Clerk and Treasurer Christianson

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