

PUGWASH VILLAGE COMMISSION
Regular Meeting #367
19th September, 2016 at 7pm
Pugwash Village Hall

Minute Number 367

PRESENT

Christie Blackie, Charlie Gould, Carl Purdy, Dave Farley, Bill Martin

RECORDING SECRETARY

Lisa Betts

CALL TO ORDER

367.1 The Commission of the Village of Pugwash met in the Board Room at the Pugwash Village Hall on 19th September, 2016. Chair Blackie called the meeting to order at 7pm and welcomed Bill Martin as new Commissioner.

REGRETS

367.2 None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION

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

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION

367.4 It was moved by Commissioner Gould and seconded by Commissioner Purdy that the minutes of regular meeting 366 held August 20th 2016 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

367.5 Commissioner Farley asked if any of the concerns raised by Chief Librarian Denise Corey has been addressed. The Clerk responded that many of the concerns had already been fixed and there were already plans in place to address the others. Any large expenditure for renovations is yet to be discussed by the Commission and should be an agenda item for 2017/18 budget meetings.

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PRESENTATION

Ray Bristol, Senior Safety Coordinator, Cumberland County

367.6 Mission statement: *Enhancing the inclusion, safety, and well-being of seniors, thereby enabling them to feel safe, healthy and independent in their communities and in their homes.*

Mr Bristol went on to explain the program, how it is funded and its benefits. See print-out of PowerPoint slide presentation attached.

OLD BUSINESS – COMMITTEE REPORTS

Municipal Water Supply

367.7 No one from the Municipality was present to make a report.

ad hoc committee for a new health care facility

367.8 Commissioner Farley reported from an e-mail with Peter Lewis that this remains to be a work-in-progress and it is expected deadlines will be met.

Waterfront Development Committee

367.9 The Request for Proposals is not quite complete. The Village has been asked to send a formal letter of support.

MOTION

367.10 It was moved by Commissioner Farley and seconded by Commissioner Gould that a formal Letter of Support be sent to confirm the amount already agreed upon by the Commission in its August meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

Thinkers Lodge Society (TLS)

367.11 Commissioner Blackie reported that there has not been a meeting lately. The society is purchasing a dishwasher for the Lobster Factory. Commissioner Farley asked if the society was still a functioning organization. Commissioner Blackie said that there is no confirmation that it has been closed up. A member of the gallery asked about the society which was answered in part by Councillor Gillis.

Communities in Bloom (CIB)

367.12 Some of the Commissioners confirmed who would be able to attend the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on Thursday September 22nd.

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Pugwash and Area Chamber of Commerce (PACC)

367.13 There will be a PACC council meeting tomorrow (September 20th) at the Village Hall and a general meeting on October 11th.

Visitor Information Centre (VIC)

367.14 No report.

Gathering of the Clans

367.15 The Gathering of the Clans sent a letter of support to the Municipality of Cumberland of County. It is unclear if there is a request for a specific sum of money. The Clerk will investigate.

The Association of Nova Scotia Villages (ANSV)

367.16 Commissioner Purdy presented Commissioner Farley with a five year service award from the ANSV.

The Clerk made a report from the ANSV conference and AGM. All those attending said they had learned something from the various presentations and social times. There was representation from a couple of Villages that do not often attend these meetings and they saw great value in the information they were given over the two days.

The Municipal Government Act (MGA) is currently under review. There are several working groups that are looking at particular aspects of it, one of which is looking at Villages. There were presentations and discussion on the MGA Villages Working Group and how it related to the Villages' Discussion Paper. The Clerk will prepare an information bulletin for the Commissioners with the various recommendations from the MGA review working group and the response from the ANSV to those recommendations. There is also a review under way on how fire services are funded by Municipalities. The Villages agreed to hold off making any recommendations on fire services until this review is complete.

YMCA Swimming Program

367.17 There were thirty-five (35) registrants for the two week program, 31 of which were beginners. The program went extremely well and the YMCA would like to keep the program going for next summer.

NEW BUSINESS

367.18 None

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CORRESPONDENCE

Nova Scotia Works

367.19 Request to use space at the Village Hall to meet clients for an employment assistance program. The Commissioners agreed that this was a very worthy program and should be supported

Communities in Bloom – appreciation luncheon

367.20 The Commissioners confirmed who could attend the luncheon on Thursday September 22nd.

Wallace and District Volunteer Fire Department – annual awards night and banquet

367.21 In appreciation to those employers who permit their staff to attend emergency calls at any given time, the fire department invite those employers to the annual banquet. Chair Blackie will attend with a guest at the October 15th banquet.

Stephanie Bennet – thank you

367.22 Miss Bennet sent a nice card with a thank you for the scholarship she received from the Commission at the PDHS graduation ceremonies in June.

TREASURER’S REPORT

367.23 Commissioner Farley asked about unbudgeted income shown which is funding from the province for the Visitor Information Centre and unusually high costs for power at the Village Hall. The Clerk agreed the costs were up (despite substantial attempts to save power). This will be investigated. The Clerk reported that the external power panel in the park has been replaced at a very reasonable cost. Components had corroded to the point they no longer functioned at all or safely. Commissioner Martin asked about the webcams. The Clerk gave a brief history of the cameras and why the two on the stage only work on one browser online. The system has always been poor and needs to be reworked.

367.24 It was moved by Commissioner Farley and seconded by Commissioner Martin that the Treasurer’s un-audited report be approved as presented.

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INFORMATION ITEMS

367.25 The next Village Commission regular meeting will be on Monday, October 17th at 7pm.

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ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted
Lisa Betts
Clerk Treasurer

Chair _____

Clerk Treasurer _____