

PUGWASH VILLAGE COMMISSION
Regular Meeting #389
11th June, 2018 at 7pm
Pugwash Village Hall

Minute Number 389

CALL TO ORDER

389.1 The Commission of the Village of Pugwash met in the Board Room at the Pugwash Village Hall on 11th June, 2018. Chair Gould being absent, Commissioner Martin assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. Commissioner Martin welcomed all present.

Roll call

389.2 Commissioners: Commission Vice Chair Bill Martin
Commissioner Carl Purdy
Commissioner Tracey Mundle
Regrets: Commissioner Dave Farley
Absent: Commission Chair Charles Gould
Staff: Clerk Treasurer, Lisa Betts (recording secretary)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION

389.4 It was moved by Commissioner Mundle and seconded by Commissioner Purdy that the minutes of regular meeting 387 held May 14th be approved as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION

389.5 It was moved by Commissioner Mundle and seconded by Commissioner Purdy that the minutes of Annual General Meeting 388 held May 28th be approved as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

389.6 None

PRESENTATION

389.7 None.

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CORRESPONDENCE

MOTION

389.8 It was moved by Commissioner Mundle and seconded by Commissioner Purdy that six \$50 bursaries be sent to Cyrus Eaton Elementary School.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION

389.9 It was moved by Commissioner Purdy and seconded by Commissioner Mundle that the Village purchase a page in the PDHS Year Book for \$100.

MOTION CARRIED

389.10 Pugwash and District High School - Invitation to Graduation Reception and Ceremony.

This includes presenting the awards from the Village and an opportunity to speak at the ceremony. Commissioners will check their calendars for their availability for the evening of June 28th.

389.11 Canada Revenue Agency

Thank you letter and certificate of appreciation for participating in the 2018 Community Volunteer Income Tax Program. The Village registered as a volunteer following the retirement of long standing community volunteer, Gerald Hoganson.

389.12 Northumberland Community Curling Club

Response to the letter sent by the Village advising them of expected tax exemption for the club and that the Commission hoped this would count towards advertising fees at the club. The content of the letter erroneously suggested that the Village would continue to purchase advertising (via a tax break) when in fact in the January 2018 meeting (minute 393.8) the Commission defeated a motion to pay for advertising at all. There ensued further discussion on tax exemption at Village and County level.

Late addition to agenda:

389.13 Sunset Community – request for Letter of Support

MOTION

389.14 It was moved by Commissioner Mundle and seconded by Commissioner Purdy to support the request from The Sunset Community

MOTION CARRIED

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

389.15 The Clerk Treasurer presented current financial statements. There were no questions from the commission.

MOTION

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

Municipal Water Supply

389.17 Warden Gillis commented on the great deal of red tape and paperwork that is necessary just to get wellfield protection rules and regulations in place. There was no other report.

Waterfront Development Committee (WDC)

389.18 A presentation of updates will be made at The Peace Hall on Thursday, June 14th.

MOTION

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

Communities in Bloom (CIB)

389.20 The recent visit to Pugwash by Mark Cullen was very successful. 75 people attended his presentation at the curling club on the Friday evening.

Gathering of the Clans

389.21 The Clerk said preparations continue as usual. The added challenge this year is the date change to July 2nd. The last time this happened, because July 1st fell on a Sunday, was 2012. Since then, Sunday shopping rules changed in Nova Scotia, changing the rules about the statutory holiday for July 1st for retailers. It remains to be a statutory holiday for other workers. The next time this becomes an issue is 2029.

MOTION

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

Physician Search and Retention Committee

389.23 No report other than to note that Debbie Cameron has joined the committee. The doctor the committee had hoped to move to Pugwash has opted to move to

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Springhill, but there are hopes of another doctor believed to be interested in the area.

MOTION

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

High Speed Internet

389.25 Commissioner Martin submitted a written report. Commissioner Martin explained that 5G internet (the latest technological generation) is being installed in Ontario and Quebec. This format is wireless and believed to be 100 times faster than current connections. Commissioner Martin noted his personal objection to testing being carried out in high population areas that already have good internet connections and that this testing could have been done in more rural areas which generally have very poor connection rates. He suggested letters demanding this new service to be made available in this area be sent to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC).

Commissioner Martin recommends that, given this new technology is more likely to be available sooner than the fibre optic cable the committee was looking into, this committee be disbanded.

MOTION

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

Association of Nova Scotia Villages (ANSV)

389.27 Next meeting is July 27th in Bible Hill.

MOTIONS

389.28 None

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

389.29 None

NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS

389.30 An *in camera* meeting was held just before this one was convened. There are no action items from that meeting at this time.

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389.31 New election date is June 23rd.

389.32 The next regular Village meeting is August 13th.

ADJOURNMENT

389.33 The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm by Commissioner Mundle.

Respectfully submitted

Lisa Betts

Clerk Treasurer

Chair _____

Clerk Treasurer _____