

Pugwash Village Commission

Regular Meeting #463

12th of August 2024 at 7pm

Board Room, Pugwash Village Hall

Minutes

1 **Call to Order**

1.1 Chair Brent Wilson called meeting to order at 7pm

1.2 An in-camera meeting was held prior to this meeting.

1.3 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**

Commissioners: Chair Brent Wilson

Commissioner Dave MacEwan

Commissioner Matthew Parker

Vice Chair Sue Duncan

Commissioner Margaret Anderson

3 **Approval of Agenda**

3.1 It was moved by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Vice Chair Duncan to approve the agenda.

Motion Carried.

3.2 Call of Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None.

4 **Approval of the Minutes**

6.1 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner MacEwan to approve the minutes of Meeting #462 held June 10th, 2024.

5 **Business Arising from the Minutes**

5.1 None.

6 **Presentations**

6.1 **Helmut Termath-** Soup kitchen or Community Lunch at the Meeting Place Church on Russell Street. Looking for any available funding to

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help cover costs of running lunch. First lunch date would be on Wednesday September 4th, and hope to be every Wednesday after that. The targeted group would be for local community and kids from the high school. "The need is here"- Helmut. Right now they can only do one day a week, but their goal is to eventually get to seven days of operation per week. Was looking for \$1000 in funding from Village. Wednesdays coincide with Foodbank day, so people who come to the Village to pick up foodbank items can also grab lunch at the soup kitchen. The elementary school send food home to 30 families in the Pugwash area. Estimated 60 people present every Wednesday. Commissioners have to review budget to allow funding for soup kitchen. TABLED

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Correspondences

- 7.1 **Conference of Annual General Meeting**- Notice that it is coming up on September 20th-21st, Commissioner Duncan involved, takes place in St. Peters, Nova Scotia.
- 7.2 **Dinghy Beach**- Start of mural looks great. Jennifer Houghtaling sent email to Brent asking for \$1000 funding towards mural. Most businesses in the community have supported the project with grants and/or sponsorships. Were looking for a small buffer in the case of delays to the mural. Christie will look into the beautification budget to see if it allows for the expense. Commissioners cannot commit to anything that is outside the budget. Idea for mural was John Keddy's, he has also put \$2000 into the project.
- 7.3 **Pugwash Fire Department Fishing Derby**- Vote on budgeted donation to the derby. Commissioner Duncan makes motion that the Village donates to the event \$1000. Commissioners vote. MOTION CARRIED.
- 7.4 **Harbourfest Donation**- Request of \$1000 as a budgeted amount towards Harbourfest. Commissioner Anderson makes motion that

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they grant Harbourfest the donation of \$1000, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Commissioners vote. MOTION CARRIED.

- 7.5 **Cyrus Eaton Elementary**- Thanks Village for donations to their end of year activities.
- 7.6 **Pugwash District High School**- Thank you card for donations of bursaries and scholarships at graduation.
- 7.7 Lieutenant Ross Hamilton- Thank you letter to Chair Commissioner Brent Wilson.
- 7.8 **NS Public Health**- Certificate of Appreciation.

8 **Committee Reports**

8.1 **Standing Committees**

8.1.1 **Accessibility** (MacEwan)

No report.

8.1.2 **Association of Nova Scotia Villages (ANSV)** (Duncan)

No report.

8.1.3 **Audit** (Duncan)

No report.

8.1.4 **Policy Review** (MacEwan/Wilson)

No report.

8.2 **Special Committees**

8.2.1 **CN Train Station** (MacEwan, Wilson, Houghtaling)

Houghtaling: The part of the train station that is run by the Farmers Market is called the *Market Hub* and it has been terrific. Someone is in there six days a week now. Mark from sunset making coffee, one of

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the main reasons for opening Hub. They have taken a step back and have really looked at what needs “shaking out” financially. They will have a report for the village at the end of the year so they can discuss what is happening financially, as well as the lease agreement. Pat the president of the Farmers Market was also present at the meeting. Hoping to continue past the summer months. Final night market will be Friday, August 30th, 2024. Bathrooms- wash station did not arrive. Bathrooms are quoted to cost \$40,000 for the full renovation. Hot water system in the building was fully replaced. Market covered costs of portable washrooms for historical society using grants, washroom and portable station was \$460 a month. Looking to apply for more grants to cover costs of 1) Accessible door 2) New brick.

8.3 **Advisory Committee**

8.3.1 None.

8.4 **Community Committee or Organizations with Village Commission/Staff Representation**

8.4.1 **Communities in Bloom (CIB)** (Blackie)

Next meeting August 15th 12-3p.m.

8.5 **Clerk Treasurer Reports** (Blackie)

8.5.1 **Action List**

8.5.1.1 **Train Station Washrooms**

Vivian Godfrey’s art to be moved from Baptist church to Train Station.

8.5.1.2 **Recreation**

Rachel and Mya have been doing a good job day-to-day keeping village up to date. Rachel having movie night on Wednesday, August 14th (SING), needs to borrow speakers from Dave MacEwan. Rachel also asking for updated rec equipment. Mya

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and Rachel getting 15-20 people per day in VIC, giving away pins and pens. Harbourfest Signal Hill event August 15th in the park.

8.5.2 Gathering of the Clans

Nothing.

8.5.3 Vandalism

Nothing.

9 Motions

9.1 None.

10 Notices of Motion

10.1 None.

11 New or Other Business

11.1 The next regular Village meeting is 7:00p.m. September 9th, 2024

12 Adjournments

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38p.m. by motion from Chair Wilson.

Respectfully submitted,
Christie Blackie
Acting Clerk Treasurer

Chair _____

Clerk Treasurer _____