

PUGWASH VILLAGE COMMISSION  
Regular Meeting #369  
14th November, 2016 at 7pm  
Pugwash Village Hall

**Minute Number 369**

**PRESENT**

Christie Blackie, Charlie Gould, Bill Martin, Carl Purdy

**RECORDING SECRETARY**

Lisa Betts

**CALL TO ORDER**

369.1 The Commission of the Village of Pugwash met in the Board Room at the Pugwash Village Hall on 14th November, 2016. Chair Blackie called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Commissioner Blackie congratulated Councillor Al Gillis, present in the gallery, on his recent election by council to the position of Warden.

**REGRETS**

369.2 Commissioner Dave Farley sent his regrets.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION**

**369.3 It was moved by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Purdy that the agenda be adopted.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION**

**369.4 It was moved by Commissioner Gould and seconded by Commissioner Martin that the minutes of regular meeting 368 held October 17<sup>th</sup> 2016 be approved as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

369.5 None

**PRESENTATION**

**Maureen Leahey and John Mills, Communities in Bloom**

369.6 Proposal for CIB to assist in hiring, funding and supervising a part time gardener to work on Village flower gardens and planters for 2017. See proposal attached.

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Early recruitment was recommended with no other financial constraints by going through a government sponsored program that has conditions attached. CIB asked to be included in the hiring and supervision process. Mr Mills suggested a committee be formed to set the standard of work to be expected by the employee.

**OLD BUSINESS – COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Municipal Water Supply**

369.7 The project continues with remedial work done at laterals with new sod and curbs replaced, improving the looks of the village.

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

369.8 No report, but one is expected very soon.

**Waterfront Development Committee**

369.9 Terms of Reference of the committee was distributed. The committee will be meeting monthly. The request for funding to ACOA has been submitted. Commissioner Martin asked: who is control of this committee, who gives them authority to act? Warden Gillis gave the commission a brief history of the committee to the current situation where it is more formally structured. Warden Gillis said that, however, the question of by what authority the committee makes its decisions should be taken to the committee at their next meeting.

**Thinkers Lodge Society (TLS)**

369.10 No report.

**Communities in Bloom (CIB)**

369.11 Commissioner Purdy reported that CIB is hoping to produce a brochure or walking tour to include all the native tree species now found in the Village. The 2017 calendar sales have gone very well. CIB has a number of plans for Christmas decorations including wreaths on Palmerston Bridge and the backs of the benches in Eaton Park.

The Clerk said that the park trees are aging and funding their replacement should be made a priority in budget meetings. The Clerk asked if an arborist could be engaged to evaluate the remaining trees. The commission agreed the trees should be evaluated and a replacement plan put in place.

**Six Rivers Chamber of Commerce (SRCC)**

369.12 Commissioner Martin is now interim chair of the Chamber of Commerce.

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**Gathering of the Clans/HarbourFest**

369.13 The Coordinator recently attended a competition organizers' meeting at a Highland Dance competition in Antigonish. The date for next year's is agreed to be changed to August 12<sup>th</sup>. The Coordinator hopes that the competition will qualify for NS 150 funding. There is yet much to be discussed with the tall ships, HarbourFest, Canada Day and Gathering of the Clans all occurring at the same time in 2017.

**Policies and Bylaws**

369.14 No report.

**Meeting bylaw change – 1<sup>st</sup> reading**

**MOTION**

**369.15 It was moved by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Purdy that the changes to bylaw #1 as proposed in the first reading be adopted.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Municipal Government Act (MGA) review**

369.16 The Pugwash Village Commission's comments were sent to the Association of Nova Scotia Villages (ANSV) which passed it along to the MGA review committee. No other response has been received.

**NEW BUSINESS**

369.17 None

**MOTION**

**369.18 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**

**Community Gift Bingo – Open Hamper**

**MOTION**

**369.19 It was moved by Commissioner Gould and seconded by Commissioner Martin to donate \$500 to the Pugwash Open Hamper.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**Cyrus Eaton Elementary School (CEES) – funding request**

369.20 Thank you note for funding received. The Clerk reported that the school agrees to include the Village logo on their new scoreboard. Commissioner Purdy commented that the garden project was very popular with the students.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

369.21 The Clerk asked if there was any other form of financial reporting required by the commissioners. None was asked for.

**MOTION**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

369.23 The next Village Commission regular meeting will be on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

Added items

369.24 Christmas-by-the-Sea will be December 2<sup>nd</sup> with the Village Open house in the afternoon. There will not be a holiday light exchange. Santa Claus will be at the Village Hall from 4pm to 5:30pm

**ADJOURNMENT**

369.25 The meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm by Commissioner Gould.

Respectfully submitted  
Lisa Betts  
Clerk Treasurer

Chair \_\_\_\_\_

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