

PUGWASH VILLAGE COMMISSION
Regular Meeting #345
19th January, 2015 at 7pm
Pugwash Village Hall

Minute Number 345

PRESENT

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

RECORDING SECRETARY

Lisa Betts

CALL TO ORDER

345.1 The Commission of the Village of Pugwash met at 7pm in the Village Hall Board Room on 19th January, 2015. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Redmond. Commissioner Redmond welcomed those in the gallery.

REGRETS

345.2 Dave Farley

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION

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

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES

MOTION

345.4 It was moved by Commissioner Mundle and seconded by Commissioner Gould that the minutes of regular meeting 344, held December 16th, 2014 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

345.5 None.

PRESENTATION

**Pugwash and Area Chamber of Commerce – Nancy Burgess-Graham
Heritage Vignette Attraction Signs**

345.6 Three to four sites have been identified. The exact number of sites will depend on final costs and degree of funding. The locations planned are:

Water Street - between PharmaChoice and Cut to the Chase hairdressers

Water Street – gravel space at top of playground

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Durham Street – outside of the Post Office

Victoria Street – near Dinghy Beach

Each site comprises of a bench, planters, stone paving, identifiers and an interpretive panel. Interpretive panel content will be in consultation with the Historical Society.

Some Commissioners were concerned about replacing a popular picnic table location with a bench at the playground site. There was some discussion about whether stone or gravel would be a better substrate. The benches/planters would be moveable for snow removal.

OLD BUSINESS

Pugwash and Area Master Plan - Infrastructure – Municipal Water

345.7 No report.

Chair Redmond asked at what time in the process of bringing in Municipal water were the residents of the Village consulted if they wanted it? As none of the Municipal Water committee was present, the Clerk responded that after testing many, but not all, village wells a large number were identified as containing higher than acceptable levels of uranium and arsenic. After that an Open House was held at St Thomas More church hall with comments from residents. The Clerk was unable to answer whether a plebiscite should have been held before this point and deferred the question back to the committee in charge.

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

345.8 No report.

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

345.9 The highway signs have been installed.

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

345.10 The Clerk reported that the website is mostly built and, now other work commitments have been completed, content can be added. It is hoped to launch the new website in the next few weeks.

Communities in Bloom (CIB) - banner design

345.11 Norene Smiley was asked to explain the design to the meeting. She explained that the new design is bolder but more Pugwash centric than the current design. The design is to be more flexible in that the sidebar text can be changed at minimal cost. There was a design sample at the meeting. CIB would like to

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produce 30 new banners, replacing some of the worn out current banners and also extending further out into the approaches of the Village. They would be the same size and form of construction as the current banners. A cost estimate, not including design costs, is for about \$3,700. The Clerk added that, as the banners need to be replaced every two or three seasons, their replacement costs should be considered an operating cost as opposed to a project cost.

Chair Redmond asked what was CIB asking of the Commission. Mrs Smiley responded that they would like an approval of the design concept.

Note: The current banners were designed by Bruce Hudson of Malagash in 2010. They were not produced until late summer, so were not displayed until 2011.

Cenotaph

345.12 The Clerk reported that the funding application to Veterans Affairs Canada has been made. The approval process can take up to 12 weeks. The project cost is \$20,200 and Veterans Affairs may cover up to 50% of costs.

NEW BUSINESS

Accessible parking

345.13 The Clerk reported that a request had been received for accessible parking spots to be made in the Village. Local businesses have been asked if they have had similar requests, with only the bank reporting that handicapped has been requested in the past. The Clerk will continue to research the matter as to jurisdiction, what is required by law and enforcement.

Northumberland Community Curling Club

345.14 Chair Redmond asked to revisit property tax exemption for the curling club. She reported that it is a facility that is used year round and is run by volunteers. She said that it attracts people from outside of the area to come to Pugwash.

345.15 Commissioner Gould made that motion to exempt NCCC of Village property taxes. There motion was not seconded. Commissioner Mundle asked if a proposal could be made before any further discussion on the matter proceeded.

345.16 Claude Hudson, the president of the NCC, being in the gallery, was asked if a presentation could be made to the commission at the next meeting. It was agreed that NCCC make a presentation in February.

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Butt Out Day

345.17 Norene Smile was asked to explained Butt Out day to the meeting. A \$500 wellness grant has been obtained. The main partners will be: PDHS, the Village Commission, Communities in Bloom and Pugwash and Area Chamber of Commerce. On Friday May 1st there will be a school assembly followed by a march into the village when students will encourage businesses to promote a smoke free environment. Smoking will be banned on school grounds entirely by the end of this school year. Some artwork is planned. The thrust of the day will be to encourage smoking cessation and reduction of cigarette butt litter. Businesses and organizations, including the village, will be approached to have receptacles for cigarette butts.

345.18 Commission Chair Redmond proclaimed Friday May 1st as “Butt Out Pugwash Day”.

Peace March 2015

345.19 Will be held Friday May 22nd, with a march and reception planned as it was last year. This is hoped to become an annual event.

CORRESPONDENCE

Request for Funding

345.20 Thinkers Lodge Society

The Clerk reported that all required paperwork has been received and that there was room in the Grants to Groups budget for the requested funding of \$2,500. A motion was called for to grant the request. No motion was made.

Christmas Cards received

345.21 See list attached

TREASURER’S REPORT

345.22 **It was moved by Commissioner Gould and seconded by Commissioner Blackie that the Treasurer’s un-audited report be approved as presented.**

MOTION CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS

345.28 Thanks to Mike Cunningham for a framed photo given to the Village of the *New York Times* in Pugwash Harbour taken in July 1967 when the ship broke into two pieces. It is on display in the Visitor Information Centre.

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345.29 Thanks to Pugwash and Area Ground Search and Rescue who look after cutting, erecting and then taking down the community Christmas tree each year.

345.30 The next Village Commission Meeting will be on Monday, February at 7pm.

ADJOURNMENT

345.26 The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm by Commissioner Gould.

Respectfully submitted

Lisa Betts

Clerk Treasurer

Chair _____

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