

PUGWASH VILLAGE COMMISSION
Regular Meeting #343
17th November, 2014 at 7pm
Pugwash Village Hall

Minute Number 343

PRESENT

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

RECORDING SECRETARY

Lisa Betts

CALL TO ORDER

343.1 The Commission of the Village of Pugwash met at 7pm in the Village Hall Board Room on 17th November, 2014. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Redmond.

REGRETS

343.2 None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

343.3 Addition to the agenda: presentation about a Student Action Grant

MOTION

343.4 It was moved by Commissioner Mundle and seconded by Commissioner Farley that the agenda be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES

MOTION

343.5 It was moved by Commissioner Blackie and seconded by Commissioner Gould that the minutes of regular meeting 342, held October 20th, 2014 be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

343.6 None.

PRESENTATIONS

Student Action Grant – Cadence Steeves and Robin Dewar (late: Lucas Bollong)

343.7 The Grade 5 students from Cyrus Eaton Elementary School have applied for, and been granted, a student action grant to pay for two benches. The \$500 from the

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Chignecto School Board is not given to many groups. The benches are being built by students of PDHS. They will be a place that a student can go who is feeling lonely or bullied. Other students who see them there can approach and help them if they can. There will be one bench inside the school building and one in the playground. The students would like to invite the commission to their opening ceremony of the benches in the Spring and would probably like some help planting some flowers where the outside bench will be located.

Pugwash Water Supply

Justin Waugh-Cress, Director of Public Works, Municipality of Cumberland County.

343.8 Mr Waugh-Cress explained where the supply wells for the village are located and process by which they were identified, answering questions from the commission and from the gallery as the presentation continued. Mr Waugh-Cress had maps to help demonstrate where the wells are in relation to the Village of Pugwash and geological formations.

Good water of more than ample volume and recovery have been identified on land between the Pugwash River Road and Rte 321 to Oxford. The water has tested well for minerals with low levels of iron and manganese that can easily be treated for aesthetic purposes. There will be a meeting of the Water Action Team called for early/mid December. The wells are 350-400' deep.

The next phase will be to protect the area by acquiring land, zoning it and introducing bylaws that will avoid any potential contamination. After the land is protected a Request for Proposals would be extended to find an engineering firm to determine a distribution system. The water delivery route system will have to be determined with right-of-ways or easements from property owners secured. Piping is about \$200,000 per kilometre. Extension of the sewer system may be considered at the same time as excavation for supply water. There will probably be a pumping station required on the village core side of the Harbour. A back-up supply or reservoir in the form of a water tower is likely to be required. This takes some of the load off the well at peak usage times.

OLD BUSINESS

Pugwash and Area Master Plan - Infrastructure – Municipal Water

343.9 No report.

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

343.10 No report.

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

343.11 No report.

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

343.12 No report.

Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Review – Consultative Report – Provincial response

343.13 Commissioner Farley gave a report of the session he and Commissioner Mundle attended in Truro with the NS Department of Municipal Affairs on October 28th. Commissioner Farley said there was a mix of opinion made as to the future of Villages, he also reported that if all the recommendations were accepted, Cumberland County would lose out financially. The Clerk reported that other similar meetings were better attended by other NS villages and that the ANSV had also met, resulting in a media release. The most recent development is the comments made by the Premier where he states that the Province is not about to force any municipal amalgamations, including that of villages. Commissioner Redmond read his statement from Hansard from November 13th (see attached).

Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Review – Consultative Report – Petition

343.14 The Association of Nova Scotia Villages (ANSV) has released a petition which asks for Municipal Affairs to be sure to consult with Villages when making decisions affecting them. The Clerk will find out more about this petition including how it is to be distributed.

Northumberland Boating Association

343.15 In response to an inquiry about the letter sent by the boating association last month, Commissioner Redmond read out the motion from October's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Thinkers' Lodge Society

343.16 Commissioner Farley reported that the society is now registered. Jim Campbell (County) will facilitate meetings Saturday at the high school that will include elections of the executive, Councillor Gills will represent the Municipality in the society and Commissioner Farley will represent the Village of Pugwash.

Christmas-by-the-sea

343.17 The Village Hall will have its Open House and light exchange from 3:30pm to 5pm on Friday December 5th. Santa will be at the old train station at 7pm for the official lighting of the community Christmas tree, along with Councillor Gills and Commissioner Redmond.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Request for Funding

Cyrus Eaton Elementary School (CEES)

343.18 Mike LeBlanc, Physical education teacher with CEES, submitted an application using the form available on the front page of the Village website. However, there were some details missing. The Clerk will follow up on the application to get some more information.

Open Hamper Food Bank - fundraiser

MOTION

343.19 **It was moved by Commissioner Blackie and seconded by Commissioner Mundle that the Village donate \$500 to the fundraiser.**

MOTION CARRIED

East Cumberland Lodge - Sparkle of Light

343.20 The request for funding was denied.

Thank you card - Friends of the Margaret King School

343.21 Thanks to Commissioner Mundle for speaking at the memorial garden opening.

Communities in Bloom

343.22 A request for a change of funding arrangement for summer staff was received. The commissioners will keep this in mind when budget meetings discuss summer staffing.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

MOTION CARRIED

343.24 The Clerk advised the commissioners that budget meetings will be starting in the new year.

INFORMATION ITEMS

343.25 The next Village Commission Meeting will be on Monday, December 15th at 7pm.

ADJOURNMENT

343.26 The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm by Commissioner Blackie.

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Respectfully submitted
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Clerk Treasurer

Chair _____

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