

The Village of Bible Hill Regular Monthly meeting was held on April 19, 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 9:55 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: Mr. Campbell, Volunteer Award Recipient  
Mrs. Campbell  
M. Chiasson, Truro Daily News  
Don Cameron, President, Slo Pitch  
Jason Malloy, Vice President, Slo Pitch  
Chief Mellish, Bible Hill Fire Brigade

**Approval of the Minutes of  
March 8, 2011**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by Mahar*

*“That the minutes of March 8, 2011 be approved as presented.”*

*Motion carried.*

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

*Moved by Mahar  
Seconded by McLean*

*“That the agenda be approved as presented.”*

*Motion carried.*

**Miscellaneous Business  
Including Delegations**

**Mr. Graham Campbell Presentation of Provincial  
Volunteer Award**

Chair Burke presented Mr. Campbell with the Provincial Volunteer Award that was handed out in Halifax at the Provincial Volunteer Award Dinner. Mr. Campbell is unable to attend the Bible Hill Volunteer Awards so was also presented with his Outstanding Volunteer Award at this time.

### **Presentation by Truro & District Slo Pitch Association**

Mr. Cameron thanked the Commission for allowing Slo Pitch to make a presentation this evening. The Slo Pitch Association has several concerns that they wanted to bring to the attention of the Village Commission.

First and foremost, the Association would like to re-emphasize their previous request for some sort of play equipment or a play area at the Airport Fields. Because of the large number of players and teams playing at any one time at these fields, there are often many children in attendance that would benefit from any play equipment or a play area that the Village might be able to supply as a positive addition to the Airport Field area.

Secondly, the Association is again asking for dugouts on fields 4 and 5. Field 6 does have dugouts that were paid for by the Slo Pitch Association several years ago.

Thirdly, the Association would like to see a chain link fence erected down the foul lines of each field.

Lastly, the Association expressed concern about the quality of the dragging of the fields at the Airport Field.

The Slo Pitch Association has approximately 200-250 people participating and over the past 10 years have paid approximately \$59,000 in yearly fees to the Village. They feel that the addition of a play area and dugouts would benefit this location and allow for more tournaments to be held at this location.

The Clerk pointed out that it was very difficult to find a safe spot for the children's play area and that he and the Recreation Director would meet further with the Association to discuss their concerns.

### **Business Arising out of the Minutes**

### **Commission in Committee Report**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by McLean*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill install a crossing guard at the Osprey-College Road location on a trial basis for a full school year."*

*Motion carried.*

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by Mahar*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill eliminate the crossing guard station at the Main Street and Pictou Road location at the end of the current school year."*

*Motion carried.*

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg  
Seconded by McLean*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill transfer \$350,000 from the Operating Reserve to the Operating Fund."*

*Motion carried.*

#### **Response to RFP Fire Vehicle**

The RFP for the new fire vehicle closed on April 18<sup>th</sup> with submissions from Fort Garry, Dependable, and Thibault. The proposals are now being forwarded to the consultant for his review. A meeting will be scheduled for the Selection Committee to review the documents with the consultant and at this point, a presentation will be made to the Village Commission. The Village is allowed 60 days to review these proposals and award the contract.

#### **Crosswalk Construction - College Road**

Mid Valley Construction, the low bidder, has been notified by CBCL that they were the successful bidder, but as yet the tender documents have not arrived at CBCL's office. The documents are to arrive Wednesday and the Clerk will be circulating an e-mail to confirm their arrival. These documents need to be processed to begin the project.

#### **Review of Correspondence**

##### **TIR response to request for 50 km speed zone within Bible Hill**

A letter was received from Minister Estabrooks of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal stating that it was not possible to impose a blanket 50 km zone within Village boundaries. He has requested that the local traffic authority to have the speed zones assessed individually.

**Sergeant Mark Gallagher Memorial School Project, Charity Ball, September 10, 2011**

This invitation was presented to the Commission as an information item. The Chair suggested that if Commissioners wished to participate, it would be an individual basis.

**ORB Annual Bike Blessing - May 7 at 12 noon**

Chair Burke will be attending the ORB Annual Bike Blessing on behalf of the Village.

**Mr. McPherson re: Taxi Stand College Road**

The letter to Mr. McPherson was presented as an information item.

**Bible Hill Cemetery Company**

A letter received from the Bible Hill Cemetery Company thanking the Village for their work and cooperation in the past year.

**Application - Small Business Lightings Solution**

The application letter sent to Nova Scotia Power was reviewed. There will be a retrofit of the older fluorescent lights at both 67 and 69 Pictou Road including the old fire bay, the Village Hall, the maintenance shop, and specific areas of the second floor. Specific dates of hall availability were outlined.

**Reports of Commissioners**

**Environmental Services Report**

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg reported that the project at the Bible Hill Recreation Park was completed and met the March 31, 2011 completion deadline. The final application is being audited by Grant Thornton. Landscaping yet to be completed at this site will begin as soon as weather permits. The Annual Recreation Park Monitoring Report done by Dillon has been received and will be circulated if requested.

**Protective Services Report**

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg read the Bible Hill Fire Brigade's report highlighting important areas.

### **Recreation and Culture Services**

Commissioner McLean reported on Recreation and Culture Services highlighting Bike Week, the Strategic Plan, trail signage and mapping, Step into Spring, the Nova Scotia Senior Games Bid Committee, summer staffing, and current and upcoming programs within the Village.

### **Transportation Services**

Commissioner Mahar reported on a concern he had received regarding garbage removal from a Village resident that has now been satisfactorily dealt with through the assistance of Councillor Blair. He will be attending the meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup> with Transportation and Infrastructure renewal regarding parking on Ryland Avenue.

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

The Clerk and Treasurer reported that the Village is now being audited by Grant Thornton. Union negotiations were held last Saturday with a satisfactory ratification.

### **Chair's Report**

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

### **Accounts**

*Moved by McLean  
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

*"That the accounts be approved for payment"*

*Motion carried.*

### **New Business**

#### **Ratification of CUPE Contract**

*Moved by McLean  
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill approve the ratification of the CUPE contract."*

*Motion carried.*

#### **Budget 2011-2012 Deliberations**

Solicitor Barrett and Recording Secretary Curry left at this point in the meeting.

The Clerk presented a draft operating capital budget for the fiscal period 2011-2012. The document was reviewed in detail. At the end of the presentation, the Chair invited the Fire Chief to make some additional comments on the draft budget and how it affected the Fire Brigade's operations.

**Adjournment**

*Moved by McLean  
Seconded by Mahar*

*“That the April 19, 2011 Regular Monthly Meeting of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned.”*

*Motion carried.*

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm.

Chair Burke

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Recording Secretary Curry

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Clerk and Treasurer Christianson

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