

PUGWASH VILLAGE COMMISSION

Regular Meeting #375

8th May, 2017 at 7pm

Pugwash Village Hall

Minute Number 375

CALL TO ORDER

375.1 The Commission of the Village of Pugwash met in the Board Room at the Pugwash Village Hall on 8th May, 2017. Commissioner Martin called the meeting to order at 7pm and welcomed all attending.

Roll call: Chair Gould
Commissioner Farley
Commissioner Martin
Commissioner Purdy

Regrets: Commissioner Blackie

Staff: Clerk Treasurer, Lisa Betts (recording secretary)

In attendance: Nelson Bezanson, Municipal Planner, Cumberland County
Allison Gillis, Warden Municipality Cumberland County
Jean Farley, Village of Pugwash resident
Kathy Redmond, Village of Pugwash resident
Bill Mundle, Village of Pugwash resident

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION

375.2 **It was moved by Commissioner Purdy and seconded by Commissioner Farley that the agenda be accepted.**

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION

373.3 **It was moved by Commissioner Purdy and seconded by Commissioner Farley that the minutes of regular meeting 373 held March 13th and 374 held April 10th 2017 be approved as circulated.**

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

375.4 **Pugwash Canada** – application for financial assistance. The group plans to be meeting in Halifax for a two day conference and come up to Pugwash (Wednesday July 26th) to tour the Lodge for an hour and then hold a town hall

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meeting at the high school for an hour. They have a funding shortfall of \$12,000 and are requesting \$3,000 from the Village of Pugwash. There was some discussion as to whether any funding should be sent to the organization at all.

MOTION

373.5 It was moved by Commissioner Farley and seconded by Commissioner Purdy that \$500 be sent to Pugwash Canada.

MOTION CARRIED

373.6 Centre for Local Prosperity - Thinkers Lodge Retreat

This is an event planned for September 28th to October 1st. It will be held at Thinkers Lodge but will also be live streamed to a larger audience. Request to act as a *Qualified Donee* as part of an application for funding from the Canada 150 Fund. It is unknown if this request involves any risk to the Village. Further contact from the group has still not materialized as promised. The Clerk will push for more information so the commission may make a better informed decision.

375.7 North Cumberland Historical Society

Request to the Commission, in the event of the library moving out of the old CN rail station when the multipurpose building is complete, to be permitted to move from the second storey of the building to the ground floor.

MOTION

373.8 It was moved by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Purdy that North Cumberland Historical Society be allowed to occupy the ground floor of the old train station until, or if, the Village requires the property for another purpose.

MOTION CARRIED

375.9 Cyrus Eaton Elementary School – Book Fair

Commissioner Purdy commented upon how pleased he was to see how involved the children were in the event that was held in April.

MOTION

373.10 It was moved by Commissioner Purdy and seconded by Commissioner Farley that \$500 be donated to the Cyrus Eaton Elementary School Book Fair.

MOTION CARRIED

375.11 Francois Chicquette, NDP

Request for support for Bill C-203, An Act to amend the Supreme Court Act. The Commissioners agreed no action would be taken.

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PRESENTATION

375.12 Nelson Bezanson, Municipal Planner, Cumberland County

Planner Bezanson presented a compilation of all the comments made at an Open House held in Pugwash on April 12th. These comments were found to be largely favourable to allowing drive-throughs in the Village of Pugwash. He has looked at other best practises that address any concerns raised. His recommendation to the Municipality of Cumberland County Council will be to amend the land use by-law to allow drive-through in Pugwash in the commercial and limited rural commercial zones. Certain conditions will have to be met by any prospective applicant before a building permit is approved that should mitigate and resolve any concern expressed. Planner Bezanson said that the Village Commission could endorse, oppose or ignore this proposal. Planner Bezanson will take the proposal to Council for first reading on May 17th, followed by another open house (May 30th) and a second reading and public hearing (June 4th).

MOTION

373.13 It was moved by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Farley that the Pugwash Village Commission endorse the planner's proposal to amend the by-law to allow drive-throughs in Pugwash.

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Pugwash District High School – Scholarships

373.14 Request for scholarship for 2017 graduating student.

MOTION

373.15 It was moved by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Purdy that the Commission donate \$1,100 to a scholarship to Pugwash District High School.

