

PUGWASH VILLAGE COMMISSION
Regular Meeting #392
10th September 2018 at 7pm
Pugwash Village Hall

Minute Number 392

CALL TO ORDER

392.1 The Commission of the Village of Pugwash met in the Village Office at the Pugwash Village Hall on 10th September 2018. Chair Martin called the meeting to order at 7:02pm and welcomed all present.

Roll call

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION

392.4 It was moved by Commissioner Purdy and seconded by Commissioner Gould that the minutes of regular meeting 391 held August 13th be approved as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

392.5 **Village boundaries.** Investigation as to what is required is still ongoing. It is potentially a very large project.

Village 70th birthday. There was a barbecue, a cake, music and fireworks. A lovely time was had by all

PRESENTATION

392.6 None.

CORRESPONDENCE

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392.7 **Communities in Bloom** – invitation to Volunteer Luncheon. Three Commissioners/staff will attend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

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

MOTION

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

Municipal Water Supply

392.10 The Clerk reported that the disinfection of the water lines is nearly complete and then the curb stop connections can be made. This is expected to happen in the next couple of weeks. Remediation of properties will be done this fall.

Waterfront Development Committee (WDC)

392.11 No report.

Eaton Stage Replacement

392.12 After an update on how the he Clerk reported that the bids had come in at \$614,500 and \$680,537 which was substantially more than the construction budget set at \$450,000. Three options were suggested to the commission: (1) keep the current stage design but find savings in design and specification details (2) have A49 redesign a smaller stage (3) start again with a new Request for Proposals. An estimate for option (2) had already been received at \$37,000. The commissioners agreed to go forward with option (1). The Clerk is to research where savings can be made and report back as soon as possible. It is hoped that the project can be re-tendered and start construction before freeze-up. In order to save time, a special meeting will be called if this information is available before the next regular commission meeting.

292.13 Michele Byers, Community Economic Development Coordinator for the Municipality of Cumberland County was present and asked to add any information she might have. She explained how the tender process works and that to re-tender the current specs, there must be some changes made to (for example) the pay schedule or the completion date. Ms Byers was asked to give an update on the Multi-Purpose Centre. Ms Byers reported that funding had been approved to produce a business plan and detailed plans and tender

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documents. Letters of support are being received to assist with the funding process.

Communities in Bloom (CIB)

392.14 Commission Chair Martin said he had attended the most recent CIB meeting and was impressed by the organization.

Gathering of the Clans

392.15 No report

Physician Search and Retention Committee

392.16 Commission Chair Martin expressed a concern that after a rally held at the North Cumberland Memorial Hospital in support of the local health care staff that the petitions and form letter later posted on the Village Facebook page were inappropriate. The Clerk explained that the organizers of the rally had asked for the information to be posted by the Village. When doing so, and with the opportunity to better read the contents of the documents, the Clerk attempted to make clear that the petition and letter had not been composed by the Village by reproducing the language of the documents exactly as written and attributed to the MLA's office. The posts on the Village facebook page and website will be taken down by the Clerk.

Association of Nova Scotia Villages (ANSV)

392.17 Chair Martin reported that he and the Clerk had attended the teleconference on August 31st. There was nothing to report from the meeting other than the sharing of information in the "round table" part of the meeting.

MOTIONS

392.18 None

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

392.19 None

NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS

392.20 **Fire hall door.** The hardware that operates the larger overhead door at the old fire hall has failed twice recently. The Clerk suggested the door be replaced with a smaller one and staff can fill in the difference. The Clerk will get more quotes to replace the door and continue to get quotes to paint or side the rest of the building.

392.21 **Crossing Guards.** About 10 days before school started, the Cobequid Regional School Board announced that the Oxford Regional Education Centre showed such

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dangerous structural deficiencies that the school was to be closed immediately and all students bussed to Pugwash until the building was deemed safe to use again. The students are to share the elementary and high school buildings. With the projected additional school age children in the area with a busy street separating the buildings, an offer to provide a Crossing Guard was made to the Cyrus Eaton Elementary School principal, who accepted. One crossing guard was hired and the required equipment borrowed from the Town of Oxford, with thanks.

Chair Martin said he had a concern as to the process of how this decision had been made. He felt that when a crisis arises the solutions should be shared with the whole commission before a decision is made. He said he felt this had happened on other occasions.

Commissioner Mundle suggested the cost of this new staff could be shared with the Town of Oxford or by the Municipality. The Clerk will make a cost share request to the Town of Oxford.

392.22 Due to Thanksgiving being the second Monday of the month, the next regular Village meeting is October 15th, 2018. A decision on whether to change the date for November will be made at the next meeting.

392.23 Chair Martin asked if there were any updates on the traffic control issues he had brought up in an earlier meeting. The Clerk reported that she had discussed the questions with the Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal supervisor.
Stop sign: New Pugwash Road is a private road and that a "Stop" sign at the Church Street end would have to be added by the owner. The Oxford high school students are using the curling club car park. The Clerk will contact the road owner to request a stop sign.

Traffic triangle: The Clerk said that the supervisor had had no complaints about visibility around the traffic triangle where Route 6 turns into Durham Street. Indeed, the display of dories, buoys and flowers arranged by Communities in Bloom prompts many visitors to take photographs of the site.

392.24 Commissioner Martin reported that he had received a noise complaint from a local resident about wedding and parties at the Lobster Factory. The Clerk reported that no other residents have made noise complaints to the Village office. The Clerk confirmed there is a County noise by-law over which the Village has no jurisdiction.

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ADJOURNMENT

392.25 The meeting was adjourned at 8:13pm by motion of Commissioner Mundle.

Respectfully submitted
Lisa Betts
Clerk Treasurer

Chair _____

Clerk Treasurer _____