

PUGWASH VILLAGE COMMISSION  
Regular Meeting #344  
16th December, 2014 at 7pm  
Pugwash Village Hall

**Minute Number 344**

**PRESENT**

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

**RECORDING SECRETARY**

Lisa Betts

**CALL TO ORDER**

344.1 The Commission of the Village of Pugwash met at 7pm in the Village Hall Board Room on 16th December, 2014. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Redmond.

**REGRETS**

344.2 None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION**

344.3 It was moved by Commissioner Redmond that the agenda be adopted as circulated.

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES**

**MOTION**

344.4 It was moved by Commissioner Mundle and seconded by Commissioner Gould that the minutes of regular meeting 343, held November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 be approved.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

344.5 None.

**PRESENTATION**

344.6 None

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**OLD BUSINESS**

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

344.7 Commissioner Farley reported that Dillon Consulting had made their final report to the water supply steering committee (December 12<sup>th</sup>). A good source of water has been identified that will require minimal treatment for aesthetic purposes (and chlorine as required by regulation). The next phase of work to be done will be to secure the properties by a variety of means (zoning/purchase/bylaw). The Municipality will be applying for funding from the Build Canada Fund.

There will be some confidentiality attached to the location of the wells until the properties are secured and the area protected. Certain operations will not be permitted in the area, but normal use of ATVs, snowmobiles, horseback riders or by hikers would be allowed. Properties that are still fully wooded would have more value to the project than clear cut land as the natural woods help protect the well field. The production wells and local wells are far enough apart that should not have any effect on each other.

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

344.8 The Clerk reported that the County had spoken to the owners of the preferred site. They are fully aware of the importance of the project and should have an answer as to whether they would sell in the New Year.

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

344.9 No report.

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

344.10 The Clerk plans on rebuilding the village website over the Christmas break.

**Thinkers Lodge Society (TLS)**

344.11 Commissioner Farley read a report from the Society.

On November 22<sup>nd</sup> the inaugural general meeting of the board was held of the TLS. Twelve of the 13 directors attended either in person or by Skype. An executive was elected, chaired by Shawn Brunt; vice chair Dave Farley; Secretary Chris Henneberry; Treasurer Chris Bryant. Following the executive election positions were filled for the four operating committees:  
Infrastructure and Scheduling - chair: Teresa Kewachuk  
Program - Chairs: Bonnie Bond and Sandra Butcher  
Finance and Fundraising - Chair: Chris Bryant  
Marketing and Communications - Chair: Nancy Burgess- Graham

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On December 3<sup>rd</sup> the operations group meeting was held and the terms of reference reviewed. Updates on each committee were given by the Chairs. The committees are moving ahead with forming business plans and putting in place volunteers to assist future activities. Another meeting of the operations committees is scheduled for early January to review the initial business plans for the coming year.

TLS is requesting some seed money from the Village Commission and the County. Commissioner Farley mentioned that financial support from the Village Commission would probably encourage assistance from the County. The Village is being asked for \$2,500 and the County is being asked for \$7,500. Chair Brunt may make a presentation to the Village Commission in the New Year. An agreement of partnership and cooperation between Pugwash Parks Commission and the TLS has been agreed to.

**UNSM Fiscal Review**

344.12 The Clerk reported that nearly all villages have sent a response to the Province in reaction to the recommendations made by the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities (UNSM). The Village of Pugwash sent their response last week. The deadline was December 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Clerk was permitted to listen in on, but not participate in, the telephone conference called by the rural caucus of the UNSM. [Note: this was requested by the ANSV who was asking the rural caucus to reject recommendations 13 and 14]. The Clerk reported that Cumberland County was not represented at the meeting. Kings County, which includes seven incorporated villages, made a passionate plea for Villages. The rural caucus voted to not reject recommendation 13. They did not wholly accept recommendation 14 as the majority did believe that a decision to dissolve should be left to the particular Village. They also did not like the part of the recommendation that suggested that villages could be absorbed into a town.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Summer Student**

344.13 The Clerk asked the Commission if it would support applying for funds for summer students that would include the Visitor Information Centre. This would normally be a budget discussion, but the (Federal) funding deadline is 30<sup>th</sup> January.

