

The Village of Bible Hill Commission in Committee meeting was held on March 12, 2019 in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg called the meeting to order at 7:00pm; the meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Call to Order: Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg
Chair MacCormick
Commissioner Burke
Commissioner Kennedy
Commissioner Pitcher

Staff: Clerk and Treasurer Bell
Recording Secretary Chaplin

Delegations: Dr. David Gray, Dean, Dalhousie University Faculty of Agriculture

Call for New or Other Business

- Motion regarding Dr. Gray's presentation
- Closed Session at the end of the meeting for contract negotiations

Review and Approval of Agenda

*Moved by Kennedy
Seconded by Pitcher*

That the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried.

Call for Declaration of Conflict of Interests

The Deputy Chair called for any declarations of conflict of interest and no conflict was declared.

Miscellaneous Business including delegations

*Moved by MacCormick
Seconded by Kennedy*

That the Commission in Committee allow Dr. Gray a 20-minute presentation, instead of the 10-minutes prescribed by the Village Meetings and Procedures Policy.

Motion carried.

- **Dr. David Gray, Dean, Dalhousie University Faculty of Agriculture**

Dr. Gray made a presentation discussing a wide range of topics such as the merger of Dalhousie and the Nova Scotia Agricultural College, removal of the now disconnected water tower, Cox Institute fire and rebuilding of Cox Institute, the multiple international students and faculty at Dal AC, as well as the number of international student programs the school is connected with. He also spoke about the Green Shoots Fund; used to get researchers started up again after they lost their research in the fire, as well as the new Biomass Plant, DAL AC's master plan update including upgrading of residence rooms, alpine garden, and the student learning commons, as well as the new strategic planning they will have in place by summer.

The Commission had questions for Dr. David Gray. Deputy Chair VanKroonenburg inquired on whether Dal AC would be interested in discussing leasing land to Bible Hill to construct a community garden for the residents of the Village of Bible Hill. Dr. Gray noted that Dal AC would be open to discussion on the matter. An inquiry was made as to whether the decommissioned water tower was useful to the Truro Water Utility. It was discussed that the size of the tower would not complement the system. The Deputy Chair also inquired about working with DAL AC students specialising in landscape architecture to help with designing our small parks. Dr. Grey was very receptive to the idea and noted that such work could be used as projects for their students and benefit both the Village and the students at Dal AC.

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg communicated to Dr. Gray the Commission's concern with Dalhousie stating Dal AC is located in Truro, rather than where it is actually located in Bible Hill. Dr. Gray commented that Dalhousie is not describing their location as Truro to irritate the Village, but they feel that in order for them to best be able to attract students to the university who Google the school's location, Truro is already a small place for students coming from more populated areas and Bible Hill is even smaller, therefore the school decided to describe their location as Truro or being "just outside of Truro" to maximize potential appeal to prospective students considering the school.

- **Logo Redesign**

Clerk and Treasurer Bell presented two new logo designs, produced by Resolve. The Commission discussed and came to a consensus of not to approve either design by Resolve and to move forward with considering other rebranding options.

The Commission in Committee discussed and approved of Clerk and Treasurer Bell being in contact the Town of Truro's to discuss partnering with the Village of Bible Hill to prepare the Village's rebranding. Clerk and Treasurer Bell will lead the initiative on the rebranding process with Truro.

New Business

- **Fire Brigade signage**

Clerk and Treasurer Bell spoke about installing fire brigade branding on or around their entrance. He presented a few different options, and the Commission approved of the idea. Commissioner Kennedy will take the matter to the next Fire Brigade meeting, so they can discuss and decide where they want it would like the branding placed on the building.

- **Volunteer Award Nominations**

Commissioners reviewed Volunteer Award Nominees. Clerk and Treasurer Bell presented the Generations of Volunteering award nominees to the Commission and asked for a nominee to be decided on by the Commission. Discussion ensued and a consensus was reached. Clerk and Treasurer Bell reminded the Commission that the Volunteer Awards Banquet is on April 10th, 2019 at 6:00pm.

