

PUGWASH VILLAGE COMMISSION  
Regular Meeting #342  
20th October, 2014 at 7pm  
Pugwash Village Hall

**Minute Number 342**

**PRESENT**

Roger Mundle (Vice Chair), Dave Farley, Charlie Gould and Christie Blackie

**RECORDING SECRETARY**

Lisa Betts

**CALL TO ORDER**

342.1 The Commission of the Village of Pugwash met at 7pm in the Village Hall Board Room on 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2014. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Mundle.

**REGRETS**

342.2 Commissioner Kathy Redmond was unable to attend.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION**

**342.3 It was moved by Commissioner Blackie and seconded by Commissioner Farley that the agenda be adopted.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES**

**MOTION**

**342.4 It was moved by Commissioner Blackie and seconded by Commissioner Gould that the minutes of regular meeting 341, held September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 be approved.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

342.5 The ANSV conference and AGM hosted in Pugwash went very well.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Communities in Bloom (CIB) - chair Maureen Leahey**

342.6 Mrs Leahey thanked the Commission for their support and presented the Commission with a framed copy of the certificate of the win by Pugwash as a five bloom first place in the category of communities under 1,000 in the national competition. The village was also a finalist for the Youth Involvement Award for the PeaceGround project in Eaton Park. The national judges left 33

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recommendations which CIB will use to help plan for future projects which could include promoting the use of rain barrels, extending the spring clean-up, reducing litter from cigarette butts and batteries etc.

**Pugwash and Area Chamber of Commerce - chair Nancy Burgess-Graham**

342.7 Mrs Burgess-Graham wanted the Commissioners to know that a funding application has been granted by Nova Scotia Tourism for downtown enhancement project. The funding is worth \$17,000. Components of the project include interpretive signage with a walking guide, solid waste bins, gateway sign landscaping and additional signage. Monies are supposed to be spent by March 31<sup>st</sup> 2015. The grant approval has occurred late in the year, but the funding body agrees that as long as projects have started, that the conditions of the grant will be met.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Pugwash and Area Master Plan - Infrastructure – Municipal Water**

342.8 Councillor Gillis reported that a good source of water has been identified and it has tested very well for volume and recovery. The next phases are to develop and protect the site and to then secure the financing for the project. Councillor Gillis said that the cost to home owners will be kept as low and reasonable as possible.

**Pugwash and Area Master Plan – Multi-purpose Centre (MPC)**

342.9 No report.

**Pugwash and Area Master Plan – Tourism – Visitor Information Centre (VIC)**

342.10 No report.

**Pugwash and Area Master Plan - Collaboration and Communication (CCAT)**

342.11 No report.

**Association of Municipal Administrators**

342.12 The Clerk reported that the three day conference in Digby was very informative and often very humorous, with some excellent speakers.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Review – Consultative Report**

342.13 The Clerk gave a quick review of the genesis of the report (see also COMMUNICATIONS) nearly two years ago. Cape Breton Regional Municipality (CBRM) complained that Federal equalization payments were not being fairly

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distributed. The government (at that time the NDP) then responded by asking the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities (UNSM) to do a review on equalization payments. The review process quickly found that there were several other problems with Municipal financing and the study grew into the five part report just released. There are 41 recommendations. There will be four presentations around different parts of the province explaining the content of the report. All municipal units and villages are urged to attend. The closest session to Pugwash is in Truro on October 28<sup>th</sup>. The response to the report from these units is due at NS Dept Municipal Affairs by December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Crystal Tourism Awards of Excellence (TIANS)**

342.14 The Clerk said that, as a board member of the Central Nova Tourism Association (CNTA) [representing the Gathering of the Clans], she would like to nominate Pugwash Communities in Bloom for the Community Service Award.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**CNTA**

342.15 Sent congratulations to the village for winning the Communities in Bloom national competition.

**Mark Furey, Minister for Municipal Affairs**

342.16 Minister Furey's letter explaining some of the process of how to respond to the Municipal Fiscal Review was read out by Commissioner Blackie. (Please see attached). The Clerk recommended that the commissioners read the entire report, not just the structural change section which has recommendations about the future of incorporated villages.

**Northumberland Boating Association (NBA)**

342.17 The NBA requests the village commission's approval to potentially use part of the village's property at the end of Water Street for a fuelling station. They would like to secure the use of the property for 10 years. Reportedly, all NBA members have agreed to take the training necessary to obtain the certification necessary to run the fuelling station. The Commissioners would like some more information about the project, for example: what liability insurance coverage would be purchased? Councillor Gillis reported that ACOA will not fund marinas but they my help with waterfront development, this being meant in very broad terms. There was a concern about the aesthetics of a fuelling station at the end of Water Street. The river has been very busy this year with boating traffic, it being thought that the marking of the channel

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**MOTION**

**342.18 It was moved by Commissioner Farley and seconded by Commissioner Gould that they are supportive in principle of the Northumberland Boating Association project to provide gas and diesel services, located on village property (PID: 25363649) pending further information that would be available in a business plan.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**342.19 It was moved by Commissioner Farley and seconded by Commissioner Gould that the Treasurer's un-audited report be approved as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

342.20 The next Village Commission Meeting will be on Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

342.21 There has been more vandalism on the new front steps and ramp of the village hall where the spindles have been kicked out. Going under the theory that the culprits are attracted to the steps by the free wi-fi, the wi-fi router has been turned off. It is unfortunate that wi-fi used by villagers and visitors is now not unavailable from 6pm to 7am because of the thoughtless vandalism of a few people.

**ADJOURNMENT**

342.18 The meeting was adjourned at 8pm by Commissioner Gould.

Respectfully submitted  
Lisa Betts  
Clerk Treasurer

Chair \_\_\_\_\_

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