



News from the Chair

With the close of 2018, the Village of Bible Hill marked 65 years of municipal government. We've made great progress over the years and we look forward to the work ahead. We are now already into the second month of 2019 with your elected officials and staff working on many projects and the daily operations of the Village on behalf of you, its residents.

Our Village has submitted an application for Federal-Provincial funding through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program for a Phase V expansion to the municipal water system in Bible Hill. We are awaiting word on funding and are hoping for a positive result. If approved, the funding will cover more than 73 cents of every dollar of project cost, with the remaining 27 cents funded by the Village. The water expansion project will supply municipal drinking water service laterals to homes and businesses along Pictou Road between Main St and Vimy Rd and install fire hydrants to increase our fire protection capabilities. The plan will also see a reinstatement of new sidewalk, curb and gutter in the project area.

This fiscal year, the Village has ordered a new fire truck to replace our oldest of three, which has served now for about twenty-two years. The new modern pumper-tanker truck is currently being constructed and expected to arrive in Bible Hill in late summer.

Looking ahead, the Village Commission is working on the final touches of our budget for the upcoming fiscal year, which runs from April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020. I look forward to sharing more with you following budget approval.

Our Commission meetings are held regularly throughout the year and are open to the public. I invite you to consider attending to listen in on details of policy and happenings within the Village.

If ever you have a question or concern about your Village, please contact any one of your Commissioners or Village staff directly. We would be pleased to speak with you. Contact information can be found on our website, www.biblehill.ca or by calling **902-893-8083**.

Lois MacCormick,
Chair
Village of Bible Hill

March Break Events!

To register for March Break Events, please call **902-893-8083**.

- **Monday March 18th**

- **Free Trip to Wildlife Park** 9:30AM-Noon

- The free trip leaves the Bible Hill Village Hall at 9:30 and will return for noon. There will be a tour of the park, and a craft activity led by the Legacy Centre. Participants must be school aged, or under the supervision of someone age 14+.

- **Lazer Tag/Escape Room** Trip to Debert 1:00PM-3:30PM

- Debert Trip (Leaves the Bible Hill Village Hall at 1:00PM, returning for 3:30PM)

- Lazer Tag - For children Grade 5 and up. Cost is \$10 payable at the Village Office. Guaranteed 3 games. Space is limited. Register at **(902) 893-8083**

- Escape Room - For youth Grade 7-12. \$35/person, payable at the venue. Must register in teams of between 4-8 people. Spaces Limited, call **(902) 893-8083** for details or to register

- **Wednesday March 20th**

- **Ray's Reptile Show** at Village Hall 12:00-1:00 Call **(902) 893-8083** to register

- **Free Swim** at Scotia Pool 2:00-4:00

- **Thursday March 21st**

- **Senior Social** (Aged 55+) Bible Hill Hall 4:00-6:00PM

- **Free Swim** at Scotia Pool 5:00-7:00

Senior Socials

For all of those young at heart the Village Senior Socials are the place to be! Dancing, music, friends and food - what more could you ask for? Throw on your dancing shoes and come out to join us. The socials are held the third Thursday of each month at the Village Hall and are open to all. The Upcoming Socials are on March 21st, April 18th, May 16th and June 20th. For any questions please contact the Village Office at **902-893-8083**.



St. David's United Church

Auction 45's Card parties run every Thursday starting at 1:00pm at the Village Hall, 69 Pictou Road. The cost is \$5 and you will play 6-8 games. Coffee, tea and snacks provided.

Music Jamborees

Where: Bible Hill Village Hall
When: Saturdays - March 16,
April 20, May 18, and June 15
Time: 6:30-9:00pm
Cost: FREE!

Coffee and tea is served. If you would like to find out any additional information on the Music Jamboree's, please contact Foster Stewart at **902-897-6194**.

Senior Fitness



Keep those New Year's Resolutions going at our Senior Fitness classes run by Laurie Gunn. Classes are at both 10:00am and 11:00am on Mondays and Wednesdays. There is a drop-in cost of \$2 per session. For any further information please contact the Village Office.

Summer Student Job Opportunities

Are you currently in school and returning in the fall? The Village of Bible Hill is looking for Summer Student Park Maintenance and Summer Student Day Camp Counsellor Staff. Please forward all resumes to danielle.chaplin@biblehill.ca or call **902-893-8083** for details.

