

PUGWASH VILLAGE COMMISSION
Regular Meeting #358
18th January, 2016 at 7pm
Pugwash Village Hall

Minute Number 358

PRESENT

Roger Mundle (chair), Charlie Gould, Christie Blackie and Florence Batiot

RECORDING SECRETARY

Lisa Betts

CALL TO ORDER

358.1 The Commission of the Village of Pugwash met in the Board Room at the Pugwash Village Hall on 18th January, 2016. Chair Mundle called the meeting to order.

REGRETS

358.2 None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION

358.3 It was moved by Commissioner Gould and seconded by Commissioner Batiot that the agenda be adopted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION

358.4 It was moved by Commissioner Blackie and seconded by Commissioner Gould that the minutes of regular meeting 357, held 14th December, 2015 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

358.5 None

PRESENTATION

Pugwash and Area Master Plan – Infrastructure Action Team – Municipal Water

358.6 Justin Waugh-Cress, Director of Engineering and Operations, Municipality of Cumberland was present to make a short presentation and update on the municipal water supply project. {Note, the timing of this report varied from the set agenda as Ms Burgess had not yet arrived at the Village Hall}

Mr Waugh-Cress reported that the preliminary design is 30% complete: wellfield location & protection, piping size & route and site & size of the reservoir tower.

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Only a certain amount of pre-planning can be done to still qualify for some funding opportunities. Construction should start this year. The plan is to keep to one side of the village streets and avoid all other underground sources of potential contamination by at least 10' (3m). The current design includes pumps in the wells that would then go for treatment and storage. Further wellfield drilling has found further, abundant supplies of good water. Water will be treated to remove iron and manganese (for aesthetic reasons) and add chlorine (mandated for sanitary reasons). The reservoir tower is high enough to deliver to gravity feed homes at 50-80 psi. PVC pipe would be used and is recognized for its longevity, as compared to cast iron. There will be a public meeting called.

Question: Proposal from the fire department for a dry hydrant system. Mr Cress-Waugh said that the proposal had been investigated but found that it would not be as conducive to partnering with the water supply project as one would have thought because of the necessity to separate drinking water from all other underground piping systems.

Question: Costs. Mr Cress-Waugh said that the estimates have not changed, those being that home owners would be required to pay up to \$5,000 per service and bear the cost of hook-up to the property boundary. The property owner bears the cost to hook up from that point to their home/business. The homeowner's payment to the Municipality could be paid over ten years but would incur interest. Homes that are on a double lot will be looked at for hook-up fees on a case-by-case basis.

In response to a comment that there is some resistance to this project from some residents who believe their well water to be safe, all present agreed that this project to bring safe, uncontaminated drinking water is very important and has potential to attract businesses and increase property values.

Question: Public tap. The County has been approached with this request already and is considering providing a public tap.

Question: Construction schedule. The tender for the construction contract will include provisions to cause the least disturbance for scheduled village festivals.

Communities in Bloom (CIB) Project Plans for Summer 2016/North Shore Community Development Association (NSCDA) – Nancy Burgess

358.7 CIB plans to enhance the recently paved traffic triangle (where Highway 6 turns onto and becomes Durham Street) with two dories that would be used as

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planters. These would be removed and stored for the winter months. There are plans to add banners or flags to the upstream side of the harbour bridge. Permission is yet to be sought from NS Dept. Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal.

358.8 NSDCA is a new committee that is working on a brand development exercise for all or part of the north shore. The exact coverage area is to be determined. It may be from Confederation Bridge to the Caribou ferry, for example. NSDCA is working with Central Nova Tourism Association (CNTA). A survey is currently being distributed to help with their research.

OLD BUSINESS

Pugwash and Area Master Plan – Infrastructure Action Team – Municipal Water

359.9 See Minute 359.6.

Pugwash and Area Master Plan – Multi-purpose Centre Action Team (MPC)

358.10 No report

Pugwash and Area Master Plan – Tourism Action Team – Central Nova Tourism Association (CNTA)

358.11 The Clerk reported that supplies of the Village of Pugwash information flyer are nearly exhausted. The flyer is also quite outdated and needs to be redesigned. The Clerk said that she would like to start moving on getting a design for print to be ready for the summer.

Pugwash and Area Master Plan - Collaboration and Communication

358.12 No report.

ad hoc committee for a new health care facility

358.13 Commissioners Blackie and Batiot reported that the latest meeting was well attended (25-30 people). There is a great deal of frustration from members of the public and stakeholders as various upgrade models have come and gone over the past 13 to 14 years with each change of Provincial government. There will be a public meeting at the Pugwash and District High School on March 1st. There was some discussion as to the various means of how to publicize the meeting.

Waterfront Development Committee

358.14 Commissioner Mundle and the Clerk will now represent the Village at any future meetings.

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Gathering of the Clans/Burns Night

358.15 Burns Night will be January 23rd at the curling club. There are several items donated for the silent auction and Scotiabank will help with ticket sales.

NEW BUSINESS

Tree Inventory Report

358.16 The official report from Dr Duinker is yet to be released. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation made at the Chatterbox Café on January 6th is now available on the Village website. Communities in Bloom is now planning a walking tour of the village trees, dinner and presentation in May.

CORRESPONDENCE

Northumberland Community Curling Club – annual Invitation Bonspiel

358.17 Commissioner Gould will represent the Village Commission at the banquet on January 30th.

Communities in Bloom (CIB)

358.18 Request that the Commission hire a part time gardener and has offered to contribute \$2,000 towards the cost of this hire. The Clerk said that the job description suggested by CIB is very similar to the existing job description for seasonal groundskeepers. The Clerk will again strive to hire someone earlier in the year than has been achieved previously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

MOTION

358.19 It was moved by Commissioner Blackie and seconded by Commissioner Gould that the Treasurer's un-audited report be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Budget

358.20 There will be a budget meeting on Thursday, February 4th at 6:30pm.

INFORMATION ITEMS

358.21 The next Village Commission regular meeting will be on Monday, February 15th at 7pm.

(Note: To avoid the Provincial holiday, the date is changed to February 22nd.)

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(Note: A question about the Farmers' Market area was briefly discussed. It was decided that, as the item was not on the agenda, the request should be made in writing and discussed at the next regular meeting).

ADJOURNMENT

358.22 The meeting was adjourned at 8:23pm by Commissioner Blackie.

Respectfully submitted

Lisa Betts

Clerk Treasurer

Chair _____

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