

PUGWASH VILLAGE COMMISSION
Regular Meeting March 8, 2010 at 4 PM
at Pugwash Village Hall

Minute No. 287

PRESENT:

Linda Langille, Danny Brooks, Rod Benjamin, and David Farley
Regrets: James Whitman

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Randy Thompson, Clerk Treasurer

CALL TO ORDER

287.1 The Commissioners of the Village of Pugwash met on March 8, 2010 in the Boardroom of the Village Hall.

287.2 Commission Chair Rod Benjamin called the meeting to order at 3 PM

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

287.3 It was moved by Commissioner David Farley and seconded by Commissioner Linda Langille that the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES

287.4 It was moved by Commissioner Danny Brooks and seconded by Commissioner David Farley that Minute number 286, the Regular Commission meeting held February 15, 2010 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Ratification of Committee of the Whole

287.5 It was moved by Commissioner David Farley and seconded by Commissioner Linda Langille that the Committee of the Whole held on Mar. 3, 2010 be ratified.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

287.6 Garbage Bins - Commissioner Farley reported having been in contact with A & M Fabrications of Oxford and was given a quote of approximately \$450 per unit.

287.7 The Clerk reported having discussed the cost of new bins with CREDA and having a favourable response, Ron Robinson of CREDA is prepared to include the cost of 10 units in the beautification phase 2 plan which also includes new banners for the Village. Design of the banners must be completed before a quote can be obtained, this is expected some time in April.

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PRESENTATIONS

- 287.8 Pugwash Farmer's Market – Sandy Brenciaglia presented on behalf of the Market. Presentation is attached as “schedule A”.
- 287.9 Water Test Concerns – Harold Patterson presented information to the Village Commission concerning a business based in New Brunswick which is contacting many local residents soliciting water tests and filtration services. The Commission Chair thanked Harold for his information and advised the Clerk to place an ad in the Oxford Journal warning residents to be cautious when considering such offers/solicitations.

OLD BUSINESS

- 287.10 Waterfront Project – Update: The Chair reported that the waterfront work is moving ahead at a fast pace at present. Fill has been delivered to the site, guard rock placement has begun and the pathway has been raised. The Commission is pleased with the work being done so far and at this point we are on budget and on schedule.
- 287.11 Utility and Review Board Ruling Update: The Clerk advised that there has been no communication from the UARB in the past month.
- 287.12 Marketing Folders: The Clerk advised that, he has met with the Chamber of Commerce's employee, Audrey Bishop a couple of times regarding the Village' Marketing Folders project and that we have agreed on how to proceed with gathering the materials to complete the folders. Ms Bishop is working on the project and will be assisted by the Clerk as needed.

NEW BUSINESS

- 287.13 The Clerk requested approval to cash a GIC which is coming due on April 5, 2010. The GIC will be in the amount of \$36,574.50. The Clerk further requested approval to transfer \$35,000 from the investment portfolio into the operating chequing account to cover up front costs for the waterfront project.
- 287.14 **MOTION**
- It was moved by Commissioner David Farley and seconded by Commissioner Linda Langille that the Clerk instruct Scotia Bank to cash the GIC coming due on April 5, 2010 and to transfer \$35,000.00 of those funds into the Commission's operating chequing account.

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CORRESPONDENCE

287.15 Correspondence was received from a student of PDHS who has been selected to represent Pugwash on the Provincial Midget Girls Basketball Team asking for financial support.

287.16 **MOTION**

It was moved by Commissioner David Farley and seconded by Commissioner Linda Langille that a grant in the amount of \$200 be given to the student.

MOION CARRIED

287.17 Correspondence was received from the Northumberland Community Curling Club requesting an exemption be granted to them from paying Village property taxes on their property on the New Pugwash Road.

287.18 **MOTION**

It was moved by Commissioner David Farley and seconded by Commissioner Linda Langille that the NCCC have the residential tax rate applied to its property rather than the Commercial rate.

MOTION CARRIED

287.19	MOTION TO TABLE
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It was moved by Commissioner David Farley and seconded by Commissioner Danny Brooks that further consideration of the NCCC's request for tax exemption be tabled until after the UARB ruling has been released and the state of the Village's finances are more clearly known to the Commissioners.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS

287.20 See Schedule "B"

SUBMITTED QUESTIONS

287.21 Submitted questions are attached – see schedule "C"

FINANCIAL REPORT

287.22 The Clerk presented the Commissioners with a financial report. The Clerk noted that he expects to be in a negative position at the end of the year

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ADJOURNMENT

287.23 It was moved by Commissioner Linda Langille that the meeting be adjourned. Next regular meeting set for Monday April 19, 2010 at 7 PM at the Village Hall.

Chair

Clerk Treasurer