Zumba and Yoga with Celeste at Bible Hill Village Hall

Zumba is on every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning from 8:30 to 9:30 am. These classes are sure to start your day off on the right foot with one hour of Zumba party dance fun and fitness. All ages and Zumba experience (or not) welcomed. For your convenience and availability, you can purchase a day pass, a 10-class punch card or chose a one-month unlimited Zumba option.

YOGA - Our nurturing yoga practices welcome all yogis, beginner to experienced. You will be greeted with open arms and hearts and encouraged to practice at your own pace in our all-inclusive yoga classes. Yoga practice is scheduled for Friday Mornings at 10:00 a.m. Our 10-week Winter session begun January 18th this season. Please feel free to join us whenever you can or try a day pass.

For more information call Celeste at **902-814-8000**.

Hema's Mixed Format Fitness

Keep those New Year's Resolutions going with lunchtime fitness classes! Hema offers a mixed format class every Monday and Wednesday from 12:10 - 12:55. She combines different styles of dance fitness including Salsation, Zumba and Bhangra, with functional training using body resistance and weights. All ages and experience are welcomed. You will be warmly greeted with friendliness, energy and the mutual goal of movement! Drop-in for \$5. For any further information please contact Hema Chopra at **902-305-1086**.

Scotia Pool

Scotia Pool will be having Open Swims every day over March Break. March 18-22 from 2-4 pm and 5-7 pm. Our next Red Cross Swimming Lesson Registration will be Saturday March 9th from 9-11 am. Scotia pool also offers a verity of Aqua fitness classes such as AquaFit, AquaYoga and AquaZumba. Come check one out. Our schedule and prices are available on our Facebook page. If you have any questions, please call **902-893-6364** or email scotiapool@gmail.com.



Bible Hill Garden Club

Bible Hill Garden Club meets at the Village Hall at 7pm on the 2nd Monday of each month. Everyone is welcome.

Bible Hill Volunteer Awards

The Village of Bible Hill will be hosting celebrations once again in 2019 to celebrate its many valued Volunteers! If you would like to see a person or group recognized at this special ceremony, please contact the Village of Bible Hill at **902-893-8083** or email admin@biblehill.ca. Also, visit our website www.biblehill.ca for more information and to access a nomination form. The award categories are as follows:

Golden Long Term Service Award, Long Term Service Award, Young Achievers Service Award, Outstanding Community Service Award, and our newly added award, **Generations of Volunteering Award**. This new awards is presented to a Bible Hill family with two or more generations that have a combined 15 plus years of service, with each member contributing at least 5 years. They may volunteer in one organization or for many, together or separately. It is the family culture and commitment to the community that this award focuses on. Only one family will be chosen per year at the Village's discretion, and each family may receive the award only once.

Please take the time to recognize those who take the time! Deadline for nominations is Monday, February 25, 2019.

Dalhousie Agricultural Campus

You're invited to explore the Faculty of Agriculture on the Dalhousie Agricultural Campus in Truro on March 8th or 22nd at 9:00am. This full-day event will give you an in-depth introduction to life as an Aggie. Come sit-in on a first-year lecture, participate in a hands-on activity at our farm, and chat with profs and students over lunch. There is also programming for parents and supporters! This is your chance to get to know campus and start thinking about what comes next.

Bible Hill Consolidated Elementary School- 2019-2020 School Year

Primary students who will be starting school in September 2019 attended primary registration at Bible Hill Consolidated Elementary on February 11, 2019. It is very important for the school to have accurate enrolment numbers in order to facilitate staffing for the 2019-2020 school year. If you have a child who will be starting school in September 2019 (must be 5 years old by December 31, 2019) or will be in grade 4 or less, please contact the school at **902-896-5511** to register.

Bible Hill Fire Brigade – Is looking for New Members

The Bible Hill Fire Brigade is always looking for more members. It is an excellent opportunity to receive training as well as to give back to your community. Expectations are that you are able to go to training nights, meetings, and calls when you are able to. If you are interested in finding out more information on the fire brigade or to pick up an application, you can contact the Village Office (**902-893-8083**) or contact any fire brigade member. Applications are also available on line <https://www.biblehill.ca/fire-brigade>.



Bible Hill Fire Brigade – Annual Auction



On Saturday May 4th the Bible Hill Fire Brigade will be looking for your support with their annual fundraising auction. The auction will be held at the Village Hall on Pictou Road. If you have any items (large

or small) that you would like to donate (including baked goods), please contact the Village Office at **902-893-8083**. We can also arrange to have your items picked up if needed. The doors open for viewing at 10am with the auction starting at 11am. We hope to have a great turn out and look forward to seeing you there!

