

PUGWASH VILLAGE COMMISSION
Regular Meeting #434
7th February 2022 at 7pm
Meeting via Zoom Pro

Meeting Number 434

1 CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Chair Roger Mundle called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

1.2 **Territorial Acknowledgment** - Declared by Commissioner Mundle.

2 ROLL CALL

Commissioners: Chair Roger Mundle
Vice Chair Brent Wilson
Commissioner Bill Martin
Commissioner Sue Duncan
Commissioner Dave MacEwan

Staff: Clerk Treasurer, Lisa Betts (recording secretary)

Gallery: Counsellor Jennifer Houghtaling

3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Duncan and seconded by Commissioner Wilson to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED

4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner MacEwan and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to approve the minutes of regular meeting 433, 10th January 2022. MOTION CARRIED

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 None.

6 ACTION LIST

6.1 IT WAS MOVED BY Commission Chair Mundle and seconded by Commissioner MacEwan that no brackets for hanging baskets or banners shall be placed on the streets of Pugwash in a manner that they can be hit by a vehicle of legal height and width when driving on the street or shoulder of the road. All brackets not conforming to this policy shall be removed by February 12th 2022. MOTION CARRIED

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6.2 **Live streaming meetings**

Municipality of Cumberland County clerk, Shelley Eaton-Hoeg, has agreed to help the Clerk with running meetings that stream to social media (Facebook). The Village has purchased a year subscription to Zoom Pro.

6.3 **Elizabeth Smith-McCrossin (MLA) - request for office space**

The rental rate has been accepted but the issue of the exterior sign size remains. Disruption to the use of the room, come the planned renovations of the space to provide accessible washrooms, is another concern of Ms. Smith-McCrossin. A design of the sign will be requested and an offer to move operations into the VIC if or when the washroom project goes ahead.

6.4 **Public Works Building**

The request for quotes deadline has passed with only one submission. The Village has no obligation to accept the quote which came with conditions the Village does not have a budget to accept. Alternatives will be pursued.

6.5 **Gaelic Translations**

This project has started with the first few phrases already available on the Village website. Further names and phrases are to be added along with links and information as to how to learn the language more fully.

6.6 **Nova Scotia Public Works**

No response.

6.7 **Letters to Municipality - recreation funding, CBF (gas tax) access**

Receipt of these letters has been received. These items will be added to the Municipality's budget discussions.

7 PRESENTATION

7.1 None.

8 CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 **Letter to the Hon. Kim Masland Minister of Public Works**

Village support to allow offroad vehicle access to designated highways.

8.2 **Communities in Bloom - Year of the Garden**

This item was discussed in Committee Reports (see minute)

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9 COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 Accessibility (Joint with Municipality)

No report.

9.2 Association of Nova Scotia Villages (ANSV)

The Association is applying for funds from Department Municipal Affairs and Housing to help defray costs for the next ANSV annual general meeting and conference. Pugwash is hosting the AGM in 2023,

9.3 Audit Committee

No report.

9.4 Physician Recruitment and Retention

Commissioner Martin reported the latest physician visit went very well.

9.5 Communities in Bloom (CIB)

The Commission agreed to “No Mow May” project in a part of one the Village properties.

**9.5.1 IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner Martin and seconded by
Commissioner Wilson to formally state that 2022 be proclaimed
as Year of the Garden. MOTION CARRIED**

9.6 Library

Councilor Houghtaling was invited to make a report. A Project Manager for economic development projects has been recently hired by the Municipality. The Pugwash Library is listed as a priority for him.

9.7 Clerk Treasurer’s Reports

9.7.1 Financial management courses for elected officials

This was attended by some commissioners last year. None expressed an interest for 2022.

9.7.2 Access Road used by Windsor Salt

There is a short road that is owned by the Village but currently used exclusively by the salt mine to haul salt to the storage facility at the salt terminal on the wharf. An agreement of use, or right of way, has been in discussion for many years. The current mine facility manager, Jean-Baptiste Dromer, has asked that this be finalized. The 2013 version of the agreement has been retrieved, updated and is at the Village’s lawyer for, hopefully, final review. The original purpose of this agreement was to ensure that the

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Village did not lose ownership and, with due notice to Windsor Salt, make it available for use for surplus parking or as an event area for festivals, as in the past.

9.7.3 **Village roof** - project is complete.

9.7.4 **T4As** will be issued shortly

10 MOTIONS

10.1 None.

11 NOTICE OF MOTION

11.1 None.

12 NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 The next regular Village meeting will be 14th March, 2022.

13 ADJOURNMENT

13.1 The meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm by motion from Commissioner Duncan.

Respectfully submitted

Lisa Betts

Clerk Treasurer

Chair _____

Clerk Treasurer _____