

PUGWASH VILLAGE COMMISSION

Regular Meeting #391

13<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at 7pm

Pugwash Village Hall

**Minute Number 391**

**CALL TO ORDER**

391.1 The Commission of the Village of Pugwash met in the Village Office at the Pugwash Village Hall on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2018. Chair Martin called the meeting to order at 7pm and welcomed all present. Chair Martin reminded those present that the meeting is sound recorded.

**Roll call**

391.2 Commissioners: Chair Bill Martin  
Vice Chair Tracey Mundle  
Carl Purdy  
Charles Gould  
Christie Blackie  
Staff: Clerk Treasurer, Lisa Betts (recording secretary)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION**

391.4 It was moved by Commissioner Mundle and seconded by Commissioner Blackie that the minutes of regular meeting 389 held June 11<sup>th</sup> be approved as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION**

391.5 It was moved by Commissioner Mundle and seconded by Commissioner Purdy that the minutes of Special Meeting 390 held June 21<sup>st</sup> be approved as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

391.6 None

**PRESENTATION**

391.7 None.

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

391.8 **Cyrus Eaton Elementary School** – thank you for bursaries received.

391.9 **Pugwash and District High School** - thank you for scholarships.  
Commissioner Blackie represented the Commission at the high school graduation and presented the scholarships.

391.10 **Pugwash Legion**

Request to use the banner brackets near the Cenotaph for *Veteran Banners*.  
These could go up as soon as the regular Village banners are removed around Thanksgiving.

**MOTION**

391.11 **It was moved by Commissioner Gould and seconded by Commissioner Blackie to allow the use of the brackets providing the banners are removed by December 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

391.12 **Pugwash & District Volunteer Fire Department**

Request for funding. This is a budgeted expense at \$1,000.

**MOTION**

391.13 **It was moved by Commissioner Mundle and seconded by Commissioner Blackie that the Village send \$1,500 to the fire department.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

391.14 **Pugwash HarbourFest**

Request for funding of \$2,500. The Village budgeted \$500 for this event and has sent \$350 since the cake sale in May. The Village has been listed by the festival as a primary sponsor.

**MOTION**

391.15 **It was moved by Commissioner Purdy and seconded by Commissioner Gould to send Pugwash HarbourFest \$1,000.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

391.16 **Municipality of Cumberland County**

A funding request for \$500 to help with costs for the Village 70<sup>th</sup> birthday party was granted. A thank you note will be sent.

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**391.17 Fraser and Diane MacLeod**

Request to the Village to improve the looks of the old fire hall. There is very little budgeted for this building's maintenance. The Village will obtain quotes to paint or to side the building.

**391.18 Municipality of Cumberland County**

A letter of support for Sunset Community's request for funding for a new passenger van.

**391.19 Municipality of Cumberland County**

A letter of support for the Pugwash Fire Department request for help in funding for a rescue boat was sent by the Village July 11<sup>th</sup>. Chair Martin explained further the need for a rescue boat in Pugwash. The Department will be making a presentation to Council in September.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Treasurer's Report**

391.20 The Clerk Treasurer presented current financial statements. There were no questions from the Commission.

**MOTION**

**391.21 It was moved by Commissioner Mundle and seconded by Commissioner Gould that the report be accepted as presented. MOTION CARRIED**

**Municipal Water Supply**

391.22 The Clerk reported that the reservoir is filled and flushing of the lines is about to start. The most recent estimate from Municipality engineers for water line hook-ups is for September. Remedial work on properties is part of the original tender and must be completed before the project is deemed complete.

**Waterfront Development Committee (WDC)**

391.23 No report.

**Eaton Stage Replacement**

391.24 The Clerk explained that the original tender went out on July 9<sup>th</sup> with a deadline of August 9<sup>th</sup>. An addendum has since been released which has extended the deadline to August 16<sup>th</sup>. A tender published locally to remove the old stage was not answered. It has been purchased for \$500 and should be gone by the end of August. The Clerk reported that part of the work done by A49 Architects was to get an estimate for the current stage, including the cost to remove the present

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one. This was estimated at over \$26,000. The Village will salvage historic parts of the stage such as the signs and the cut-out pipers and lobsters.

**Communities in Bloom (CIB)**

391.25 CIB Chair, Maureen Leahey reviewed the suggestions from the Community in Bloom national judges made last year. There was some discussion as to what has been fixed, what cannot be fixed or what may have been an unusual occurrence on the day the judges were in Pugwash. There may be some issue with tampering with the plants currently growing naturally along the sea wall in that the Village may not have jurisdiction to remove or manage vegetation growing in the rocks. This is to be investigated. The possibility of creating smoke free areas was discussed. Commission Chair Martin said he would attend CIB meetings when possible.

**Gathering of the Clans**

391.26 The Clerk reported that, despite the date change, numbers for the gate and wristband sales were about normal. A full report will be made as soon as all invoices are received.

**Physician Search and Retention Committee**

391.27 Commission Chair Martin reported that this committee has been in some communication with a team that is collecting data for the Nova Scotia Health Authority (NSHA). The local committee has made their position to this group very clear as to the importance that a solution to the “health care crisis” is found soon. The Towns of Amherst and Oxford have organized their own search committee and have asked the Municipality to share in costs to attend a doctor recruitment “fair” in Newfoundland in October.

**Association of Nova Scotia Villages (ANSV)**

391.28 Chair Martin reported that he and the Clerk had attended the July 27<sup>th</sup> meeting in Bible Hill where he had presented a report he had sent to the NS Department of Municipal Affairs. There is a movement to loosen the rules stipulated in the Municipal Government Act (MGA) by a change in interpretation. Instead of looking at the MGA and looking at language that stipulates what can or cannot be done but if that language is missing interpreting to the negative, now looking at interpreting in the positive.

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**MOTIONS**

**391.29 It was moved by Commissioner Purdy and seconded by Commissioner Blackie that the existing boundaries of the Village of Pugwash be clarified.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

391.30 None

**NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS**

391.31 A somewhat impromptu celebration of the Village of Pugwash's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday was celebrated on August 1<sup>st</sup> with cake, barbecue, live music on the stage and fireworks. This had been contingent on funding from the Municipality (see Minute 391.16)

391.32 The Community Christmas Tree lighting will be December 7<sup>th</sup>. This may be included in additional plans in and around the new Farmers Market buildings.

391.33 The Clerk reported that we get many requests for merchandise at the Visitor Information Centre. The Commission agree that some research could be done with a proposal to purchase some quality standard T-shirts for sale.

391.34 The next regular Village meeting is September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**ADJOURNMENT**

391.35 The meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm by Commissioner Mundle.

Respectfully submitted

Lisa Betts

Clerk Treasurer

Chair \_\_\_\_\_

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