Mailing Address Changes

Canada Post has introduced a change to the mailing addresses of properties within the Village of Bible Hill. Notices to residents were circulated by Canada Post in late January describing the change from 'Truro' to 'Bible Hill' as the mailing municipality. Beginning March 18th, we encourage all residents, including commercial business and institutions, to begin using Bible Hill as your mailing address and physical location descriptions. Canada Post will automatically redirect mail bearing the old Truro address for a period of one-year.

Interested in Becoming a Spare School Crossing Guard?

Do you have some spare time? Do you like to work with children? Do you like to work outdoors in all kinds of weather?

If you answered yes to the above questions, why not join our team? The Village of Bible Hill is currently looking for a reliable person like you to work as a Spare Crossing Guard.

The current rate of pay is \$12.81/hour with 4% vacation. School crossing guard hours are 7:45-9:00am and 2:15-3:30pm, Monday to Friday during the school year. Spares are scheduled on an on-call basis.

The selection process will include an interview and a background investigation including a Child Abuse Registry Check and a Criminal Records Check.

Please drop off your resume at the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road 8:30am – 4:30pm or send your resume to angie.ogden@biblehill.ca.

Finance and Audit Committee

The Village is seeking one volunteer to serve a two-year term. Applicants must have the ability to read and understand financial statements and be independent of the Village Commission, its other committees and employees. The Finance and Audit Committee is scheduled to meet twice per year and provides advice to the Village Commission on matters relating to finance and audit and fulfills requirements of the Nova Scotia Department of Municipal Affairs' Financial Reporting and Accounting Manual. Applications can be made by email or letter to the Village outlining your fit for the committee.

Village Commission Meeting Schedule

The Bible Hill Village Commission meets regularly at the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road at 7:00PM. Meetings are open to the public and all are welcome to attend. Future meeting dates are: March 12 and 19, April 9 and 16, May 14 and 21, June 11 and 18.

Notice of Annual Meeting

The 65th Annual Meeting of the Electors of the Village of Bible Hill will be duly convened at 8pm, Monday, June 3, 2019 at the Village Hall, 69 Pictou Road.

Dated this 11th day of February 2019.

Mitchell Bell, CPA, CA
Clerk and Treasurer

Why should I become a Village Commissioner?

If you care about the area that you live or work in and the issues facing local people, serving as a Commissioner could be for you! There are many reasons why people decide to become a Commissioner. They include:

- wanting to make a difference and be involved in shaping the future of the local community
- being concerned about your local area and wanting to ensure that the community gets the right services
- wanting to represent the views of local people and ensure that community interests are taken into account
- wanting to contribute your business or professional skills, or
- having concerns about one particular issue.

Whatever needs changing in your neighbourhood (state of the local park, the need for more activities for young people, improving services for older people, making the roads safer or ensuring that local businesses can thrive) you could be just the person to change it by becoming a Village Commissioner.

For more information, please contact the Returning Officer, Mitchell Bell, CPA, CA by calling **902-893-8083**.

Notice of Nomination Period Nomination for Village Commissioners Village of Bible Hill



Two Commissioners for three (3) year terms, ending in June 2022.

Nominations for the office of Commissioner will be accepted May 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, and 16, 2019 between the hours of eight thirty (8:30 am) in the forenoon and four thirty (4:30 pm) in the afternoon.

All nominations shall be in writing on the prescribed nomination paper form and shall be filed with the Returning Officer at the Village Office. The Village Office is located at 67 Pictou Road, Bible Hill.

Qualifications of a Village Commissioner:

- 1) No person is qualified to serve as a village commissioner unless the person is an elector.
- 2) Every village commissioner shall take and subscribe the oath of office prescribed by the Municipal Elections Act in the manner prescribed by that Act before entering upon the duties of village commissioner.
- 3) A village commissioner whose term of office has expired is eligible for re-election.

An "elector" means a person resident within the Village entitled to vote at a municipal election, who will have resided in the Village for at least six months immediately prior to the Village election and:

- a) is of the full age of eighteen years on the first advance polling day;
- b) is a Canadian citizen on the first advance polling day;
- c) has been ordinarily resident in the Province for a period of six months immediately preceding the first advance polling day; and
- d) is ordinarily resident in the municipality or in an area annexed to the municipality and has been so since immediately before the first advance polling day, is entitled to be registered on the list of electors and to vote.

Nomination paper forms, copies of by-laws, financial statements, policies and further information are available from the Returning Officer. Dated this 11th day of February 2019.

Mitchell Bell, CPA, CA
Returning Officer

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