

The Village of Bible Hill Regular Monthly meeting was held on January 17, 2017 in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. Chair MacCormick called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Call to Order: Chair MacCormick
Commissioner Bell
Commissioner Kennedy
Commissioner McLeod

Regrets: Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg

Staff: Solicitor Roper, Burchell MacDougall
Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
Recording Secretary Curry

In Attendance: Parks & Recreation Director Brown

Review and Approval of the Minutes of December 20, 2016

*Moved by Kennedy
Seconded by Bell*

That the meeting minutes of December 20, 2016 be approved.

Motion carried

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

*Moved by Bell
Seconded by Kennedy*

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Business Including Delegations

There was no miscellaneous business this evening.

Business Arising out of the Minutes

- **Budget Review Recreation & Cultural Services**

Parks and Recreation Director Brown reviewed the Recreation Budget with the Commission explaining details and answering questions from the Commission.

- **Budget Review Environmental Services**

The Clerk reviewed the operating portion of the environmental budget. Further dollar amounts will be available when details on the upcoming storm water project are finalized.

Review of Correspondence

There was no correspondence to review this evening.

Reports of Commissioners and Clerk and Treasurer

- **Commissioner Bell**

Commissioner Bell reported on Environmental Services. Progress continues on the Guest Drive project with draft tender documents due on Friday, January 20th. The Commission agreed to meet with the Clerk on Tuesday, January 24th at 6:00 pm in the Village Chambers to review these documents before they are released.

- **Commissioner Kennedy**

Commissioner Kennedy read the Fire Brigade Report. The Bible Hill Fire Brigade responded to 9 emergency calls between December 8, 2016 and January 11, 2017. New administrative officers took charge during the January meeting. The brigade responded to lower than usual emergency calls in the past year with a significant number of calls as mutual aid.

- **Commissioner McLeod**

Commissioner McLeod read the Recreation Report that included updates on the past Christmas season that included a Holiday Senior Social, cookie decorating, cookie baking, and the Light Up Bible Hill bus tour. After school programs are continuing and there are four upcoming guided hikes (on snowshoe if there is snow). Upcoming events include the Volunteer Award Banquet and the Canada 150 Celebrations.

- **Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg**

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg sent regrets to the meeting.

- **Clerk and Treasurer Christianson**

The Clerk spoke of the Financial Statement that had been circulated by email. Plans are underway to hire summer students for the upcoming summer - four programming staff and three maintenance staff. He also informed the Commission that Doug Leger of Justaart Landscaping would be in attendance at the February Regular Monthly Meeting regarding contract negotiations. Colchester County Mayor Blair has requested a meeting be set up between the Village Commission, herself, and the County CAO to discuss items of mutual interest.

- **Chair MacCormick**

Chair MacCormick reported on events she had attended on behalf of the Village. She thanked the Commissioners for attending the New Year's Levee and also staff members Ogden and Curry who prepared and organized the event. On January 9th she participated in Board Meeting of the ANSV via telephone conference call. She was named as a member of the Joint Municipal Accountability and Transparency Committee (committee formed by the Department of Municipal Affairs) that had its first meeting on January 11th.

Accounts

*Moved by Kennedy
Seconded by Bell*

That the Village of Bible Hill approves the accounts for payment.

Motion carried.

New Business

- **Dalhousie University Agricultural Campus Master Plan**

The Clerk circulated a copy of the Master Plan for Dalhousie University Agricultural Campus by email. The Commission had some concerns regarding this plan and requested that the Clerk prepare a letter to Dalhousie outlining their concerns to have on record. The Clerk will have this letter prepared for the Tuesday, January 24th for review and signature.

- **Transfer to Capital Reserve of \$123,500**

*Moved by Kennedy
Seconded by Bell*

That the Village of Bible Hill transfer \$123,500 to Capital Reserves.

Motion carried.

- **Transfer to Operating Reserve of \$3,000**

*Moved by Kennedy
Seconded by Bell*

That the Village of Bible Hill transfer \$3,000 to Operating Reserves.

Motion carried.

- **Purchase of 12 Fire Helmets - Bible Hill Fire Brigade**

*Moved by Kennedy
Seconded by Bell*

That the Village of Bible Hill purchase 12 fire helmets from Rocky Mountain Phoenix at a cost of \$6,483.65 including HST.

Motion carried.

- **ANSV AGM - September 14, 15, & 16, 2017 in Baddeck**

The Clerk reported that the Village has booked five hotel rooms for the Commission for the ANSV Annual General Meeting. Further dates regarding registration for the Conference will be available at a later date.

- **Park Street Flooding/New Bridge**

The issue of road closure on Park Street because of flooding continues to be a topic of concern. The Village Commission will be bringing this issue forward as a topic of continuing concern and will be requesting a meeting with Colchester Mayor Blair, Colchester CAO Simmonds, and Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal.

- **Trail Crossing Dr. Bernie MacDonald Drive**

The Village has received correspondence regarding the lack of signage on the trail crossing Dr. Bernie MacDonald Drive. This is a private road. The Village will inquire about the possibility of erecting warning signs on both the trail and the road itself. The Clerk will open a conversation with the Department of Agriculture.

In Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole

*Moved by McLeod
Seconded by Kennedy*

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

Motion Carried.

The Recording Secretary left the meeting.

At 8:30 pm the Commission went into an In-Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole.

The Parks and Recreation Director left the meeting at 8:50pm.

*Moved by Kennedy
Seconded by Bell*

Village of Bible Hill
Regular Monthly Meeting
January 17, 2017

That the Village of Bible Hill grant leave to Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg to be absent for the Regular Monthly Meetings of February 21, 2017 and March 21, 2017.

Motion carried.

The In-Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole adjourned back to the Regular Monthly Meeting at 9:10 pm.

Adjournment

*Moved by Kennedy
Seconded by McLeod*

That the January 17, 2017 Regular Monthly Meeting of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Chair MacCormick

Recording Secretary Curry

Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
