

PUGWASH VILLAGE COMMISSION  
Regular Meeting #433  
10th January 2022 at 7pm  
Pugwash Village Hall Board Room

**Meeting Number 433**

**1 CALL TO ORDER**

1.1 Chair Roger Mundle called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

1.2 **Territorial Acknowledgment** - Declared by Commissioner Martin

**2 ROLL CALL**

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

Regrets: Vice Chair Brent Wilson

Staff: Clerk Treasurer, Lisa Betts (recording secretary)

Gallery: Counsellor Houghtaling

**3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner MacEwan and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to approve the minutes of regular meeting 432, 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021. MOTION CARRIED**

**5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

5.1 **Elizabeth Smith-McCrossin (MLA)** - request for office space  
There was some discussion about reduced access to the room for use by seasonal Village staff and rental rates. The Commission agreed that a sign can be put up outside as long as it is not too big. The Clerk will discuss terms and rental rates with the MLA's office.

5.2 **IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner MacEwan that the second office may be rented to Elizabeth Smith-McCrossin on a monthly basis on condition the Probation Officer has continued access to the space.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**6 ACTION LIST**

**6.1 Public Works Building**

The Commissioners approved the suggested new signage options presented. It was decided that the signs could go up when ready and temporarily removed when new siding or paint is applied later. The deadline for quotes for paint or siding is January 31<sup>st</sup>.

**6.2 Greeting cards**

The clerk suggested that the cards may be easier to promote if proceeds went to (for example) the Gathering of the Clans.

**6.3 Strategic Planning workshops**

NS Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing is putting all workshop bookings on hold due to the Omicron covid variant outbreak.

**6.4 Letters to Municipality - recreation funding, CBF (gas tax) access**

No response to either letter has been received by the Village office. Councilor Houghtaling was able to report that the recreation funding subject will be discussed within budget meetings at the Municipality.

**6.5 Note:**

Unresolved Action List items will remain to be listed until completed. Action item that become an ongoing operational item (policy or MoU review) do not need to be included unless a particular subject is under discussion.

**7 PRESENTATION**

7.1 None.

**8 CORRESPONDENCE**

**8.1 Letter to Municipality re: unsightly and dangerous properties**

No response has been received by the Village office.

**8.2 Letter of support re: off road vehicle access to designated public highways**

The organizations copied are pleased to have received the letter.

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- 8.3 **IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner MacEwan to request in writing to NS Department Public Works to consider allowing off road vehicles access to Village services by appropriate, designated highway routes. MOTION CARRIED**

**9 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**9.1 Accessibility (Joint with Municipality)**

No report.

**9.2 Association of Nova Scotia Villages**

Teleconference board meeting is scheduled for January 31<sup>st</sup> at 3:30pm.

**9.3 Audit Committee**

No report.

**9.4 Physician Recruitment and Retention**

Commissioner Martin reported a physician will be visiting the Village on the weekend. Commissioner Martin said that this news was only made known very recently. The County representative has already made these preparations, giving the local committee very little time to participate in the usual activities or tours.

**9.5 Communities in Bloom (CIB)**

No report.

**9.6 Library**

No report.

**9.7 Clerk Treasurer's Reports**

**9.7.1 Double Crested Cormorants**

After an absence of a couple of seasons, a flock of about 30 of these migratory (protected) birds have returned to Pugwash for the last two summers. During breeding season, the birds congregate near Paige Point through the day and roost on the power lines over the south end of harbour bridge at night. Their smelly, greasy guano makes a mess of the sidewalk and damages the decks of the boats moored at the yacht club nearby. The Pugwash Yacht Club membership has asked if the Village can engage Nova Scotia Power Inc. (NSPI) and look for a solution. This issue was raised with NS Department Environment in 2016 which passed it along to NSPI, with no further action seen to be taken (see minute 359.18). A direct approach was made to NSPI last

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month. A NSPI environmentalist has visited the site last week and a report or action is promised.

9.7.2 **Observe council/online meetings**

As is the case with most Municipalities, Municipality of Cumberland County council meetings can be viewed online via Facebook. The Clerk recommended that Commissioners observe the proceedings. This would be particularly useful if the Commission decides to hold meetings in the same manner.

**Action Item:** Investigate holding commission meetings online.

9.7.3 **Bridge shack construction** - This ingenious, but potentially dangerous construction by local teens under the decking of the harbour bridge, has been reported by the Village by email (23<sup>rd</sup> December 2021) to NS Dept Public Works. Their reply indicates they will be removing the “building”.

**10 MOTIONS**

10.1 None.

**11 NOTICE OF MOTION**

11.1 None.

**12 NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS**

12.1 The next budget meeting will be arranged soon.

12.2 The next regular Village meeting will be 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2022.

**13 ADJOURNMENT**

13.1 The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm by motion from Commissioner Duncan.

Respectfully submitted

Lisa Betts

Clerk Treasurer

Chair \_\_\_\_\_

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