

PUGWASH VILLAGE COMMISSION  
Regular Meeting #436  
11th April 2022 at 7pm  
Board Room, Pugwash Village Hall

**Meeting Number 436**

**1 CALL TO ORDER**

- 1.1 Chair Roger Mundle called the meeting to order at 7pm.
- 1.2 **Territorial Acknowledgment** - Declared by Commissioner Martin.

**2 ROLL CALL**

Commissioners: Chair Roger Mundle  
Vice Chair Brent Wilson  
Commissioner Bill Martin  
Commissioner Sue Duncan  
Commissioner Dave MacEwan

Staff: Clerk Treasurer, Lisa Betts (recording secretary)

**3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Duncan and seconded by Commissioner Wilson to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED**

**4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to approve the minutes of regular meeting 435, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022. MOTION CARRIED**

**5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- 5.1 None.

**6 ACTION LIST - see also attached list of completed tasks**

- 6.1 **Credit card**  
The application process is complete. There will be a limit of \$1,000 with the same amount held aside to cover the balance. Cards to arrive in the mail.

**7 PRESENTATION**

- 7.1 **The Brew Barn - coffee sales outlet - Morgan Campbell**  
See presentation attached. There was a discussion on location of the proposed barn and where a restrictive covenant may affect where in the Park a commercial outlet can be placed. The status of the covenant will be researched. It was suggested a preferred location may be the paved

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municipal car park area. The practicalities of water supply, waste water and power were discussed. A rental fee would be a proportional amount donated to the Village or Gathering of the Clans.

## **8 CORRESPONDENCE**

### **8.1 Insurance invoice**

Premium costs have gone increased. They currently equate to about 10% of the Village's tax revenue. The Commissioners agreed to stay with Arthur J Gallagher at this time.

### **8.2 Earth Day - proclamation - read by Commissioner MacEwan on behalf of Chair Mundle**

WHEREAS Earth Day Canada works with many partners to address environmental challenges through developing programs in collaboration with communities, organizations and citizens; and

WHEREAS with urban areas set to become home to two-thirds of the world population by 2050 and as climate change is being observed and experienced, municipalities find themselves at the frontline of the battle against climate change; and

WHEREAS under the theme of Remedy Together, Earth Day hopes to raise awareness among Canadians about eco-anxiety and the need to take action together as a cure for both ourselves and also so as to help care for the planet.

THEREFORE, I, Roger Mundle Chair for the Village of Pugwash Commission have the honor of proclaiming April 22, 2022 as Earth Day throughout the Village of Pugwash and encourage all citizens, businesses, institutions and organizations to participate in action-oriented activities to protect and enhance the environment and our local ecology and to celebrate the Earth!

### **8.3 Letter of support**

All those requested at the last meeting were sent.

### **8.4 Letter to Centre for Local Prosperity**

Letter denying grant funding has been sent.

### **8.5 Fit Trails**

A list of available units, along with a Memorandum of Understanding, has been received from the Municipality. A meeting with the Municipality

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will be arranged to determine which units should be installed and where they should be put.

**8.6 Develop Nova Scotia: Community Led Placemaking Program**

This is a recently released granting opportunity from the Province with a looming deadline. The Pugwash Farmers Market is interested in applying for this grant to bring in a caboose, or similar semi-permanent structure, at the train station as a dining establishment. This would be set up to pass the various codes required for a hot food establishment.

**IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner MacEwan to support the Farmers Market application to the Community Led Program. MOTION CARRIED**

**9 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**9.1.a Accessibility (Joint with Municipality)**

The Clerk reported that the plan was complete, with a change in some terminology to better include the Villages of Pugwash and River Hebert, and had been adopted by the Municipality. It was the Clerk's impression that the committee had been dissolved by the Municipality.

**9.1.b IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner MacEwan and seconded by Commissioner Wilson to adopt the Accessibility Plan with the Pugwash information added. MOTION CARRIED**

**9.1.c IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner MacEwan and seconded by Commissioner Wilson to dissolve the Pugwash Accessibility Committee MOTION CARRIED**

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

Next online meeting: April 22<sup>nd</sup>

**9.3 Audit Committee**

Commissioner Duncan - a meeting will be called before the audit (April 27<sup>th</sup>).

**9.4 Physician Recruitment and Retention**

A prospective physician has returned to Pugwash as a locum. This term seems to be going very well. There are other possibilities being investigated and encouraged. Vacancies are expected to continue as existing doctors reach retirement. A video has been released to help promote Pugwash to prospective physicians.

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9.5 **Communities in Bloom (CIB)**

There is an offer to purchase an 18 yard sized load of mulch with the request that some assistance from the Village hired gardener when it comes to applying it to Village gardens and plantings.

9.6 **Library**

The tender for the new building has been awarded. The name of the winner has not been announced. Commissioner Wilson made a point of thanking Councilor Houghtaling for her work on the library project.

9.7 **Clerk Treasurer's Reports**

9.7.1 **Fireworks**

Given the Village has funding for Canada Day and we have not been able to celebrate with fireworks for a long time, the Commissioners agreed to a budget of \$9,000 for fireworks for 2022. The Clerk asked for any suggestions to replace the carnival

9.7.2 **Old Train Station**

With the news of the new Library being built, there are some parties interested in the use of the train station and continue the tradition of public use of the space. There is a long-standing understanding that this space would become occupied by the North Cumberland Historical Society. A meeting of interested parties will be called.

9.7.3 **Seasonal staffing**

Interviews are in progress.

9.7.4 **Memorial Plaque**

A plaque of past memorials will be purchased, brought up to date with names and placed in a public area of the Village Hall.

9.7.5 **Webcam**

Allan Collis (Wallace Ridge) has worked on pricing and installing a camera that would be accessible to the public. He has also offered to provide free maintenance. It was generally agreed that the camera should include as much of Pugwash Harbour and sunsets as possible. The issue of privacy will be investigated.

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9.7.6 **Pride sidewalk/crosswalk**

Request from the community health board. We will get some more information.

9.7.7 **Vandalism and theft**

The Clerk listed some recent incident of vandalism in the park and on the Harbourfront Centre. Refundable containers are being stolen from public bins. Each incident could be regarded as petty, but they are ongoing. The Commission agreed that perhaps community policing would assist in reducing such incidents.

**10 MOTIONS**

10.1 None.

**11 NOTICE OF MOTION**

11.1 None.

**12 NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS**

12.1 The next regular Village meeting will be 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2022.

12.2 The Annual General Meeting will be 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

**13 ADJOURNMENT**

13.1 The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm by motion from Commissioner Wilson.

Respectfully submitted  
Lisa Betts  
Clerk Treasurer

Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_