PUGWASH VILLAGE COMMISSION
Regular Meeting #362
16th May, 2016 at 7pm
Pugwash Village Hall

Minute Number 362

PRESENT

Roger Mundle, Charlie Gould, Christie Blackie

RECORDING SECRETARY

Lisa Betts

CALL TO ORDER

362.1 The Commission of the Village of Pugwash met in the Board Room at the Pugwash Village Hall on 16th May, 2016. Chair Mundle called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

REGRETS

362.2 Commissioner Batiot sent regrets.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION

362.3 It was moved by Commissioner Blackie and seconded by Commissioner Gould that the agenda be adopted as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION

362.4 It was moved by Commissioner Blackie and seconded by Commissioner Gould that the minutes of regular meeting 361 held April 18th, 2016 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

362.5 None.

PRESENTATION

362.6 None.

OLD BUSINESS

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

362.7 None.

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

362.8 This is now part of the Waterfront Development Project (see minute 362.12).

Pugwash and Area Master Plan – Tourism Action Team

362.9 The Clerk reported that the hiring process for Visitor Information Centre staff is ongoing.

Pugwash and Area Master Plan - Collaboration and Communication

362.10 No report.

ad hoc committee for a new health care facility

362.11 Commissioner Blackie reported that this committee remains very active. The next meeting with the Nova Scotia Health Authority and specialized staff to discuss will be June 7th.

Waterfront Development Committee

362.12 The Request for Proposals for this project should be completed by the end of this week.

362.13 The Clerk suggested that some of the above committee reports that originated from the 2010 Master Plan could now be considered operational and should not be required to make reports unless a special project was being undertaken.

MOTION

362.14 It was moved by Commissioner Gould and seconded by Commissioner Blackie that the committee reports should currently include (i) municipal water supply, (ii) ad hoc committee for a new health care facility and (iii) Waterfront development committee.

MOTION CARRIED

Gathering of the Clans

362.15 The Clerk/Coordinator confirmed that all music entertainers have been hired. It is hoped and expected that the water supply project will not be at a stage that would affect the festival. The budget for this year's event was presented. Some of the changes from previous years were explained.

MOTION

362.16 It was moved by Commissioner Blackie and seconded by Commissioner Gould that the budget for the 2016 Gathering of the Clans be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

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NEW BUSINESS

Association of Nova Scotia Villages (ANSV)

362.17 The Clerk attended the ANSV meeting held 6th May and reported that plans for the NASV Annual General Meeting to be held in Lawrencetown/Kingston in September are progressing. Any Commissioners wishing to attend should notify the Clerk so that accommodations can be booked. Some of the discussion, updates or potential changes to the Municipal Government Act were reported. The Pugwash Village Commissioners decided not to accept the offer from the Village of Kingston to pool capital resources.

CORRESPONDENCE

Pugwash District High School

362.18 Request for a bursary.

MOTION

362.19 It was moved by Commissioner Gould and seconded by Commissioner Blackie that the Village of Pugwash will donate $1,100 bursary to the Pugwash District High School Scholarship and Awards Program.

MOTION CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT

362.20 The Clerk Treasurer presented the budget for 2017. There is no increase of village taxes again this year. However, as other costs tend to increase, there has to be a corresponding decrease of spending somewhere and this is seen in decreased budget for capital projects. The Clerk said that taxes have not changed for several years. The Clerk gave the opinion that the village has been operating on an artificially low (shoestring) budget for several years. For the village to continue to offer the services it currently provides, the tax rate may soon have to increase.

MOTION

362.21 It was moved by Commissioner Blackie and seconded by Commissioner Gould that the 2017 Budget be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

362.22 Commissioner Blackie will work with the Clerk Treasurer to develop a Capital Investment Plan.

362.23 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
362.20 The Village Annual General Meeting will be June 2nd.

362.22 The next Village Commission regular meeting will be on Monday, June 20th.

ADJOURNMENT
362.21 The meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm by Commissioner Gould.

Respectfully submitted
Lisa Betts
Clerk Treasurer

Chair _____ **Clerk Treasurer** _____