

PUGWASH VILLAGE COMMISSION
Regular Meeting #368
17th October, 2016 at 7pm
Pugwash Village Hall

Minute Number 368

PRESENT

Christie Blackie, Charlie Gould, Dave Farley, Bill Martin

RECORDING SECRETARY

Lisa Betts

CALL TO ORDER

368.1 The Commission of the Village of Pugwash met in the Board Room at the Pugwash Village Hall on 17th October, 2016. Chair Blackie called the meeting to order at 7pm.

REGRETS

368.2 Commissioner Carl Purdy was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION

368.3 It was moved by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Farley that the agenda be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION

368.4 It was moved by Commissioner Farley and seconded by Commissioner Gould that the minutes of regular meeting 367 held September 19th 2016 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

368.5 Commissioner Martin asked about the status of a non-working safety light at the intersection of Murray Road and Route 6. This has been directed to the Municipality but it is still not fixed. The Clerk will inquire. [Note: The original inquiry was not at a regular meeting].

PRESENTATION

368.6 None

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OLD BUSINESS – COMMITTEE REPORTS

Municipal Water Supply

368.7 The project is reported by WSP and the Municipality to be on track and ahead of budget. Commissioners and staff have separately heard that the high estimate of \$5,000 per lateral line to a property will turn out to be “considerably less”. Part of the calculation will be determined on the cost of construction of the water reservoir (tower) and treatment plant. The deadline for those tenders will be due in the next few weeks and a more accurate hook up fee amount released to the public. The fee will not be charged until the project is completed. The fee will likely be seen on the 2018 property tax bill.

The Clerk said that electrical power is required to meter water from any installed laterals. The Clerk reported which laterals have been installed to Village owned properties: The Village Hall, Eaton Park (the line will go to a meter at the stage and from there to other parts of the park), the old fire hall (no immediate hook up planned), the old train station (and from there to the Farmers Market), the Municipal Car Park and the vacant double lot on Prince Albert Street (thus increasing its value if developed or sold).

It is expected that low income household will have some assistance in paying the hook-up fee.

ad hoc committee for a new health care facility

368.8 Commissioner Farley reported that the first stage of the report has been completed. It is expected that the the final report will be completed on time. Some commissioners expressed a concern whether this report will actually result in a new facility

Waterfront Development Committee

368.9 The Benjamin house on Durham Street has been purchased and its removal to a new site will be put to tender very soon.

Thinkers Lodge Society (TLS)

368.10 No report.

Communities in Bloom (CIB)

368.11 Of the tree species identified in Pugwash last year, the four “missing” species trees have been purchased by the Village and CIB.

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Pugwash and Area Chamber of Commerce (PACC)

368.12 The Pugwash and Area Chamber of Commerce has officially changed its name to Six Rivers Chamber of Commerce. This new name is hoped to have a wider catchment area than “Pugwash and Area”.

Visitor Information Centre (VIC)

368.13 The VIC is closed for the season. It can be opened up as required if any visitors require information.

Gathering of the Clans

368.14 The Highland Dance competition date will change for 2017 because the national championships have been moved to the east coast (Charlottetown) and the date moved to July 1st. This is an open competition. Rather than attempt to compete, with little chance of attracting dancers or judges to Pugwash, the date has been changed to August 12th.

HarbourFest (HF)

368.15 Some of the tall ships will be coming to Pugwash June 30th – July 2nd. As these dates include July 1st and the Gathering of the Clans, a great deal of cooperation between the festivals has already started and will continue for the next several months. Various options are being discussed.

Policies and Bylaws

368.16 The village commission meeting dates and times are set by bylaw. There is a legal process to change this, which includes first and second reading and approval by the Minister for Municipal Affairs. In the meanwhile, the current bylaw allows for the commission to change the next meeting date each meeting.

MOTION

368.17 It was moved by Commissioner Farley and seconded by Commissioner Martin that the next commission meeting be changed to November 14th.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting date change

MOTION

368.18 It was moved by Commissioner Farley and seconded by Commissioner Gould to change the bylaw to set meeting dates from the third Monday of the month to the second Monday of the month.

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Municipal Government Act (MGA) review

368.19 The Clerk reported some of the suggested changes to the MGA as it is under review with a variety of committees from members of the UNSM and the AMANS. The Commissioners and Clerk will review the changes on Thursday October 27th. The Clerk reported that the Village of Pugwash has a new Municipal Adviser, Ron Dauphinee, who visited and consulted with the Clerk last week. The Clerk commented that there is a noticeable positive change in the approach the province has towards Villages in the last several months.

Cruise ship

368.20 The cruise ship *Hebridean Sky* of the Noble Caledonia line is booked to come into Pugwash on June 17th 2018. The Clerk has consulted with Transport Canada, the salt mine manager, the harbour pilot and the travel agency arranging the short stop for the 90.6m liner. Security has to be provided and certification from Transport Canada for "Occasional Use Marine Facility". There will be costs to provide the required services but a landing/passenger fee structure would cover these costs.

MOTION

368.21 It was moved by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Gould that the Clerk proceed with whatever paperwork is involved in hosting the cruise ship in June 2018.

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Cumberland Regional Library

368.22 A letter from the chair of the Cumberland Regional Library Board, Frank Balcom was received September 23rd expressing a concern of the structural integrity of the old train station. The Commission has already responded with the same information for Mr4 Balcom as already given to Ms Corey.

Cyrus Eaton Elementary School (CEES) – funding request

368.23 The school requests funding to go towards the cost of a new scoreboard. Commissioner Farley asked what logos would be on the board and if there was any chance of the Village logo being attached to it. The Clerk will inquire.

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MOTION

368.24 It was moved by Commissioner Farley and seconded by Commissioner Gould to donate \$1,000 to Cyrus Eaton Elementary School to assist with the purchase of an electronic school board.

MOTION CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT

368.25 The Clerk Treasurer reported that finances are very much on track with the budget. General maintenance is a little higher but this is because we have been catching up with some repairs and the Clerk stated that she is very pleased with our newest maintenance worker. The Clerk gave a quick update on village properties: the public washrooms at the train station are closed down for the winter, licenced tree removal companies are being sought to address the damage from the Thanksgiving wind storm and the Cenotaph renovation is complete.

MOTION

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

MOTION CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS

368.27 The next Village Commission regular meeting will be on Monday, November 14th at 7pm.

ADJOURNMENT

368.28 The meeting was adjourned at 8pm by Commissioner Blackie.

Respectfully submitted

Lisa Betts

Clerk Treasurer

Chair _____

Clerk Treasurer _____