*Moved by MacCormick
Seconded by Kennedy*

That the Commission in Committee recommend the Village of Bible Hill award the Generations of Volunteering award to the McNutt Family.

Motion carried

- **Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Nominations**

Clerk and Treasurer Bell explained the Parks and Recreation Director's nomination summary of the four nominees and the Director's recommendations for two new Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Members. The Commission discussed the nominees, the contributions of existing members and the number of new members existing on the Committee and a decision was reached.

*Moved by MacCormick
Seconded by Kennedy*

That the Commission in Committee recommend the Village of Bible Hill approve Mr. Foster Stewart and Ms. Karen MacQuarrie as members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

Motion carried

- **New Crosswalk Installation - Covington Place**

Clerk and Treasurer Bell presented a draft letter he prepared regarding requesting a crosswalk installation at Covington Place. Clerk and Treasurer Bell reviewed the cost implications of a new crosswalk versus a sidewalk along the south side of College Road. The Commission agreed they had sufficient time to review the matter and would like the Clerk and Treasurer to move forward with sending the letter.

- **NSTIR - Road Replacement Requests**

Clerk and Treasurer Bell discussed communicating road replacement requests to the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal. He noted the roads we have on the list so far being Brite Avenue, East Court Road, and Fenwood Avenue (from Fox Hill Drive to Meadowland Avenue, specifically). Clerk and Treasurer Bell explained that the streets in question require agreement between the Municipality of the County of Colchester and NSTIR to finance replacement. As of 2018, Colchester turned down signing such an agreement. The Commission agreed that those were appropriate roads to request replacement for and instructed the Clerk and Treasurer to move forward with sending the requests.

- **Quotations**
 - **12V Heater Unit for Truck 231**

Clerk and Treasurer Bell presented quotes from MacKay's Truck Center as well as The Ice Man A/C Maintenance Ltd for a diesel-powered heater to be installed in the fire brigade's salvage van and spoke about the reasons as to why the Brigade is requesting the heater.

*Moved by Kennedy
Seconded by Pitcher*

That the Commission in Committee recommend the Village of Bible Hill accepts the quote from The Ice Man for the Heater Unit for Truck 231 for a total price of \$3,076.25 with HST included.

Motion Carried

- **69 Pictou Road Phone System**

Clerk and Treasurer Bell presented a quote from G&G Computers for an expansion of the Village's existing telephone system into 69 Pictou Road. He explained that the expansion will be connected to the Village Office. Brigade calls will come in to the Village Office and be addressed or routed to the brigade extension. This will result in a greater chance of calls being answered at the time of call. The Chief and/or Officers will be able to receive voicemails from the new system directly to e-mail for more efficient responses. Further, the expansion will install a phone at the Village Hall for emergencies and a means for event bar patrons to call alternative transportation.

*Moved by Kennedy
Seconded by MacCormick*

That the Commission in Committee recommend the Village of Bible Hill accepts the quote for the new phone system from G&G Computer for 69 Pictou Road for a total of \$2,223.07.

Motion Carried

- **Policy Introduction - Hospitality Policy**

Clerk and Treasurer Bell presented a Hospitality policy and explained the purpose, the process and terms. Clerk and Treasurer Bell discussed that preparing such a policy is now a requirement enforced by the Nova Scotia Department of Municipal Affairs for all municipal governments. The Commission approved of the policy as presented.

*Moved by Pitcher
Seconded by MacCormick*

That the Commission in Committee recommend the Village of Bible Hill adopt the Hospitality Policy.

Motion Carried

- **Closed Session**

*Moved by MacCormick
Seconded by Kennedy*

That the Commission in Committee go into a closed session for contract negotiations.

Motion Carried

The Commission in Committee entered a closed session at 8:19pm.

The Commission in Committee ended the closed session at 8:40pm.

*Moved by Kennedy
Seconded by Pitcher*

That the Commission in Committee recommend the Village of Bible Hill adopt changes to the CUPE Collective Agreement reflected in ratification package.

Motion carried

Adjournment

*Moved by Kennedy
Seconded by MacCormick*

That the March 12, 2019 Commission in Committee Meeting of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg

Recording Secretary Chaplin

Clerk and Treasurer Bell
