

Minutes

1. Call to Order

1.1 Chair Brent Wilson was absent. Commissioner Dave McEwen called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

1.2 An in-camera meeting was held before this meeting.

In-camera Per Section 408B (2) of the Municipal Government Act, the Commission moves into the in-camera as per Section 408B (2) of the Municipal Government Act to discuss the following: [specific topics addressed in the in-camera meeting].

- (a) Village property acquisition, sale, lease, and security.
- (e) Contract Negotiations

1.3 Return to Public Meeting at 7:17 pm

1.4 Territorial Acknowledgement- read by Chair Wilson.

“We acknowledge that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people.”

2. Roll Call of Commissioners.

Brent Wilson, Chair – Regrets
Commissioner Sue Duncan, Vice Chair
Commissioner Dave MacEwan
Commissioner Matthew Parker
Commissioner Margaret Anderson
Clerk-Treasurer Christie Blackie

3. Approval of Agenda

3.1 The agenda was approved as presented.

3.2 Call for Declaration of Conflict of Interest.

Approved by Commissioner Parker and Seconded by Commissioner Anderson

Motion Carried.

4. Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Duncan, that the minutes of Regular Meeting #479, held January 12th, 2026, be approved.

Motion Carried.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

5.1 CORE Active Transportation Task Force - The matter remains under review. Further discussion will take place at a future meeting when the Chair is present.

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5.2 Shore Up / Healing the Shore Grant - The Commission discussed the \$1,500 contribution offered by Councillor Houghtaling to initiate the shoreline study.

Motion that the \$1,500 contribution offered to initiate the Shore Up shoreline study be respectfully declined at this time. The Commission expressed appreciation for the offer.

Motion Carried.

6. Correspondence

6.1 Winter Carnival

The Winter Carnival will be held at Sunset Community Centre on Friday and Saturday from 1:00–4:00 pm. Commissioners were encouraged to attend and support the event.

6.2 TEDx Pugwash

Correspondence was received from Gordon Johnson advising that TEDx Pugwash will take place at Pugwash District High School on Sunday, May 3rd, 2026. Further meetings and updates are anticipated.

6.3 Cumberland Chamber of Commerce Breakfast

An invitation was received for a Chamber breakfast on the 19th.

6.4 Volunteer Recognition – Municipality of Cumberland

Information was received regarding Volunteer Recognition Week (April 19–25).

Commissioners were encouraged to submit nominations through the Municipality's online form.

7. Presentation – None.

8. Reports

8.1 Clerk-Treasurer's Report

The Clerk-Treasurer reported the following:

- Ongoing planning and coordination of the Winter Carnival, with strong community volunteer participation.
- Continued work on Gathering of the Clans, including discussions with the Midway regarding potential participation.
- Discussion with the County regarding summer recreation programming. The Village will review options for recreation staffing and programming in partnership with the County.
- Update regarding HarbourFest, which has changed its dates to August 7–8, 2026.
- Initial discussions regarding potential partnership opportunities with HarbourFest organizers.
- Participation in meetings regarding a proposed Joint Community Position (JCP), funded through Employment Nova Scotia. The position would focus on tourism and social media, in partnership with Thinkers' Lodge, the Village of Pugwash, and Wallace Area Development. Further discussions and application steps are pending.

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8.2 Financials

- General Account balance approximately **\$143,000**
- Gathering of the Clans Account balance approximately **\$39,000**
- Insurance reimbursement received in the amount of approximately **\$420**

8.3 Standing Committees

- Accessibility – No report.
- Audit – No report at this time. A meeting will be scheduled.

The Clerk-Treasurer advised that she has been appointed as a Commissioner of Oaths at no cost to the Village.

8.4 Community Committees

8.4.1 Communities in Bloom (CIB)

Meeting scheduled later in the week.

8.4.2 Association of Nova Scotia Villages (ANSV)

Update: The staff position has been posted, and interviews are expected to take place.

8.5 Advisory Committees

8.5.1 Policies – Nothing at this time

9. New or Other Business – None.

10. Adjournments

Motion by **Commissioner Parker** to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at **7:42 pm**.

Motion Carried

The next regular Village meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on March 9th, 2026.

Submitted by,
Christie Blackie
Clerk-Treasurer

Chair _____

Clerk Treasurer _____