

PUGWASH VILLAGE COMMISSION  
Regular Meeting #305  
19th December 2011 at 7pm  
Pugwash Village Hall

**Minute Number 305**

**PRESENT**

Jim Whitman, Dave Farley, Linda Langille

**RECORDING SECRETARY**

Lisa Betts

**CALL TO ORDER**

305.1 The Commission of the Village of Pugwash met on Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011 in the Boardroom of the Pugwash Village Hall.

305.2 Commission vice chair, Jim Whitman, called the meeting to order at 7pm. Commissioner Whitman advised those present that as there were so few Commissioners present, questions from the floor would not be entertained at this meeting.

**REGRETS**

305.3 Commissioner Benjamin is working in Diavik, NWT  
Commissioner Brooks is on a Leave of Absence

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION**

**305.4 It was moved by Commissioner Farley and seconded by Commissioner Langille that the Agenda be approved as amended.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES**

**MOTION**

**305.5 It was moved by Commissioner Farley and seconded by Commissioner Langille that the Minutes of Regular Meeting 303 held on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011 be approved as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

305.6 None that is not already included in the Agenda.

PUGWASH VILLAGE COMMISSION  
Regular Meeting #305  
19th December 2011 at 7pm  
Pugwash Village Hall

**PRESENTATION**

305.7 None

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Nova Scotia Utilities and Review Board (UARB)**

305.8 No report.

**Town Hall meeting**

305.9 Commissioner Whitman reported that there had been a town hall meeting was hosted by the Village Commission on December 8<sup>th</sup>. The applicants to the UARB had been invited to attend, twice, but declined to attend. There was a good turn out of about 50 people. The moderator was Wayne Edgar from Earltown and he did an admirable job.

Commissioner Farley added that much of the discussion was in response to a flyer that had been distributed in the mail the previous day (December 7<sup>th</sup>). This discussion corrected many of the erroneous statements made in the flyer.

The Clerk added that the numbers used in the flyer (that refer to the percentage of expenditures reported for general government expenditures) actually, in Pugwash's case anyway, refer to the entire expenditure of the Village less that spent on Recreation, so no wonder they come up with a figure of 89% when a figure of 45% would be more accurate that year (2010) and of 29% projected for 2012.

The Clerk will ask other Villages how their budgets are broken down as it seems very odd that small Villages spend proportionately less than Pugwash on general government services. Some Village give amounts for categories such as "Transportation" for Villages which do not have public transportation, for example.

It was generally agreed that the Village Commission should respond to the flyer as soon after Christmas and New Year holiday is over as is feasible.

**Pugwash and Area Master Plan**

305.10 The Clerk reported that the Steering Committee had met (December 5<sup>th</sup>) and reviewed the reports from all four Action Teams. The Infrastructure and Multipurpose Centre Action Teams had progressed very well. The Tourism Action Team, now chaired by Clerk Betts, will be re-examining its focus so not conflict or

PUGWASH VILLAGE COMMISSION  
Regular Meeting #305  
19th December 2011 at 7pm  
Pugwash Village Hall

duplicate what other groups , such as CNTA, are doing. The Communication and Collaboration Action Team needs to be reconvened.

Commissioner Farley reported more fully on the progress of the Infrastructure team, on which he serves. The team has applied to the County to help with the costing of a feasibility study. It has been discovered that the existing well heads behind the East Cumberland Lodge are too close to the land fill site and are thus unavailable to be used for municipal water. Water may have to be found west of the Village where the aquifer (also used by the Town of Amherst) may be found.

**Fire Department banquet**

305.11 Commissioner Farley and his wife, Jean, attended the Pugwash Fire Department banquet this year and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Commissioner Farley was very impressed by the amount of training over such a wide variety of subjects and levels that the department members had done in the past year, going by the certificates handed out that evening.

**Grants and bursaries**

305.12 Commissioners Farley and Langille have met to discuss grants and bursaries given by the Commission, including a review of what has been given in recent years. They have drawn up some recommendations which will be reviewed, along with the existing policy when more of the Commissioners are present.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Christmas trees**

305.13 The usual vendor of Christmas trees, using the train station parking lot and area has decided not to come back to Pugwash this year. This is for a variety of reasons, not least because he says that 18 of his trees were stolen from the site last year. There is now a street light in that area, but security remains an issue.

**Open House and LED light exchange**

305.14 These events were held at the same time and in the Village Hall board room on Friday December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Both went off very well. The LED light exchange went so well lights had to be rationed and the Clerk will order 20% more lights for next year. As a point of interest – Sunset Industries will take old Christmas lights, strip them down and sell the copper as a fund raiser.

PUGWASH VILLAGE COMMISSION

Regular Meeting #305

19th December 2011 at 7pm

Pugwash Village Hall

**Christmas Cheer Day**

305.15 This was held Friday December 16<sup>th</sup> at the Village Hall board room. This year the elementary school divided the children into three groups, two of which came to the Village Hall. They were treated with hot chocolate and cookies by the Clerk and Commissioner Whitman. The children sang some Christmas songs.

**Use of the Village Hall**

**Can-U-Read**

305.16 This organization was using the Gathering of the Clans office, but due to an increasing number of students, has out-grown the room and is now using the old bank building.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**305.17 Thank you cards**

Cards have recently been sent to:

**Wayne Edgar** – for his work as moderator at the town hall meeting.

**Wayne Hansen** – for his help retrieving information off the main computer when it froze up last month. The Clerk was able to keep working on a secondary machine while the main computer was away for repairs.

**DJ Dave MacEwan** – for providing a sound system for the town hall meeting *pro bono*.

**Pugwash Ground Search and Rescue** – for their help with the Village Christmas tree.

**Canadian Salt Company Limited** – for providing the plastic liner for the ice rink.

**305.18 Requests for funding**

**Pugwash fire department** – mackerel tournament for August 2012. A decision will be made once the grants and bursaries committee has made it's final report.

**Pugwash District High School** – 2012 yearbook. A decision will be made once the grants and bursaries committee has made it's final report.

**Pugwash and Area Chamber of Commerce (PACC)** - \$2600 for a webcam and connection. A decision will be made once the grants and bursaries committee has made it's final report. This project has been brought up before and the Commission is very open to seeing it succeed as it would likely be very beneficial to the Village. The Chair of their webcam committee is welcome to meet with the Commission to discuss details.

PUGWASH VILLAGE COMMISSION  
Regular Meeting #305  
19th December 2011 at 7pm  
Pugwash Village Hall

**305.19 Request to use Eaton Park**

A request to use the park and stage for a wedding in August 2012 from Kathleen Betts on behalf of her son. The Commissioners agreed to give permission for the wedding.

**305.20 Letter of support**

Sunrise Trails ATV Club. A request for a letter of support to help get funding to improve existing trails in the Pugwash area was sent to the NS Ministry responsible.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

305.21 The Clerk Treasurer presented the Treasurer's Report.

**MOTION**

**305.22 It was moved by Treasurer Betts and seconded by Commissioner Farley that the Treasurer's Report be adopted as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

305.23 The next regular meeting of the Pugwash Village Commission will be Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

305.24 The Village Hall will be closed from December 21<sup>st</sup> to January 5<sup>th</sup>.

(Note: The Village Hall will have to open on January 3<sup>rd</sup> for the use of the C@P site and the probation officer.)

**ADJOURNMENT**

**305.39 It was moved by Commissioner Whitman that the meeting be adjourned.**

(Note: Meeting ended at 7:43pm)

Respectfully submitted  
Lisa Betts  
Clerk Treasurer

Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_