

PUGWASH VILLAGE COMMISSION  
Regular Meeting #366  
15th August, 2016 at 7pm  
Pugwash Village Hall

**Minute Number 366**

**PRESENT**

Christie Blackie, Charlie Gould, Carl Purdy, Dave Farley

**RECORDING SECRETARY**

Lisa Betts

**CALL TO ORDER**

366.1 The Commission of the Village of Pugwash met in the Board Room at the Pugwash Village Hall on 15th August, 2016. Chair Blackie called the meeting to order at 7pm.

**REGRETS**

366.2 None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION**

**366.3 It was moved by Commissioner Gould and seconded by Commissioner Farley that the agenda be adopted.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION**

**366.4 It was moved by Commissioner Purdy and seconded by Commissioner Blackie that the minutes of regular meeting 364 held June 20<sup>th</sup> 2016 be approved as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION**

**366.5 It was moved by Commissioner Blackie and seconded by Commissioner Purdy that the minutes of Special Meeting 365 held Tuesday July 12<sup>th</sup> 2016 be approved as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

366.6 None.

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### **PRESENTATION**

#### **Denise Corey of Cumberland Public Libraries**

366.7 Ms. Corey made a presentation with some photos of areas of concern she has for the condition of the train station building that includes the Pugwash Library. Ms. Corey said there are about 860 active users of the library. Ms. Corey didn't know if any substantial work had been done since the last report was done and said that she may have to move the library out of the building. She also said that if any other issue came up she could call the Labour Board and have Health and Safety look at the building.

Commissioner Farley said he understood her concerns, some of which had been addressed in the Clerk's response to the original letter. Commissioner Farley also said that the Commission had to consider not just the medium term but the long term future of the building. Commissioner Purdy said that the North Cumberland Historical Society was hoping to move into the downstairs part of the building once the library moved into the planned multi-purpose centre.

The Clerk reported some of the work that has been done in the last few years which included fire separation work from the furnace room, a new roof, the joists and sills in the basement have been replaced or reinforced, all ceiling plaster has been removed in the library area and a heat pump installed. There are plans in place for further repairs. The Clerk went on to inform the meeting of some of the information from a conversation with the owner of the Tatamagouche train station, Jimmie LeFresne, who has owned the Tatamagouche train station since 1974. It is a sister building to the Pugwash train station building, along with (now demolished) Pictou, Wallace, Oxford and Oxford Junction station buildings. From his renovations and extensive research, he can report that the stations were not built with wood studs, but all built with planked wood, applied in layers. It is probably the most structurally sound building in the village.

Ms Corey repeated that she wanted the Commissioners to know that if any further safety issue occurred she may remove the library from the train station, but hopefully not from the community.

### **OLD BUSINESS – COMMITTEE REPORTS**

366.8 Municipal Water Supply. Justin Waugh-Cress from the Municipality was on hand to report that the central water project construction was running to schedule. It is hoped all road construction will be complete by this Christmas. They are currently concentrating on King, Queen, Russell and upper Church Streets in order to reduce congestion when school starts. They will move south from there

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and finally work on Durham and Water Streets. Laterals are being added (with consultation with property owners when possible) as the main line is installed. Water Pressures are expected to be 40psi to 90psi, with the lower pressures at higher elevations.

The main lines are 10" (supply line from the reservoir to the Durham/Church intersection), 8" (Church St) and 6" (all other side streets). There are a few short sections with 4" supply lines.

There are flushing hydrants located at points previously requested by the Pugwash Fire Department. There is estimated to be sufficient water for the fire department to use at 300gallons/minute for 30 minutes without disrupting domestic supply. This should be long enough for the department to meanwhile set up an alternative water supply at a regular working fire.

There is room for expansion in the system with a projected for a 1% growth use/population per year.

The roads will be patch paved where they have been dug up. There is no asphalt plant set up at the Earltown pit where the original red/pink gravel came from to match the existing colour pavement. Consequently, the roads will be paved in regular grey/black asphalt.

Updates are being posted on the Municipal and Village websites every two weeks. The initial cost to property owners is still not known.

**ad hoc committee for a new health care facility**

366.9 From and e-mail from Peter Lewis: the project Planning Committee has met several times and progress is being made. They are on track to produce a report in the fall.

**Waterfront Development Committee**

366.10 The Clerk reported that the final site for the multi-purpose centre has been identified and purchased. A news release from the County should be made very soon. The Clerk explained to the meeting about how the original potential sites were identified and scored. The top scoring site turned out to be Seitl's series of buildings on the harbour side of Water Street. Lengthy negotiations to purchase the site were unsuccessful. Meanwhile the house owned by Norville and Shelley Benjamin became available. The same scoring system was used to look at the Benjamin property as a potential site and it scored higher than any other site.

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The project proposal prepared for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) is complete.

The Municipality has requested \$15,000 from the Village as a contribution towards the cost of the “Pugwash Waterfront Development Detailed Design and Costing” project. The Municipality is sending an application to ACOA for funding for this phase of the project at an estimated cost of \$125,000. The Village promised to contribute \$15,500 towards the multi-purpose centre and water supply project in January 2012 (see minutes 306.22 and 306.23). These contributions were never formally requested to be paid until now.

