

The Village of Bible Hill Commission in Committee meeting was held on October 9, 2018 in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

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

Staff: Clerk and Treasurer Bell
Recording Secretary Curry

Delegations: Councilor Parker, County of Colchester

Call for New or Other Business

Two items were requested under New Business - Memorial Tree Dedication and Cell Phones.

Review and Approval of Agenda

*Moved by MacCormick
Seconded by Kennedy*

That the agenda be approved as amended to include Memorial Tree Dedication and Cell Phones under New Business.

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.

Delegations

Councillor Parker congratulated newly elected Commissioners. He gave an update on Teakwood flooding that has been a continuing issue. The final decision is that the blocked pipe under the street is the responsibility of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal. TIR is now planning a new engineering study. This process is on-going.

Quotations

- **IT Consulting Services**

The Clerk and Treasurer requested this item be deferred until the next meeting as he was still awaiting one quote.

- **Surplus Asset Disposal Policy - for consideration**

The Clerk and Treasurer reviewed the draft policy that was included in the package for Commissioner's consideration. Of particular interest were disposal methods of surplus assets. Options, in order of disposal requirements are: a) trade in, b) internal sale, c) external sale, d) donation, and e) landfill disposal.

- **Commissioner Election Eligibility - follow up discussion**

The Clerk and Treasurer again reviewed the fact that this is a legislation issue that would need ministerial approval to change. Questions arose if this should be done on an individual basis, on behalf of the village, or under the Association of Nova Scotia Villages. It was decided to begin the process by writing to the minister from the Village.

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Kennedy*

That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill send a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs addressing the issue of Commissioner's having different rules and regulations from other government officials regarding running for office.

Motion carried.

- **Osprey Bank Stabilization - consideration of cost-shared project with Colchester**

The Clerk and Treasurer discussed Osprey Bank Stabilization that would be done on a cost-shared basis with the County of Colchester. The Clerk invited all Commissioners to a walk through at the proposed location. Commissioner Burke would like the Village to request the adjoining land owner share in the cost of the stabilization as they will benefit as well. It would be one-third each from the Village of Bible Hill, the County of Colchester, and the adjoining landowner. The Clerk will follow up on this request.

- **Draft - Letter to Mayor Blair - Pictou Road sidewalk 2020 project**

The proposed sidewalk project on Pictou Road (from 25 Pictou Rd to 101 Pictou Rd) was discussed as an important section of sidewalk to have replaced. Dalhousie University would have to have the understanding that any future development by the University that caused any damage and/or change to the sidewalk would have to be re-instated by the University upon completion of the project.

*Moved by Kennedy
Seconded by Pitcher*

That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill send the letter drafted to Mayor Blair regarding the Pictou Road sidewalk 2020 project.

Motion carried.

- **Draft - Letter to Minister of Agriculture - NSPEC balance**

The Clerk and Treasurer reviewed the proposed letter regarding the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission's outstanding tax bill owing to the Village in the amount of \$99,515.

*Moved by Kennedy
Seconded by Pitcher*

That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill send the proposed letter to the Minister of Agriculture regarding the outstanding the NSPEC tax bill.

Motion carried.

- **Commissioner Development**

- **Leadership Modules - Chair MacCormick and Financial Management for Elected Officials - Commissioner Pitcher**

*Moved by Kennedy
Seconded by Pitcher*

That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill approve the session modules for both Chair MacCormick and Commissioner Pitcher which includes course registration, two nights hotel stay, and expenses for each course.

Motion carried.

- **Memorial Tree Dedication**

Commissioners were reminded of the Memorial Tree Dedication that is set for Thursday, October 11th at 10:30am to recognize RCMP Officer Constable Frank Deschenes. There will be representatives from the Town of Truro, the County of Colchester, the Village of Bible Hill, the Bible Hill detachment of the RCMP, and the Bible Hill Fire Brigade in attendance.

- **Cell Phones**

The Clerk and Treasurer reviewed the program currently being used by Village Staff for cell phones. The Commission would like the Clerk to research additional information including if Commissioners are eligible for this program, if there would be a three-year term and what to do if Commissioner's terms ended earlier than three years, and privacy issues regarding FOIPOP.

Closed Session - Personnel Issue

*Moved by MacCormick
Seconded by Kennedy*

That the Regular Monthly Meeting be adjourned to a Closed Session.

Motion carried.

At 7:45pm the Commission went into a Closed Session. The Recording Secretary left the meeting.

The Closed Session adjourned back to the Commission Meeting at 8:14pm.

Adjournment

Moved by Kennedy

Seconded by MacCormick

That the October 9, 2018 Commission in Committee Meeting of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg

Recording Secretary Curry

Clerk and Treasurer Bell
