

PUGWASH VILLAGE COMMISSION  
Regular Meeting #372  
23rd February, 2017 at 7pm  
Pugwash Village Hall

**Minute Number 372**

**CALL TO ORDER**

372.1 The Commission of the Village of Pugwash met in the Board Room at the Pugwash Village Hall on 23rd February, 2017. Chair Blackie called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Roll call: Chair Blackie  
Commissioner Farley  
Commissioner Martin  
Commissioner Purdy

Regrets: Commissioner Gould

Staff: Clerk Treasurer, Lisa Betts (recording secretary)

In attendance: Dorothy Pal, Pugwash Open Hamper  
Jean Farley, Pugwash resident

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION**

**372.2 It was moved by Commissioner Farley and seconded by Commissioner Purdy that the agenda be adopted as amended.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION**

**372.3 It was moved by Commissioner Farley and seconded by Commissioner Martin that the minutes of regular meeting 371 held January 9<sup>th</sup> 2017 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

372.4 None

**PRESENTATION**

372.5 Dorothy Pal, Pugwash Open Hamper. Mrs. Pal gave a review of how the Pugwash Open hamper operates. It currently serves 41 family units in the area, nearly half of those included are children. Mrs. Pal explained that support of the

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organization comes from local donations of food, gift cards, other monetary donations and from Feed Nova Scotia which brings produce to Pugwash every other week. Last year, fresh produce was supplemented from the gardens at the Cyrus Eaton Elementary School garden program run by Jennifer Houghtaling and from Alder Meadow vegetable outlet. Mrs. Pal believes that a productive garden could be cultivated on the Village owned vacant land (a double lot) on Prince Albert Street where a community garden was proposed a few years ago. The plan was put on hold to not compete with or distract from the project at the elementary school. The school project is to expand, but not yet as far as the Prince Albert Street property. Mrs. Pal proposes to start with a small garden with the help and support of some Open Hamper clients, the Cumberland Health Board and Ms. Houghtaling. Mrs. Pal said about half of the property would be big enough for her plans.

Commissioner Farley asked if the Open Hamper client numbers have increased in recent years. Mrs. Pal said she didn't have that kind of information at hand but did know that there are times of year that are particularly difficult for their clients. Mrs. Pal had great praise for local support of the Pugwash Open Hamper in the various fund raisers held through the year. The catchment area for clients is (approximately) bounded by Malagash, Wentworth and Linden.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

372.6 Gerald Hoganson requests the permission to use Village Hall space for the free tax return help he provides at this time of year.

**MOTION**

**372.7 It was moved by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Purdy that Mr. Hoganson may use the Village Hall on March 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at no charge..**

**MOTION CARRIED**

372.8 Northumberland Community Curling Club (NCCC) sent a thank you letter for the donation of village lapel pins given to visiting teams at the invitation bonspiel.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Treasurer's Report**

372.9 The Clerk Treasurer presented the Financial Report. The Clerk asked the Commission to invest some of the money in the current account. Enough should remain in the account to carry Village expenses until July, when the next payment from Village taxes is due.

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**MOTION**

**372.10 It was moved by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Farley that the Clerk invest \$20,000 into a capital savings plan.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Municipal Water Supply**

372.11 The Clerk reported that the Municipality of Cumberland County has approved the plan to extend the water supply to the end of Pugwash Point. This would fit within the present budget.

**MOTION**

**372.12 It was moved by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Farley that a letter to the Municipality of Cumberland County be sent asking for clarification as to why water is not to be extended to the Pugwash Fire Station and that if there is a hydrant included or not would make a difference in that decision.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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

372.13 No report.

**MOTION**

**372.14 It was moved by Commissioner Farley and seconded by Commissioner Martin that a letter to Janet Knox, President and CEO of NS Health Authority be sent asking for a status report on this project. The letter should be copied to the Leo Glavine, NS Minister of Health and Wellness; MLA Terry Farrell and to the Municipality of Cumberland County.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Waterfront Development Committee**

372.15 The request for proposals on the detailed design and costing of the Pugwash Waterfront Development project has been awarded to Architect 49 and WSP Engineering.

**Thinkers Lodge Society (TLS)**

372.16 No report. Chair Blackie will contact the TLS President, Shawn Brunt, for an update.

**Communities in Bloom (CIB)**

372.17 The deadline for applications for the position of gardener closes on February 28<sup>th</sup>. CIB is interested in setting up permanent lighting in the Cenotaph shrubbery, perhaps using solar lights.

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

372.18 Commissioner Martin deferred any report to the added item on the agenda  
(minute 372.24)

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

372.19 HF and GOC have not met to discuss plan recently. The Clerk/Treasurer has been working on updating the GOC "Manual" which identifies how to run the all the various aspects of the festival. The Clerk/Coordinator offered some ideas as to how the rest of the village (and area) could participate in Canada 150.

- (1) Set up holiday lights (preferably in red and white) in their bushes and trees for July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- (2) Make bunting with red and white fabric for the pennant flags. Volunteers could help sew them together.
- (3) Encourage residents to plant red and white annuals in their flower gardens.

**MOTION**

**372.20 It was moved by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Purdy to develop a promotional plan to encourage the community to embrace a red and white theme for Canada Day. This should be promoted very soon.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTIONS**

372.21 None

**NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

372.22 None

**NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS**

372.23 Commissioners Martin and Farley attended the Northumberland Community Curling Club (NCCC) invitation bonspiel dinner on January 28<sup>th</sup>. The Clerk said that the NCCC had never been advised that the Commission had decided in December not to pay for the wall advertising. As the sign is in all likelihood still on the wall, now near the end of the curling season, the Clerk suggested that the decision from December be reversed and sponsorship amount be paid.

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**MOTION**

**372.22 It was moved by Commissioner Farley and seconded by Commissioner Purdy that the Village should pay for the side wall sponsorship to NCCC and revisit the issue again next season. MOTION CARRIED**

372.23 A **secondary planning strategy** was developed for Pugwash in 2006/07. Some parts of this planning document, such as obtaining an architect's signature on any new building in parts of the Village, have become problematic. In the last few years the towns of Springhill and Parrsboro have dissolved and are now part of the County. The strategy and the land use by-law are now out-of-date and need to be re-written. The Municipality will be revisiting this document, with all the public consultation required, in the next year or so.

372.24 The next Village Commission regular meeting will be on Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 7pm.

**372.25 Trail Friendly Community** (added item)

Commissioner Martin described to the other commissioners a trails friendly plan presented to the Town of Oxford. The group was asking for support in asking the Minister of Transportation to change the Motor Vehicle Act to allow off road vehicles limited access to public highways. The Town of Oxford plans, as a special project, to ask for permission from TIR to allow off road vehicles to use the roads in Oxford. They would obtain input from community members as to which areas could be available. This easier access would have the potential to encourage tourism from New Brunswick and Quebec. Commissioner Martin said he is mentioning this now to the Pugwash Commission as the proponents are hoping to extend this access to other areas.

**ADJOURNMENT**

372.26 The meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm by Commissioner Blackie.

Respectfully submitted  
Lisa Betts  
Clerk Treasurer

**Chair** \_\_\_\_\_

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