

The January Commission in Committee meeting was held in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. The meeting was called to order by Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Call to Order

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

Present: M. Chiasson, Media

Staff: R. Christianson, Clerk
K. Curry, Recording Secretary

**Approval of the Minutes of
December 11, 2013**

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by McLeod*

"That the minutes of December 11, 2012 be approved."

Motion carried.

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg welcomed Ms. Chiasson to the meeting.

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

*Moved by McLeod
Seconded by McLean*

"That the agenda be approved."

Motion carried.

**Miscellaneous business
including delegations**

There were no items of miscellaneous business or any delegations this evening.

**Business Arising out of the
minutes**

Crosswalk Pictou Road at Village Line Avenue

Mayor Taylor has responded to the Village's letter requesting cost-sharing on the crosswalk at the intersection of Pictou Road and Village Line Avenue. He requested that the Village contact the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal before this request went any further. As requested, the Clerk contacted Rob Jerrott at TIR. Mr. Jerrott's response was that a mid-block crosswalk at this location was not desirable as it would be an unexpected location. "Placing an unwarranted or inappropriate crosswalk can indicate to pedestrians a safe location to cross and can lead to an inappropriate level of complacency on the part of pedestrians. Pedestrians will be better served and safer by observing the traffic and selecting a safe gap in traffic in which to cross." It

was agreed that the Village would not proceed with the proposed installation of this crosswalk. The Clerk was instructed to inform the necessary officials.

Berm Construction Holy Well Park

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by MacCormick*

“That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill approve the following expenditures for the construction of the berm at Holy Well Park: TR Petroleum (\$8,873.40), Justaart Landscaping (\$6,080.05), and Eastern Fence (\$2,472.50).”

Motion carried.

More work on Holy Well Park will need to be completed in the spring as further repair to flower beds and landscaping will be necessary.

Engineering Review: Flooding at Sidewalk - Boblee and Farnham Road

This item is following up to a presentation by Mr. Webby of Bible Hill Estates on flooding at the Farnham Road/Boblee Drive intersection. The Clerk would like to hire PDI as the engineering firm to investigate this situation and give their professional opinion on the possibility of putting additional drainage pipes under the road at this location. PDI would charge \$1,500 +HST to do this investigation. The Clerk was given permission to engage PDI.

New Business

Outdoor Skating Rink

- **Bible Hill Central Elementary School**

The outdoor skating rink at Bible Hill Central is up and running and seems to be a great success. The Village spent \$1,128.43 for a 50x100' tarp from Hansberger's and was able to re-use boards from last year's outdoor rink. The Town of Truro sent three maintenance staff over to help with the setup of the rink and flooding has been happening as weather permits.

- **Meadowland Rink**

Meadowland Rink is being well used and flooded as needed. Mayor Taylor and the Valley Kempton Fire Department have flooded the rink several times. The Commission has requested that Village Staff send a thank you card to both Mayor Taylor

and the Valley Kemptown Fire Department.

Budget Presentation BHFD January 22nd at 7pm

The Bible Hill Fire Department has invited the Commission to a walk-through of the Fire Department and a budget presentation on January 22nd at 7:00pm. All Commissioners have agreed to be present.

Request for meeting Allan MacMaster; MLA for Inverness, Critic for Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations. Thursday January 17th at either 8am or 3:45pm

Mr. MacMaster would like to speak to the Village Commission on January 17th as he is in the area for a conference. He hopes to discuss any situations or problems that the Village has encountered with Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations. The Clerk was instructed to arrange the meeting for 3:45pm.

Playground Expansion

The Clerk reported that there was another incident with a car entering the Playground area at the Bible Hill Recreation Park. He suggested that his only suggestion would be to place large rocks around the parking lot that cannot be moved.

*Moved by McLeod
Seconded by MacCormick*

"That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill approve the expenditure of \$2,800 for 100 tons of rock (\$28/ton) to be placed around the parking lot at the Bible Hill Recreation Park by TR Petroleum."

Motion carried.

Budget Review

*Moved by MacCormick
Seconded by McLeod*

"That the Commission in Committee recommends that The Village of Bible Hill proceed to purchase a 4x4 service vehicle with snow plow in the current fiscal year rather than wait for the upcoming fiscal year. This purchase will be funded from the maintenance reserve."

Motion carried.

*Moved by MacCormick
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill proceed to issue a Request for Proposals for a fireworks display celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the Village of Bible Hill on August 1, 2013. The budget for this project is \$10,000.

Motion carried.

The commission reviewed the budget as presented in detail.

Adjournment

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by McLean*

"That the January 8, 2013 Commission in Committee Meeting of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned."

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg _____

Recording Secretary Curry _____

Clerk Christianson _____