

PUGWASH VILLAGE COMMISSION

Regular Meeting #380

16th October, 2017 at 7pm

Pugwash Village Hall

Minute Number 380

CALL TO ORDER

380.1 The Commission of the Village of Pugwash met in the Board Room at the Pugwash Village Hall on 11th September. Chair Gould called the meeting to order at 7pm and welcomed all attending.

Roll call

380.2 Commissioners: Chair Gould
Commissioner Farley
Commissioner Martin
Commissioner Purdy
Commissioner Mundle

Staff: Clerk Treasurer, Lisa Betts (recording secretary)

In attendance: Allison Gillis, Warden Municipality Cumberland County
Jean Farley, Village of Pugwash resident

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION

380.3 It was moved by Commissioner Purdy and seconded by Commissioner Mundle that the agenda be accepted. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION

380.4 It was moved by Commissioner Farley and seconded by Commissioner Purdy that the minutes of regular meeting 379 held September 11th be approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

380.5 The Clerk reported that, from motions made at the previous meeting; the Farmers' Market had signed a ten year lease with the village, a letter had been sent to Minister Hines re: bike lanes, the donation to Silver Spray Rebekah Lodge had been made and information on how the Architecture49's costing on the Eaton Stage design was determined had been received from the Municipality. There was some concern about this added cost. Clerk pointed out that the Village is getting an almost free design and costing on the stage which, had the Village looked for the same information independently from the larger waterfront

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development project, would have cost several tens of thousands of dollars. The only item pending is tendering the removal of the old Visitor Information Centre. The Clerk is investigating how best to go about this particular tendering process.

PRESENTATION

380.6 None

CORRESPONDENCE

Pugwash Farmers' Market – Letter of support

380.7 An e-mail sent in general circulation requested letters from “the community, businesses and organizations” supporting the Farmers' Market proposal to erect open-sided kiosks on site. The commissioners agreed the clerk should send such a letter on the commission's behalf. Indeed, some commissioners had already sent personal letters of support.

Cyrus Eaton Elementary School

380.8 Thank you letter for funding from the Village of Pugwash used to defray cost of gym score board. A photo of the Village sponsorship logo was included.

Silver Spray Rebekah Lodge #1

380.9 Thank you for funding from the Village of Pugwash to be used to defray cost of a new roof.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

MOTION

380.10 It was moved by Commissioner Farley and seconded by Commissioner Martin that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. MOTION CARRIED

Municipal Water Supply

380.11 The Clerk reported that local contractors were invited to attend a meeting with the Municipality at the village hall to discuss connecting the water supply system to homes. It was clear from their discussion that a set price would be almost impossible to agree upon as each property could present any number of potential problems or none at all. There will be an Open House on October 25th at St Thomas More church hall for the public to meet the contractors. Commissioner Martin wanted it made clear that it is the homeowners' responsibility, not the Municipality's, to make the water connection. The Municipality had already been more than fair in providing resources and information. The water system is still on track for a November launch.

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Commissioner Martin added that the Municipality has recently agreed to extend the free water testing for the Village for another year. Commissioner Farley commented that the water testing reports are difficult to read and understand. Commissioner Gould said his most recent report compared very closely to testing he had done some years ago.

Pugwash Wellfield Advisory Committee (PWAC)

380.12 The Clerk reported that the PWAC met on Thursday (October 12th) at the Village Hall. The committee comprises of about 12 local representatives. Warden Gillis is the Chair and Alroy Chase is Vice Chair. The committee was joined by representatives from WSP who explained about the importance of protecting the wellfield area, commenting on how fortunate the PWAC is in that the area is already mostly protected by Municipal ownership.

ad hoc committee for a new health care facility

380.13 Commissioner Farley reported that this continues to be a “work on progress”.

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

380.14 Commissioner Mundle reported that there had been a meeting held last Wednesday (October 11th). There had been some discussion about extending the boardwalk to Crescent Beach and how to improve the beach accessibility at the end of Water Street.

Thinkers Lodge Society (TLS)

380.15 No report.

Communities in Bloom (CIB)

380.16 CIB won 5 Blooms Silver for Community Involvement at the National Symposium, last month. Commissioner Mundle reported that the CIB members who went to Ottawa for the symposium will be making a presentation at The Peace Hall (formally the Masonic Hall) on October 23rd.

Six Rivers Chamber of Commerce (SRCC)

380.17 Commissioner Martin reported that SRCC had held its AGM at Fox Harb’r Resort on October 2nd. There are new members on Council, but still no Chair. That position will be a shared responsibility until a new chair is elected. Commissioner Martin is Secretary. New council members are from the business community and from a wider area than Pugwash. There will be a brain storming session in early November, led by the executive director of the Cumberland Business Connector (CBC) Johnathan McClelland , to determine the next line of action for the

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chamber. The CBC is a business driven entity that is best described as the replacement of the province proposed Regional Economic Network (REN) that was a replacement of the local Regional Development Association (RDA), which are now all defunct. The funding that would have otherwise been granted to the REN is now directed to the CBC.

Gathering of the Clans (GOC)

380.18 The Clerk/Coordinator presented the unaudited yearend financial statement for the GOC. Profits- for the 2017 festival are just under \$14,000. The Coordinator briefly explained the history of the Gathering of the Clans as an incorporated body.

MOTIONS

380.19 None

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

380.20 None

NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS

380.21 Commissioners Martin and Mundle had attended the Association of Nova Scotia Villages (ANSV) 2017 conference and AGM last month in Baddeck. Commissioner Martin is now a director at large on the executive of the ANSV. Commissioner Mundle expressed that she had greatly enjoyed the conference and was impressed at how favourably Pugwash stood up against the other villages when round table discussing recent projects and developments. Many villages were very interested in becoming involved in Communities Bloom. Commissioner Martin reported that there was great interest between villages to host the next conference and AGM. The next AGM will be in St Peters on September 14th and 15th.

380.22 The Clerk had attended the AMANS conference and AGM in Truro last month and reported that some of the common points of conversation were the impending legalization of cannabis, the importance of local government, social media, internet security and the speed of information exchange.

380.26 As November 13th is regarded as a holiday by other Municipalities, the next regular Village Commission meeting will be 7pm on November 20th.

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380.27 It was moved by Commissioner Farley and seconded by Commissioner Mundle that the next meeting be held on November 20th. MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

380.27 The meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm by Commissioner Mundle.

Respectfully submitted

Lisa Betts

Clerk Treasurer

Chair _____

Clerk Treasurer _____