

PUGWASH VILLAGE COMMISSION
Regular Meeting #451
12th June 2023 at 7pm
Board Room, Pugwash Village Hall

Meeting Number 451

1 CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1 Chair Brent Wilson the meeting to order at 7:03pm.
- 1.2 **Territorial Acknowledgment** – read by Chair Brent Wilson
We acknowledge that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

2 SWEARING IN OF NEW COMMISSIONER

- 2.1 Dave MacEwan was sworn in as Commissioner for the Village of Pugwash.

3 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- 3.1 Chair: Brent Wilson
3.2 Vice Chair: Sue Duncan
3.3 Signing officers: Roger Mundle and Sue Duncan

4 ROLL CALL

Commissioners: Chair Brent Wilson
Vice Chair Sue Duncan
Commissioner Roger Mundle
Commissioner Dave MacEwan
Commissioner Margaret Anderson

Staff: Clerk Treasurer & recording secretary, Lisa Betts

5 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- 5.1 **IT WAS MOVED** by Commissioner Duncan and seconded by Commissioner Mundle to approve the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

6 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 6.1 **IT WAS MOVED** by Commissioner Duncan and seconded by Commissioner MacEwan to approve the minutes of regular meeting 449, held May 8th.

MOTION CARRIED

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

7.1 Boardwalk repairs

The Clerk reported that there has been some delay in repairing the boardwalk by staff and with the assistance of a local contractor. This should be complete in time for Canada Day.

7.2 Dinghy Beach docks

The floating docks are owned by HarbourFest and stored for the winter on the volleyball courts. They have yet to be installed at Dinghy Beach for the summer. This will be done before July 1st.

8 ACTION LIST – actions completed

8.1 Request for extension of Municipal services – Municipality of Cumberland County.

Sent.

9 PRESENTATION

9.1 Lawrence Lake, CPA CA _ Morse Brewser Lake – Audited Financial Statement for 2023 by video conference

Mr Lake made his presentation, reporting that the Village was in good financial standing.

10 CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 Sunset Community – request for Letter of Support – sent.

10.2 Municipality of Cumberland – request for future development

Municipality staff has responded via Village staff asking what kind of infrastructure improvements the Commission would like to see. The Commission would like to see improvements to extend to areas of potential future development such as sewer south and easterly to the Rabbittown Road, along the Crowley Road to the Sunset Community, northerly to Pugwash Point and westward to at least as far as the Murray Road. Supply water should also be extended to these areas where not already served.

11 COMMITTEE REPORTS

11.1 Standing Committees

11.1.1 Accessibility [Betts]

No report.

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11.1.2 **Association of Nova Scotia Villages (ANSV)** [Duncan]

Commissioner Duncan presented a draft letter to be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing as a follow up to the letter the ANSV has already sent.

11.1.2.1 **IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Mundle and seconded by Commissioner MacEwan to approve the letter as presented and send it to the Minister.**

MOTION CARRIED

11.1.3 **Audit Committee** [Duncan]

No report.

11.1.4 **Policy Review** [MacEwan/Wilson]

No report.

11.2 **Special Committees**

11.2.1 **CN Train Station** [MacEwan/Wilson]

The current plan is to fill in the doorways between the *Gentlemen's Waiting Room* and the *Ticket Office* to separate the Farmers' Market area from the rest of the building. The floors not yet sanded and refinished are being worked on by Village staff (Betts).

11.3 **Advisory Committees**

11.3.1 None

11.4 **Community Committees or organizations with Village Commission/staff representation.**

11.4.1 **Communities in Bloom (CIB)** [Betts]

Today was "planting day" when the flowerboxes and planters are planted with annuals for the summer. The planters are in poor condition. CIB will be looking at new planters for next year. The posts that support the welcome signs on the Village limits are rotted. Commissioner Mundle will look into suppliers for juniper posts.

11.4.2 **Physician Recruitment and Retention** [Duncan/MacEwan/Bill Martin]

Duncan: No new information to report.

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11.5 Clerk Treasurer's Reports [Betts]

11.5.1 Financial

Tax income will be due by the end of July. Debt payments are complete this year, but that will not mean greater expenditures until reserves are built back up to where they should be. We will meanwhile, continue fiscal restraint.

11.5.2 Potential Trophy Case

A donation of a floor cabinet has been offered to display awards and trophies. After viewing, the commission agreed that it was too small.

11.5.3 Provincial assistance with non-insured losses incurred during post tropical storm Fiona.

With some assistance from MLA Smith-McCrossin's office, the Village may qualify for some financial assistance with boardwalk repairs.

11.5.4 Strategic Planning

The Commission will start finding dates to meet to work on new plans.

11.5.5 Canada Day and Gathering of the Clans

Plans are going well. Advance sales of entry and inflatable activity wristbands are ahead of last year's sales. We are up to two pipe bands. We could always use more volunteers.

12 MOTIONS

12.1 None.

13 NOTICE OF MOTION

13.1 None.

14 NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 Fireworks

The Commission considered an offer of half price fireworks from a person who had planned to use them for their wedding celebration. Following an extended period of dry weather this spring, there is currently a fire ban which includes all fireworks. The Pugwash Canada Day fireworks are

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already ordered and payment issued. The Commission decided to reject the offer.

[Note: The fire ban was lifted in time for the fireworks to be used for their original purpose.]

14.2 The next regular Village meeting will be 7pm, 14th August 2023.

13 ADJOURNMENT

13.1 The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm by motion from Commissioner Mundle.

Respectfully submitted

Lisa Betts

Clerk Treasurer

Chair _____

Clerk Treasurer _____