

PUGWASH VILLAGE COMMISSION
Regular Meeting #370
19th December, 2016 at 7pm
Pugwash Village Hall

Minute Number 370

PRESENT

Christie Blackie, Charlie Gould, Bill Martin, Carl Purdy

RECORDING SECRETARY

Lisa Betts

CALL TO ORDER

370.1 The Commission of the Village of Pugwash met in the Board Room at the Pugwash Village Hall on 19th December, 2016. Chair Blackie called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.

REGRETS

370.2 Commissioner Dave Farley sent his regrets.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION

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

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION

370.4 It was moved by Commissioner Purdy and seconded by Commissioner Martin that the minutes of regular meeting 369 held November 14th 2016 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

370.5 None

PRESENTATION

370.6 None

OLD BUSINESS – COMMITTEE REPORTS

Municipal Water Supply

370.7 The Clerk reported from a meeting held December 8th that the wellfield has been improved to 10" wells, the access road is complete. The treatment plant should

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be completed by March 31st. The Water Supply committee is generally very pleased with Dexter's Construction. There have been a couple of issues with a couple of personnel with Safety First. Hydrostatic testing of the system should be complete by Fall 2017. A list of contractors will be generated to help property owners find someone to hook up their home or business to the system.

Commissioner Martin commented his displeasure at how the most recent construction (Murray Road/Pleasure Cove) has been conducted and said that there were residents complaining to him. The Clerk was able to give Commissioner Martin the contact information as to whom to complain and also explained some of how the construction schedule is set out.

ad hoc committee for a new health care facility

370.8 No report.

Waterfront Development Committee

370.9 The Clerk reported that the Request for Proposals for the *Pugwash Waterfront Development Design and Costing* has been released and an announcement is imminent that there will be funding made available to cover the cost of the RFP process. The Benjamin house has been purchased and is to be removed from the site by June 1st 2017.

Thinkers Lodge Society (TLS)

370.10 No report.

Communities in Bloom (CIB)

370.11 No report.

Six Rivers Chamber of Commerce (SRCC)

370.12 Commissioner Martin reported that the Chamber is "reinventing itself" and also working on three initiatives to be complete in time for the April AGM. (1) foster commercial and industrial development with four specific projects to be addressed one at a time, (2) Meetings in Oxford or other areas within SixRivers (3) staff contract review. Commissioner Martin said a chamber Council meeting will be called when there is something new to be discussed.

Canada Day 150/ Gathering of the Clans (GOC)/HarbourFest (HF)

370.13 The Clerk reported that preparations are just getting started. There is some concern that there is currently just one tall ship listed as coming to Pugwash. The Clerk (GOC Coordinator) expressed a concern that the HarbourFest committee

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was taking too strong a lead in the organizing of a festival that is actually four events (Canada Day, Rendezvous 2017, GOC and HF) held over a three day festival time frame. The Clerk asked that a commissioner or two come along to the next HarbourFest meeting so that Canada Day/GOC representation is not so outnumbered. Author Allan Billard will be in Pugwash on Wednesday conducting research for a book about the Rendezvous 2017 out ports and the tall ships coming to them.

Meeting bylaw change – 2nd reading

MOTION

370.14 It was moved by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Gould to accept the second reading of the changes to bylaw #1 as proposed.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Village Wi-fi

370.15 The Clerk reported that there is funding available to enhance internet accessibility to the public. Some research has already been done to find if the Village can propose a project that would qualify for the funding from NS Dept of Business. The Commissioners enthusiastically agreed that this project be pursued.

370.16 Commissioner Martin added that there is a funding opportunity to municipalities to use renewable energy to offset their electricity costs, with even a chance to sell excess power back to NSPI. There is a grant of up to \$75,000 available. The Clerk will look into the program.

CORRESPONDENCE

Northumberland Community Curling Club (NCCC)

370.17 Invoice for advertising space at the club. Commissioner Martin said that from his background as curling club manager, he did not think that any other curling club is financially supported by the municipal unit it is in. This was followed by much discussion as to whether Village taxes should be used to support the NCCC and a review of discussions and information collected in the past. Commissioner Martin suggested that the Village supported the NCCC in its early formation and continues to do so with property tax exemption, but the Village should not continue to add advertising support.

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370.18 It was moved by Commissioner Gould and seconded by Commissioner Purdy to pay NCCC invoice of \$258.75 for advertising.

MOTION DEFEATED

TREASURER'S REPORT

MOTION

370.19 It was moved by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Gould that the Treasurer's un-audited report be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS

370.20 The next Village Commission regular meeting will be on Monday, January 9th 2017 at 7pm.

370.21 Commissioner Gould (and Rose Junkart) attended the Pugwash and District Volunteer Fire Department at their annual awards banquet and had a very good time.

370.22 The Village Hall will be closed for Christmas and New Year, reopening Tuesday January 3rd.

ADJOURNMENT

370.23 The meeting was adjourned at 8:09pm by Commissioner Gould.

Respectfully submitted
Lisa Betts
Clerk Treasurer

Chair _____

Clerk Treasurer _____