

PUGWASH VILLAGE COMMISSION  
Regular Meeting #356  
16th November, 2015 at 7pm  
Pugwash Village Hall

**Minute Number 356**

**PRESENT**

Kathy Redmond (chair), Roger Mundle, Charlie Gould, Christie Blackie and Florence Batiot

**RECORDING SECRETARY**

Lisa Betts

**CALL TO ORDER**

356.1 The Commission of the Village of Pugwash met in the Board Room at the Pugwash Village Hall on 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2015. Chair Redmond called the meeting to order.

**REGRETS**

356.2 None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION**

356.3 It was moved by Commissioner Redmond that the agenda be adopted.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION**

356.4 It was moved by Commissioner Mundle and seconded by Commissioner Gould that the minutes of regular meeting 355, held 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 be approved as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

356.5 None

**PRESENTATION**

356.6 None

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Pugwash and Area Master Plan – Infrastructure Action Team – Municipal Water**

356.7 The Clerk reported that there has been further water testing for volume and recovery and it has been confirmed that there is more than enough capacity to provide water to the Village of Pugwash. It is hoped that a tender for the main

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water lines to go out in the Spring of 2016 with domestic hook-up planned for Summer of 2017.

The Commissioners discussed the varying quality of water in Pugwash and how that affects the degree of enthusiasm of residents for a Municipal water supply. Those with poor well water quality are more interested in the plan than those with (apparently) good well water.

The potential cost of hook up was discussed and those present were reminded that any feedback or questions should be directed to Justin Waugh-Cress at the Municipality of Cumberland County. The Commissioners agreed that a municipal water supply should increase property values and attract new businesses to the area. There was also much discussion about the lack of communications from the County to update the residents of Pugwash of how this project is progressing and the possible costs incurred. There was much discussion about how poorly informed the general public is on the water project.

**MOTION**

**356.8 It was moved by Commissioner Batiot and seconded by Commissioner Blackie that a letter be written to the Municipality requesting that the Municipality be more forthcoming with information on the progress of the water project and its projected costs and obligations to home owners in the Village of Pugwash.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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

356.9 No report

**Pugwash and Area Master Plan – Tourism Action Team – Central Nova Tourism Association (CNTA)**

356.10 The Clerk reported that a few years ago the Province of Nova Scotia divested itself of the Department of Tourism and formed a crown corporation: Nova Scotia Tourism Association (NSTA). The future policy of the NSTA, released this summer, will now direct marketing of destinations, events and attractions in Nova Scotia to outside of the province whereas the previous Provincial department had been marketing to local (Nova Scotia) consumers. The upshot is that CNTA has lost all of the funding that it used to get from the Province.

CNTA is now appealing to Municipal and industry partners to help fund the association. The Village of Pugwash (via Gathering of the Clans) is already a paying member and the Clerk/Event Coordinator serves on the CNTA board.

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**Pugwash and Area Master Plan - Collaboration and Communication**

356.11 The Clerk reported that the demise of the Oxford Journal has left a great void in advertising local events to the community. The Clerk asked the Commission if the Village newsletter could increase its publication from every three months to every two months. The Commissioners were concerned that this would be too much of an increase in workload on the Clerk and that there is a new paper planned for publication in the next month. Commissioner Mundle said that the commission should revisit the request after six months.

**Gathering of the Clans**

356.12 The Clerk/Event Coordinator said that plans were already being made for the next two July 1<sup>st</sup> events, keeping in mind that 2017 will be the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Confederation of Canada. The Clerk said that suggestions for new events or to improve the festival are welcome, along with offers of help or sources of funding.

Commissioner Batiot said there are many who resent an entry fee because they do not understand what the funds raised are for. The Clerk said this is always mentioned in advertising and reports but will further encourage those groups who run the entrance gates to make it clear that entrance fees not only pay to run the festival but also help those and other community organizations.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Eaton Stage**

356.13 It is the general consensus of all involved that Eaton Stage has reached the end of its useful life span and should be replaced. The Clerk asked permission to start the process to replace it with a new structure. She warned the Commission that this is likely to take more than the eight months between now and July 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 and we may have to use a temporary stage until it is completed in time for 2017.

**MOTION**

**356.14 It was moved by Commissioner Blackie and seconded by Commissioner Mundle that the Clerk should start the process to replace Eaton Stage, consulting with other users, technicians, artists and dancers. She will also consult designers and source funding.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Mclsaac Darragh**

356.15 Mclsaac Darragh has responded to the letter the Village sent last month with a suggested quote of \$2,500 to audit the Gathering of the Clans (GOC).

The Clerk reported that statistics from the past five years indicate that this one day festival normally generates 130 to 150 journal entries which include the entries for 60 to 72 cheques. The Clerk suggested that this quote is very high for a one day event with relatively few transactions. This quote is nearly half of the original quote to audit the entire Village.

There was some discussion as to the legal/incorporated status of the festival and whether it should be audited separately. The Clerk will investigate what the Village can do to mitigate the fee.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**MOTION**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

356.17 Congratulations to Roy Mattinson who was awarded "Maritimer of the Week" by CTV for the week ending October 30<sup>th</sup>.

356.18 Commissioner Batiot was present at the Pugwash and District High School on November 6<sup>th</sup> for the Provincial finals for Division 4 boys soccer. Commissioner Batiot welcomed the teams in English and French.

356.19 The Village will be hosting a safe food handling course on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

356.20 The next Village Commission regular meeting will be on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

356.21 The meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm by Commissioner Mundle.

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Respectfully submitted  
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Clerk Treasurer

**Chair** \_\_\_\_\_

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