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**MOTION**

**344.14 It was moved by Commissioner Blackie and seconded by Commissioner Mundle that the Commission continue hiring summer students, including those employed to run the Visitor Information Centre.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Snow Removal**

344.15 The Clerk reported that only one contractor responded to the call to tender for snow and ice removal.

**MOTION**

**344.16 It was moved by Commissioner Farley and seconded by Commissioner Gould that the proposal from Johnathan Mundle for snow and ice removal be accepted.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Request for Funding**

**Northumberland Community Curling Club (NCCC)**

344.17 Request for \$225 for a sponsorship sign. Other levels of government have sponsored the NCCC. The Commission will look at increasing the amount of financial support at their next budget meeting.

**MOTION**

**344.18 It was moved by Commissioner Blackie and seconded by Commissioner Gould that the Commission purchase a sponsor sign from the curling club.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Heart and Stroke Foundation**

344.19 The Clerk's application for funding for an AED (automated external defibrillator) was rejected. This was a budget item and the purchase was delayed while waiting for a response to the funding request. The Clerk will purchase an AED as originally planned.

**Communities in Bloom**

344.20 Request for Village involvement for two projects the group is planning.

Butt out project: The Village Commission had no problem (1) proclaiming a day in Spring as Butt Out Day (2) printing posters or (3) promoting the event in the website. However, as cigarette receptacles would be a budget item, which

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decision would have to be made later. The Clerk pointed out that there is an existing law (Smoke Free Places Act, 2006) that prevents smoking within 4m (13.1 feet) from a door or window to a building where anyone is working. Butt out receptacles could possibly encourage smokers to smoke within this buffer area. The Commission supports reducing litter, if it is a problem.

New banner design. The Commission is concerned about losing the Village logo form new banners. The Clerk told the meeting about the considerable amount of design work and consultation that went on when the banners were first designed in early 2010. The vinyl that they were printed on has not withstood exposure well. They have become faded and are starting to tear. There are probably new products that would withstand the elements better. Alternatively, the commission could budget to replace the banners more frequently.

Communities in Bloom chair, Maureen Leahey was in the gallery and was asked to explain the plan. She said that a CIB committee had looked at banners from other towns and villages and they suggested a new banner with the same colours as the present one but with less writing. A final design will be ready for the commission to look at in January.

**Waterfront Development Corporation**

344.21 The subject of changing the legislation around the incorporation of the WDC has been brought up again in a recent Chamber of Commerce meeting. The Clerk talked again to MLA Terry Farrell, who corresponded again with Colin MacLean at WDC who explained again that this is not possible (see attached correspondence). In brief: The WDC is a land developer and they work on their own properties in Halifax and Lunenburg. They do not develop on land not belonging to them. They do offer *pro bono* advice to community groups. They have advised representatives from Pugwash of their situation in previous meetings. They have enjoyed working with the community in helping with the tall ships, which are hoped to return in 2017.

The Clerk was directed to send this information on to the Chamber of Commerce executive.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

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344.23 Commissioner Redmond advised the Commission she would like soon to discuss with the Municipality of Cumberland County on how sewer taxes are charged by the Municipality.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

344.24 Commissioner Redmond reported that she had enjoyed the Pugwash Fire Department annual banquet. The Clerk will send a card of appreciation to the Department.

344.25 Commissioner Gould represented the Village Commission at the official tree lighting ceremony during Christmas-by-the-Sea.

344.26 New carpets will be replacing the 34 year old carpets in the Village Hall. They will be installed during the Christmas break.

344.27 Communities in Bloom hosted a very entertaining and enjoyable event during Christmas-by-the-sea.

344.28 The next Village Commission Meeting will be on Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

344.29 Commissioner Redmond wished all present a Merry Christmas, a happy new year and safe travels.

**ADJOURNMENT**

344.26 The meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm by Commissioner Gould.

Respectfully submitted  
Lisa Betts  
Clerk Treasurer

Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_