

PUGWASH VILLAGE COMMISSION

Regular Meeting #387

14th May, 2018 at 7pm

Pugwash Village Hall

Minute Number 387

CALL TO ORDER

387.1 The Commission of the Village of Pugwash met in the Board Room at the Pugwash Village Hall on 14th May, 2018. Chair Gould called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Roll call

387.2 Commissioners: Chair Gould
Vice Chair Martin
Commissioner Purdy
Commissioner Mundle
Regrets: Commissioner Farley
Staff: Clerk Treasurer, Lisa Betts (recording secretary)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION

387.4 It was moved by Commissioner Mundle and seconded by Commissioner Martin that the minutes of regular meeting 386 held April 9th be approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

387.5 A decision to assimilate the Pugwash C@P Site will be deferred until next year.

387.6 Welcome signs. The additional signs have been installed and look good.

PRESENTATION

387.6 None.

CORRESPONDENCE

387.7 **Pugwash District High School**

Request for continued support of the awards program. The Commission will send the usual bursaries.

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387.8 Community Health Board

Request for continued support of the thank you treats sent to medical workers in the Pugwash area. The Commission will send \$100 when invoiced.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

387.9 The auditor's visit to the Village office is now complete. The Clerk Treasurer presented the 2019 budget. The operational and capital sides of the budget are now more appropriately presented separately. At the tax rate held since at least 2004, essential capital projects have had to be continually postponed. There has also been a reduction in assessed values in the Village, affecting income from the Village tax rate. Consequently, there will be a 2c increase in the residential and commercial taxes, rising to 32c and 39c respectively.

Capital expenditures planned for the next year include: a new stage in Eaton Park, two new windows and new front door at the Village Hall, a new computer, a tractor with snow removal accessories, tennis posts and repairs to the sea wall.

MOTION

387.10 It was moved by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Mundle that the budget be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED

Municipal Water Supply

387.11 Water is now expected to be available for hook-up in July. An explanatory letter will be included with the June tax bills.

Waterfront Development Committee (WDC)

387.12 There will be a presentation to members of the public and the chamber of commerce May 31st with an update on the project. Any environmental or other studies that will need to be done, regardless of the timing of construction will be organized.

Communities in Bloom (CIB)

387.13 The group is preparing for a visit from Mark Cullen on June 8th and 9th. The plant sale went very well. In interpretive panel about the salt mine is planned for erection at the bakery.

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Gathering of the Clans

387.14 The theme for the parade will be “In and About Northumberland Strait”. The students at the elementary school had not come up with a theme, but had suggested a variety of seaside activities for the theme. Two gates are yet to be allocated to organizing committees. The usual Highland Dance scrutineer is also now not available. A substitute will be sought out.

Physician Search and Retention Committee

387.15 Commissioner Martin reported that there are similar committees (“red carpet committee”) elsewhere in the county. This committee is preparing for a visit from a doctor and her husband. He is also a doctor, but not registered to practice in Nova Scotia.

High Speed Internet

387.16 No report.

Association of Nova Scotia Villages (ANSV)

387.17 Commissioner Martin reported that he and the Clerk had attended a meeting in Bible Hill and noted that large diversity between Nova Scotia villages. He had reported to those attending about the health care crisis in rural areas and the apparent confusion as to what parts of Nova Scotia should be considered “rural”. The ANSV agreed to send a news release expressing concern in diminishing rural health care standards.

MOTIONS

387.18 It was moved by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Mundle that Commissioners be given a stipend of \$50 per regular and annual meeting attended. Payments will start at the beginning of the fiscal year 2018/19.

MOTION CARRIED

387.19 It was moved by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Mundle that Commissioners that the procurement policy 2018-3 be adopted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

387.20 None

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NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION

387.21 The Clerk reported that a common request at the Village office is for the services of a Commissioner of Oaths. The Village Commissioners agreed that this would be an appropriate additional service to offer to the Village.

387.22 It was moved by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Mundle that the Clerk should apply for appointment as a Commissioner of Oaths.

MOTION CARRIED

387.23 The Village Annual General Meeting will be 7pm Monday, May 28th and Annual Election will be June 2nd.

387.24 The next regular Village Commission meeting will be 7pm on June 11th.

387.25 HarbourFest cake auction will be at St Thomas More on Friday May 18th.

387.26 Commissioner Martin asked if anything has been done about the reduced sight lines at the traffic triangle at Durham/Route 6 and if there could be a stop sign added where New Pugwash Road (a private road) intersects with Church Street.

ADJOURNMENT

387.27 The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm by Commissioner Mundle.

Respectfully submitted

Lisa Betts

Clerk Treasurer

Chair _____

Clerk Treasurer _____