

The April 12, 2011 Commission in Committee meeting was held in the Village Office at 67 Pictou Road. The meeting was called to order by Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Deputy Chair Call to Order

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg
Chair Burke
Commissioner Mahar
Commissioner McLean

Staff: Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
Recording Secretary Curry

In Attendance: Deputy Chief S. MacDonald, BHFB
Secretary D. Cavanagh, BHFB
C. Blair, County Councillor
M. Chiasson, Media

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg welcomed Councillor Blair, Ms. Chiasson of the Daily News, Deputy Chief MacDonald and Brigade Secretary Cavanagh to the meeting.

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

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the agenda be approved with the addition of a curb issue on Vimy Road by Brookside Avenue under New Business."

Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Business Including Delegations

Bible Hill Fire Brigade Budget Presentation

Deputy Chief MacDonald presented the proposed 2011-2012 Bible Hill Fire Brigade budget. He reviewed each line of the budget and gave additional information or clarification where warranted. The Brigade and the Village want to ensure that the needs of the Village are met by the Brigade. Slight increases in budgetary areas were noted but justification was given by the Deputy Chief.

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg thanked Deputy Chief MacDonald and Brigade Secretary Cavanagh for coming to the meeting, reviewing the budget, and answering questions from the Commission.

The Clerk noted that the closing date for RFP's for the new fire apparatus is April 18th at 2:00pm. Any late submissions will not be accepted. There will be a private

opening at 2:30pm with only the names of the bidders being announced at that time. The actual proposals will be given to the Selection Committee for review.

Business arising out of minutes Sewer Pumping Station Project

The Clerk reported that the Sewer Pumping Station Project was completed by the target date of March 31, 2011 and is functioning well. The Clerk is in the process of putting together an audited final claim form for submission. A certified hold back cheque is being held by the Village Solicitor at the request of the Infrastructure Secretariat.

The Commission will be budgeting for the additional expense of completing the landscaping at the Bible Hill Recreation Park around the construction area in the near future.

Budget 2011-2012 deliberations

The Clerk and Commission discussed the upcoming budget deliberations with detailed discussions at a later time. The Village tax base was reviewed at a previous meeting. The major capital expense this year is the purchase of the new fire apparatus for the Bible Hill Fire Brigade. The major construction project this year will be the Osprey-College Road Sidewalk Project. Cost of living increases will be determined after union negotiations have been completed. Union negotiations will be held on Saturday, April 16th between the Village and the Canadian Union of Public Employees.

RFP Sidewalk Snow Removal

The RFP for Sidewalk Snow Removal has not yet been released. The current contract expired with the last snowfall of this year. The Commission requested a new contract this year and not an extension of a previous contract. The Clerk will bring an outline of the RFP to the next Commission meeting.

Review of Correspondence

May 5, 2011 - Knights of Columbus - First Responder Celebration Service

The Chair will attend the First Responder Celebration Service presented by the Knights of Columbus on May 5, 2011 at the Immaculate Conception Parish. The Chair will call to confirm the time of this Service.

TIR Response - Pictou Road Sidewalk

The letter from Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal was reviewed by the commission. The request for a sidewalk at the far end of Pictou Road was approved subject the sidewalk meeting TIR design requirements. An engineering analysis on the sanitary sewer has already been completed by the County of Colchester and the sewer system has been deemed in good condition to construct the sidewalk above it. This will be a joint project with the County of Colchester and the Village of Bible Hill. The Clerk will continue negotiations with the County to have an estimate of the cost associated with this project. The Village will be looking at construction of this sidewalk in the next fiscal year.

School Crossing Guard Station- Main/Pictou

A response was received from Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal stating that at crossing guard was not warranted at the Main Street at Pictou Road location.

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the Commission in Committee recommends 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 Mahar
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill eliminate or re-assign the crossing guard station at the Main Street and Pictou Road location at the end of the current school year."

Motion carried.

Navy League - Battle of Atlantic Ceremony of Remembrance, Sunday, May 1, 2011

The Chair will attend the Battle of the Atlantic Ceremony of Remembrance on Sunday, May 1, 2011. The Village will arrange to order a wreath for this ceremony.

Taoist Tai Chi Society of Truro Grand Opening of New Facility - 12:30pm, May 7, 2011

Commissioner McLean will attend the Taoist Tai Chi Society Grand Opening of their new facility. The Village Secretary will send an RSVP on behalf of Commissioner McLean.

Principal Hazel Sherron re: Parking East Court Road Elementary School

The Clerk reviewed the letter recently written to Principal Sherron of Bible Hill East Court Road Elementary School regarding the on-going parking issues at the school. No response has been received to date.

New Business

Operation of Taxi Stand on College Road

The Commission discussed complaints received from residents about a commercial business operating in a residential area on College Road. The Clerk was requested to draft a letter to the County of Colchester regarding the Village's concerns regarding safety at this location.

Transfer of \$350,000 from Operating Reserve to Operating Fund

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Burke*

"That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill transfer \$350,000 from the Operating Reserve to the Operating Fund."

Motion carried.

Pugwash Questionnaire

The completed questionnaire was presented to the Commission for their review. Further discussions to take place at the next Village Commission meeting.

A complaint has been received from a resident regarding the fact that there is not a ramp at the corner of Vimy Road and Brookside Avenue. As there is not a ramp, this location has not been shovelled all winter necessitating walkers go to the nearest driveway to access the sidewalk.

This poses a safety issue. The Clerk was instructed to seek approval from Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal for the installation of a ramp at this corner. After construction, this location will be added to the Village's priority shovelling list.

Councillor Blair, County of Colchester

Councillor Blair reported on Council happenings as they affected the Village of Bible Hill. The County is currently working on their operations and capital budgets.

Councillor Blair mentioned a complaint that had been received from Canada Post regarding unsafe walking conditions on one side of College Road. The Clerk received a response from Canada Post that they have reviewed the location and the site is now deemed as safe but will be reviewed the winter months. This response will be forwarded to Councillor Blair.

In Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole

*Moved by Mahar
Seconded by McLean*

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

Motion Carried.

At 8:07 pm the Commission went into an In-Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole.

The In-Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole ended at 9:15 pm.

The applications from Mr. Pryde, Mrs. Tompkins, Ms. Dawson-Sharbell, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Wile to serve on the Bible Hill Parks and Recreation Committee for a two year term to March 31, 2013 were all approved.

Adjournment

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Mahar*

"That Commission in Committee Meeting be adjourned."

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg

Recording Secretary Curry

Clerk & Treasurer Christianson
