

PUGWASH VILLAGE COMMISSION
Regular Meeting #357
14th December, 2015 at 7pm
Pugwash Village Hall

Minute Number 357

PRESENT

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

RECORDING SECRETARY

Lisa Betts

CALL TO ORDER

357.1 The Commission of the Village of Pugwash met in the Board Room at the Pugwash Village Hall on 14th December, 2015. Chair Mundle called the meeting to order.

REGRETS

357.2 None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION

357.3 It was moved by Commissioner Mundle that the agenda be adopted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION

357.4 It was moved by Commissioner Blackie and seconded by Commissioner Gould that the minutes of regular meeting 356, held 18th November, 2015 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

357.5 None

PRESENTATION

Ad hoc committee new health care facility – Peter Lewis

357.6 Mr Lewis reported to the Commission how the ad hoc committee was first brought together in the spring/summer of 2015 by past Commissioner Farley. Mr Lewis is representing the committee as the chair, Dave Farley, is away. The committee at that point also included Dr McFarlane, Councillor Al Gillis, Nancy McLeod, with the support of Dr Blaikie, in reaction to their frustration to the slow progress being made towards a promised new medical facility in Pugwash. [Note: the provincial government has changed since the original project was announced]. The committee has had meetings with MLA Terry Farrell and Janet Knox, President and CEO of the Nova Scotia Health

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Authority. Most recently Ms Knox met with the committee and other representatives from the health authority. The committee has been told that she will not be recommending that the project for Pugwash to be included in the fiscal year ending 2017. Ms Knox also said that this does not mean that it will not be included in future budgets. The current hospital is expected (or hoped) to continue to provide a set (cluster) of services: palliative care, continuing care, primary care and mental health and addictions. The ad hoc committee is now planning to expand its membership to more stakeholders, including the village commission, other councillors with districts within the Pugwash catchment area and local health/service providers. There will be a meeting on January 7th (snow date January 14th) to discuss further and organize a proposed town hall meeting with the NS Health Authority. Mr Lewis said he believed it to be very important that the town hall meeting be well attended by the community. This will need some good advance advertising.

Commissioner Batiot asked if the current facility is safe for continuing use. Mr Lewis said he thought so, although some upgrades may be required.

The “town hall” meeting will likely be at the high school cafeteria at a date yet to be determined.

OLD BUSINESS

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

357.7 The Pugwash streets have recently been surveyed for possible water line routes. There was no other news to report.

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

357.8 No report

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

357.9 The Clerk reported that CNTA is still operating and has hopes to be able to continue to operate with additional funding from Municipalities.

Pugwash and Area Master Plan - Collaboration and Communication

357.10 No report

Gathering of the Clans/Eaton Stage

357.11 Eaton Stage. The Clerk reported that consultations with other interested parties had already started. She also told the commission that, as it is unlikely the stage

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could be replaced by 2016, that all other options are being considered. This would include repairs and new plywood decking or renting a temporary stage.

The Clerk reported that she has spoken to the accountants as to what options there may be to reduce their quote to audit the Gathering of the Clans. The commissioners discussed options and the Clerk will investigate further as to how the expected fees compare to other villages/audit costs. The Clerk will also confirm what the scope of services from the auditors should be expected to be as compared to what should be billed as extras.

NEW BUSINESS

Commission Chair resignation

357.12 Commissioner Mundle confirmed that as Commissioner Redmond had moved out of the Village boundaries, she has resigned as commissioner. The other commissioners agreed that Commissioner Mundle is de facto Chair of the Commission and Commissioner Mundle agreed to take on that position.

MOTION

357.13 It was moved by Commissioner Batiot and seconded by Commissioner Blackie that Commissioner Gould should become Vice Chair of the Pugwash Village Commission.

MOTION CARRIED

Committee Appointments – ad hoc committee health care

357.14 Commissioners Blackie and Batiot will represent the commission.

Committee Appointments – waterfront development committee

357.15 Commissioner Batiot and the Clerk will offer to represent the Village Commission/staff at future meetings of the committee. The committee is making a presentation to the Municipality of Cumberland County Council on Wednesday, December 16th.

CORRESPONDENCE

Christmas cards

357.16 Cards received at the Village Hall so far:

The Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia
Municipality of Cumberland County Council and staff
Cumberland District RCMP

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Northumberland Community Curling Club (NCCC) - sponsorship

357.17 After the newer commissioners were appraised of the how the Commission has funded the NCCC in the past and its current property tax relief, the Commission agreed to sponsor the NCC for the 2016 season.

MOTION

357.18 It was moved by Commissioner Gould and seconded by Commissioner Blackie that the Commission should sponsor NCCC.

MOTION CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT

MOTION

357.19 Commissioner Batiot asked about the existing grant application process and what happened to unused budgeted amounts. The Clerk responded that she was unsure of how the auditors treated that amount, but as it is part of the operational budget it is probably is absorbed. The Clerk also said the policy was out-of-date and not user friendly as it requires more forward planning from groups than what is reasonable to expect. The Clerk explained about Bills 102 and 105 that allow the Village to provide grants.

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

MOTION CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS

357.20 Tree inventory report from Dr Peter Duinker will be at the Chatterbox Café on Tuesday December 15th at 2pm.

357.21 Christmas Cheer Day, when Cyrus Eaton Elementary School students visit Pugwash businesses and the village Hall, is Thursday, December 17th.

357.22 The Village Hall will be closed from December 23rd, opening again on January 4th.

357.23 The next Village Commission regular meeting will be on Monday, January 18th at 7pm.

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ADJOURNMENT

357.24 The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm by Commissioner Gould.

Respectfully submitted
Lisa Betts
Clerk Treasurer

Chair _____

Clerk Treasurer _____