

PUGWASH VILLAGE COMMISSION
Regular Meeting #420
14th December, 2020 at 7pm
Pugwash Village Hall, Board Room

Minute Number 420

CALL TO ORDER

420.1 Chair Roger Mundle called the meeting to order at 7pm

ROLL CALL

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

Staff: Clerk Treasurer, Lisa Betts (recording secretary)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION

420.3 It was moved by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Duncan that the agenda be accepted. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION

420.4 It was moved by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner MacEwan that the minutes of regular meeting 419 held November 9th 2020 be approved. **MOTION CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

420.5 None

ACTION LIST

420.6 The Clerk reported any changes in the status of Action List items or new information as has become available.

420.6.1 **e-mail addresses.** Complete.

420.6.2 **East Cumberland Lodge Sparkle of Light donation.** Complete.

420.6.3 **Additional insurance premium** for new swings and Fit Trail equipment: minimal. Complete.

420.6.4 **Municipal signage bylaw** investigation. Complete.

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- 420.6.5 **Christmas lights** - all went very well. Thanks to the Pugwash Fire Department, Mike Cameron and Terry Duncan. Complete.
- 420.6.6 **Video conferencing.** Of the great many applications available, in the past few months, options and pricing have converged. With the loosening of restrictions, the differences may become moot. WebEx may be the most viable free option. Complete.
- 420.6.7 **Playgrounds.** There is probably room to put a set of swings near the existing playsets. It is not deemed advisable to separate play areas as this makes supervision of children difficult. Different aged children have different preferences for areas of play. It has been arranged for the students at Cyrus Eaton Elementary School to be asked what they would like for additional play areas. The new manufactured wood substrate for play areas cannot be mixed with existing pea gravel. The existing area needs either a lot more pea gravel or have that removed and install the new product for the whole area. The volleyball court is rarely used. Some of this area could be used for new playground equipment, still leaving room for the carnival, for as long as it continues to come to Pugwash for July 1st. Ongoing.
- 420.6.8 The **crosswalk signs** at the Durham/Russel/Howe intersection have been replaced. There are still business signs that clutter the area and detract from the crosswalk signs. The Clerk will ask the owners of the signs to remove/relocate them. Ongoing.

PRESENTATIONS

420.7 None.

CORRESPONDENCE

420.8 **Friends of the Pugwash Library** - request for letters of support for the Multi Purpose Centre (MPC) (now moot).
Architecture 49 (A49) won the tender to produce a business plan and detailed architectural plans which will reflect a request to produce an energy *net zero* building. The Clerk attended a Zoom meeting with the reconvened MPC committee and A49. The Clerk will request that Commissioners Martin and Duncan be invited to future community meetings for this project.

420.9 **Solar Power at the Farmers Market** - Jennifer Houghtaling

420.10 **Water use update** - Municipality of Cumberland County

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

420.11 Clerk Treasurer's Reports

- 420.11.1 **Parking on Water Street.** Despite repeated written requests to local businesses over many years, employees of some local businesses persist in taking up parking space on Water Street. This makes access to the bank and pharmacy difficult for elderly or for anyone disabled. This is exacerbated in the winter months when roads and sidewalks can be icy or piled with snow. Meanwhile, the Municipal car park on the waterfront goes mostly unused. There is also lots of parking space on the Village side streets. The Commission agreed that the Clerk should ask for one hour parking signs to be erected at the Scotiabank end of Water Street.
- 420.11.2 **Streetlight request.** The Commissioners agreed that a request be made to add a street light on Water Street just south of the Village Hall where the side walk is very poorly lit.
- 420.11.3 **Development agreements.** Permits for development within the Village area are issued by the Municipality with no knowledge of the Commission which then is kept ignorant of how these may work in concert or in conflict with any plans the Commission is making. These developments may also affect tax income and thus the Village's budget plans.

MOTION

- 420.12 It was moved by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Wilson that the Municipality of Cumberland be formally requested to advise the Village of Pugwash of any development permits issued for use within the Village limits.** **MOTION CARRIED**

420.13 Accessibility (Municipality)

No report

420.14 Association of Nova Scotia Villages (ANSV)

Commissioner Martin reported he is Vice Chair of the ANSV. The board meets quarterly.

420.15 Physician Recruitment

Commissioner Martin reported that there appears to not be full collaboration within and between the committees in the County. The doctor shortage has been somewhat alleviated but now there is a shortage of nursing staff.

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420.16 Communities in Bloom

No report.

420.17 Dangerous and Unsightly

Commissioner Wilson asked the Commission to reconsider whether this committee is appropriate for the Village Commission. Information for residents directing them to the appropriate department at the Municipality will be included in the Village newsletter or whatever other appropriate medium. The Clerk will get updated estimates to paint or side the old firehall.

MOTION

420.18 It was moved by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner MacEwan that the Dangerous and Unsightly Committee be dissolved.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTIONS

420.19 None.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

420.20 None.

NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS

420.21 The next regular meeting of the Pugwash Village Commission will be Monday, 7pm 11th January 2021

ADJOURNMENT

420.22 The meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm by motion from Commissioner Wilson.

Respectfully submitted
Lisa Betts
Clerk Treasurer

Chair _____

Clerk Treasurer _____