**MOTION**

**366.11 It was moved by Commissioner Gould and seconded by Commissioner Farley that \$15,000 be sent to the Municipality from the Village’s investment fund as the Village’s share of the Waterfront Development study.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Thinkers Lodge Society (TLS)**

366.12 No report.

**Communities in Bloom (CIB)**

**MOTION**

**366.13 It was moved by Commissioner Farley and seconded by Commissioner Purdy to allow Communities in Bloom to install ten “peace rocks” along the waterfront boardwalk.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

366.14 The Clerk reported from the latest CIB minutes some additional items that affect the Village. Next year is a judging year for CIB, so they are particularly anxious for the Village to look its best. Discussions on planter flower colours and pricing are ongoing. More banners have been installed. CIB is sourcing the four “missing species” trees for the Village and their own tree planting project at the elementary school. Once these are planted, the village could then boast that every tree species native to this part of Nova Scotia is represented in the Village core. CIB is also expressing a hope for the repaving of the Pugwash roads to be in the matching pink/red gravel. CIB will be asking the Municipality for permission to somehow beautify the sewer pumping station that is in the park near the PeaceGround.

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**Pugwash and Area Chamber of Commerce (PACC)**

366.15 The Clerk reported that at the next general meeting of the PACC on October 11<sup>th</sup>, there will be a motion to change the name to *Six Rivers and Area Chamber of Commerce*. Bill Martin of Six Rivers Radio/Website was present and explained the more of the rationale behind the change.

**Visitor Information Centre (VIC)**

366.16 See report attached. The Clerk reported that a grant from the Province via the replacement organization for CNTA has given the Pugwash VIC a grant of \$3,000. Commissioner Purdy made a point of complimenting the VIC staff in their welcoming manner and always on hand to help visitors. Graphic representations of visitor number statistics were reviewed. Numbers continue to improve. An additional “?” sign could be added to the front of the Village Hall to help visitors find the building. The Village logo licence plate, on sale for \$5, was shown to the Commissioners who expressed their approval. The activity brochure project has also been taken up by North Shore Community Development Association which has delivered similar brochures. The Clerk will work with NSCDA to develop more local activity brochures.

**Gathering of the Clans**

366.17 See report attached.

Additional comments not included: the Highland Dance part of the event will have to move next year. This is because the national competition date and location has been moved to coincide with Canada’s 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of confederation. The competition is usually out west and later in July but for next year it has been moved to July 1<sup>st</sup> and to Charlottetown, PEI. Consequently, as this is an open competition, all usual competitors, dance teachers and judges will be at the nationals rather than in Pugwash. Discussions with ScotDance continue, but it looks as if the best solution is to move the Pugwash date to August 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Clerk/Coordinator reported that festival came in right on budget with a surplus of \$13,000 after all donations and most expenses were made. There are still a few invoices to be received. The GOC bank account is very healthy at about \$46,000. She recommended that some of the surplus be set aside to help go towards the costs of a new stage.

The Clerk said that we are waiting for confirmation as to when the tall ships will be in Pugwash next year.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**Sidewalks**

366.18 All present agreed that there is a long standing need for sidewalks, particularly on Church and Durham Streets. Commissioner Purdy wondered if funds for the project could be raised from the public, particularly from the parents of the school students who are the heaviest users of Church Street.

**MOTION**

**366.19 It was moved by Commissioner Farley and seconded by Commissioner Purdy that an itemized tender for sidewalks on (1) Church Street and (2) Durham Street be issued.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Placement of Community Services Supervisor**

366.20 The Clerk explained that Restorative Justice occasionally has an offender who needs to put in some hours in Community Service. The Village of Pugwash has always been assumed to be somewhere where this could be done, but this has never been formalized and rarely called upon. The position of supervisor requires a short training session of an hour or so with some added reading materials and a criminal background check completed.

**MOTION**

**366.21 It was moved by Commissioner Farley and seconded by Commissioner Gould that the Village accept the invitation to be involved in Restorative Justice via the Clerk Treasurer.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Association of Nova Scotia Villages (ANSV) Conference Annual General Meeting**

366.22 Location Kingston/Greenwood. Commissioner Purdy will be attending and the Clerk Treasurer may also attend if time and accommodations permit.

**Right to Know**

**366.23 It was moved by Commissioner Purdy and seconded by Commissioner Gould that the Village of Pugwash proclaim September 26<sup>th</sup> to October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016 as "Right to Know" week.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Funding Requests**

**MOTION**

**366.24 It was moved by Commissioner Farley and seconded by Commissioner Purdy that the Village of Pugwash will donate \$1,000 to Pugwash and District Volunteer Fire Department as part of their annual mackerel tournament fund raiser.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Communities in Bloom**

**MOTION**

**366.25 It was moved by Commissioner Gould and seconded by Commissioner Purdy that September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 Pugwash Volunteer Recognition Day.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

366.26 The Commissioners agree that the Village will share costs up to \$500 for the Volunteer Appreciation luncheon on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Funds Received**

366.27 The Municipality of Cumberland County granted the Village of Pugwash \$1,900 towards the cost of the Canada Day fireworks. A thank you note will be sent.

366.28 Cumberland Public Libraries annual report

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

366.30 The August 2016 edition of Municipal World magazine includes a feature story on the tree inventory work done in Pugwash last fall.

366.31 After a little investigating and getting in contact with the daughter (Isabel Ryan) of the author of the "Captain Pugwash" children's books (John Ryan), it can be confirmed that there is no other connection between Captain Pugwash and the Village of Pugwash other than pure coincidence.

366.32 The next Village Commission regular meeting will be on Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

366.33 The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm by Commissioner Blackie.

Respectfully submitted  
Lisa Betts  
Clerk Treasurer

Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_