

PUGWASH VILLAGE COMMISSION  
Regular Meeting #347  
23rd March, 2015 at 7pm  
Pugwash Village Hall

**Minute Number 347**

**PRESENT**

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

**RECORDING SECRETARY**

Lisa Betts

**CALL TO ORDER**

347.1 The Commission of the Village of Pugwash met at 7pm in the Village Hall Board Room on 23rd March, 2015. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Redmond. Commissioner Redmond welcomed those in the gallery.

**REGRETS**

347.2 None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION**

**347.3 It was moved by Commissioner Mundle and seconded by Commissioner Farley that the agenda be adopted as amended and circulated.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES**

**MOTION**

**347.4 It was moved by Commissioner Blackie and seconded by Commissioner Mundle that the minutes of regular meeting 346, held February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 be approved as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

347.5 None.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Pugwash and Area Chamber of Commerce (PACC) - gateway signs**

347.6 Nancy Burgess-Graham, chair of the Pugwash Chamber of Commerce. A request was made to make changes to the new gateway signs: paint the posts, add two signs, one with "welcome" written on it and the other "Thinkers Lodge National

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Historic Site” and to do some landscaping. They have a budget of \$1,000 to do the work and just require permission to do it.

**MOTION**

**347.7 It was moved by Commissioner Gould and seconded by Commissioner Blackie to approve the changes to the gateway signs as suggested by Pugwash and Area Chamber of Commerce. MOTION CARRIED**

**Friends of the Pugwash Estuary (FOPE)**

347.8 FOPE president, Alice Power, made a PowerPoint presentation, first quickly covering the genesis of the organization and recent developments with the acquisition and renovations of the “Estuary House’ (the old Weatherby property) on Crowley Road. Future plans include using the house as a base for educational purposes.

**OLD BUSINESS**

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

347.9 No report.

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

347.10 The will be an Action Team meeting this Thursday (March 26<sup>th</sup>).

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

347.11 No Report

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

347.12 The Clerk noted that with the recent closing of the weekly publication, The Oxford Journal, the Village newsletter may be able to fill in some of the information void left by the OJ. However, the Village is not permitted to set up a business that could be done by a private individual or group and therefore may not take in advertising for for-profit businesses and groups. The content should remain just for non-profit groups. The Clerk suggested that perhaps that, if no individual or group starts a publication to replace the Oxford Journal, the newsletter could be published more frequently. Commissioner Redmond described another system she had seen elsewhere whereby a central bulletin board could be used for the next weekend’s events, suppers and yard sales and then would be cleaned off at the beginning of the next week. Commissioner Mundle commented that The Amherst Citizen may be picking up news items from the area, using the same correspondents that the Oxford Journal had used.

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**Gathering of the Clans**

347.13 The Event Coordinator presented the proposed budget for the festival. The entertainment budget is up a little because the headline act for the evening is Rawlins Cross, which is a large, very popular band. Their fee and some of their backline requirements have been negotiated down to levels that the GOC can cover. Rawlins Cross played for the Gathering in 2000. Accommodations need to be found. Additional sponsors will have to be found to help defray costs.

**MOTION**

**347.14 It was moved by Commissioner Farley and seconded by Commissioner Blackie to approve the Gathering of the Clans budget with the amendment to increase the amount for the fireworks to \$5,500.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Northumberland Community Curling Club**

**MOTION**

**347.15 It was moved by Commissioner Gould and seconded by Commissioner Mundle that the NCCC have its Village property tax waived.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Volunteer Recognition**

347.16 Commissioner Redmond said that she would like to see the Village of Pugwash participate in Volunteer Appreciation month (April) by recognizing groups or individuals. *Communities in Bloom* has been recognizing volunteers for the past few years in September with an event or reception. The Curling Club may be able to host the event.

**MOTION**

**347.17 It was moved by Commissioner Gould and seconded by Commissioner Farley that the Village recognize volunteers in April.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Snowshoes - Cumberland Health Board**

347.18 Request to keep five snowshoes at the Village Hall. They are stored at the library in other communities, but the Pugwash library does not have the room. The Commission would like a little more information, including insurance details.

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Requests for Funding**

**Friends of the Pugwash Estuary**

347.19 Decision deferred until the next budget is discussed.

**Thank you notes**

**Northumberland Community Curling Club**

347.20 Thank you for the village lapel pins the Village donated as gifts to visiting players at an invitational bonspiel.

**Communities in Bloom**

347.21 Thank you for funding approved at the February meeting.

**Cyrus Eaton Elementary School**

347.22 Thank you for funding approved at the February meeting.

**Gerald Hoganson**

347.23 Thanks for the use of the GOC office used by Mr Hoganson who volunteers every year to help with tax returns.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**MOTION**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

347.25 The next Village Commission Meeting will be on Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

347.26 Working with the Village bylaws, the MGA and the May long weekend, the Clerk recommends the following dates:

Election Day	June 6 <sup>th</sup>
Annual General Meeting	June 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Next regular meeting	May 25 <sup>th</sup>

347.27 Commissioner Redmond recommended that the paper shredding truck be booked again this Spring.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

347.28 The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm by Commissioner Gould.

Respectfully submitted  
Lisa Betts  
Clerk Treasurer

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