MOTION CARRIED

Rebekah Spray – funding request

373.16 The Rebekah Spray members are asking for financial assistance to help pay for a new roof. There is no precedent of financial assistance from the Village for the Rebekah Spray or similar organizations, such as the Freemasons. Commissioner Farley said that these kinds of organizations are generally funded internally from higher levels of the same organization. Councillor Gillis was asked if the County had a policy whether this kind of organization was helped financially. Councillor

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Gillis said he was not aware of any other similar applications received in the past other than from the Pugwash Royal Canadian Legion. He said that Council had received a recent application from the Rebekas for this particular purpose. The Clerk was instructed to research precedence at other Villages.

Communities in Bloom

373.17 An e-mail from Communities in Bloom president, Maureen Leahey raising a concern as to how the flower gardens on Village property are managed. The Commission and staff agreed that there seemed to be a breakdown of communications between the two organizations.

MOTION

373.18 It was moved by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Farley that the Commission chair and clerk should meet with representatives of Communities in Bloom as soon as possible.

MOTION CARRIED

Municipality of Cumberland County – recreation grant

373.19 The Clerk explained about how Vicki Weaver, Recreation and Physical Activity Coordinator with the Municipality of Cumberland County suggested and then assisted in successfully achieving some funding from the Municipality to help defray costs for a Recreation Director in Pugwash. This is a part of a full time position that will also be as Administrative Assistant. A letter of thanks will be sent to Vicki.

Cumberland Health Board

373.20 Request to cover costs of traditional “thank you treats” (locally baked cake) to five groups of medical professionals who care for Pugwash residents. This cost is no longer covered by the Nova Scotia Health Authority.

MOTION

373.21 It was moved by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Farley to pay for the gifts (cakes) purchased at Sheryl’s Bakery.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer’s Report - Budget

375.22 The Clerk Treasurer submitted the budget proposed for fiscal year ending 2018.

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373.23 It was moved by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Farley that the 2018 Budget be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

Municipal Water Supply

375.24 Councillor Gillis reported that the new water supply should be operational by October, December at the latest. Chair Gould congratulated the Municipality for its work in getting supply water to Pugwash.

ad hoc committee for a new health care facility

375.25 A funding announcement was made by Premier McNeil at the North Cumberland Memorial Hospital on April 11th. The funding was for the design of a new facility with the expectation of construction to start in the fall of 2018. Since this announcement, a provincial election has been called. The Commission discussed the likelihood of the facility being built should there be a change of government.

Waterfront Development Committee (includes Multi-Purpose Centre [MPC])

375.26 The Clerk explained the schedule of public and stakeholder meetings with the design company on May 9th and 10th. Commissioner Martin said he was disappointed in the poor media coverage used to promote the meetings.

Thinkers Lodge Society (TLS)

375.27 Commissioner Farley said he had spoken with Shawn Brunt (TLS President) who confirmed that there is a plan in place to wind up the society.

Communities in Bloom (CIB)

375.28 Letter of thanks to the Village for assistance in the annual garbage pick-up day.

Six Rivers Chamber of Commerce (SRCC)

375.29 Commissioner Martin reported that an AGM is pending. There is a proposed “think tank” campaign to reach out to and discuss with outlying areas of the “Six Rivers” region to discover if there is support from these areas in participating in the Six Rivers Chamber of Commerce. Commissioner Martin said he had been in discussion with representative from several area Chambers of Commerce (Boards of Trade).

Canada Day 150/ Gathering of the Clans (GOC)/HarbourFest (HF)

375.30 The Clerk reported that activities are being finalized. For example a water slide and “bobble” ride in Eaton Park.

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Election of Village Commission Vice Chair

375.31 Commissioner Farley nominated Commissioner Martin as Vice Chair. Upon three calls for nominations and there being none, Commissioner Martin was declared Vice Chair of the Village Commission.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

375.32 None

NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS

375.33 The Village Commission Annual General Meeting will be held May 31st and the Election date is set for Saturday, June 3rd.

375.34 The next regular Village Commission meeting will be 7pm on June 12th.

ADJOURNMENT

375.35 The meeting was adjourned at 8:37pm by Commissioner Purdy.

Respectfully submitted

Lisa Betts

Clerk Treasurer

Chair _____

Clerk Treasurer _____