

PUGWASH VILLAGE COMMISSION
Regular Meeting #373
13th March, 2017 at 7pm
Pugwash Village Hall

Minute Number 373

CALL TO ORDER

373.1 The Commission of the Village of Pugwash met in the Board Room at the Pugwash Village Hall on 13th March, 2017. Chair Blackie called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

Roll call: Chair Blackie
Commissioner Farley
Commissioner Martin
Commissioner Purdy

Regrets: Commissioner Gould

Staff: Clerk Treasurer, Lisa Betts (recording secretary)

In attendance: Joyce Gray, Chair Pugwash Community Health Board
Allison Gillis, Warden Municipality Cumberland County
Jean Farley, Pugwash resident

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION

373.2 It was moved by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Farley that the agenda be adopted as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION

373.3 It was moved by Commissioner Farley and seconded by Commissioner Purdy that the minutes of regular meeting 372 held February 23rd 2017 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

MOTION

373.4 It was moved by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Farley that no more than half of the vacant property on Prince Albert Street be used for a community garden to be supervised by Pugwash Open Hamper. The property is to be returned to its original state if the project ends.

MOTION CARRIED

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- 373.5 The letters requested to be sent to the Municipality of Cumberland County and Nova Scotia Health CEO, Janet Knox have been delivered (see minutes 372.12 and 372.14).

PRESENTATION

373.6 Joyce Gray, Chair Pugwash Community Health Board

Mrs. Gray made a short presentation requesting signs about smoking reduction could be displayed in Eaton Park or other public spaces owned by the Village. The signs were produced using school students' artwork. Mrs. Gray said there would be no cost to the project other than the time to erect the signs. If the signs could not be placed permanently, the request would be to be sure they were on display at large family events, such as July 1st. The eight signs were left with the Village Clerk to be put up in the spring.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 373.7 Invitation to the Northumberland Community Curling Club closing event and barbecue, April 2nd.

- 373.8 Farmers' Market requesting permission to continue with construction project on the CN rail yard property. The Market is having some difficulty getting a building permit because of lack of fire break distance from the salt mine road. The Clerk will approach the salt mine to see if they will sign an agreement that they have no intention of building any structure next to the market. The Clerk warned the Commissioners that the future of the existing building (old VIC) that the market is using may be in doubt. It is old, sills are rotting and is probably not worth investing any public money in repairs. It may soon be time for it to be removed. The building was salvaged from the VIC at the Nova Scotia/New Brunswick border several years ago.

MOTION

- 373.9 It was moved by Commissioner Farley and seconded by Commissioner Purdy that the project be approved with the continued condition that it can be removed upon request of the Commission if the property is required for some other purpose.**

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

- 373.10 The Clerk Treasurer submitted the latest financial statement.

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Municipal Water Supply

373.11 There was some discussion about nominations for Wellfield Protection Advisory Committee and which organizations are represented. Other than representatives from the Municipality, representatives from the Village, Sixrivers Chamber of Commerce and the local Trails Association would be on the committee and some people from these organizations have been approached by the Municipality. Warden Gillis was on hand to explain a little of what would be expected of committee members.

MOTION

373.12 It was moved by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Farley that the Village Clerk Treasurer represent the Village of Pugwash on the Pugwash Wellfield Advisory Committee.

MOTION CARRIED

ad hoc committee for a new health care facility

373.13 A letter to Janet Knox, CEO Nova Scotia Health Authority has been written.

Waterfront Development Committee (includes Multi-Purpose Centre [MPC])

373.14 The Clerk reported the MPC committee met and has added some members to it. The Clerk showed the Commission a large conceptual sketch MPC Chair David Rickard had drawn for the MPC meeting where there had been some discussion on what other functions the building could be used for, other than as a library. The MPC meeting was followed directly by the Pugwash Waterfront Development Project committee. Some new members have been added to it too. There was a “meet and greet” of the Project Steering Committee at the curling club after which the committee members walked through most of the parts of the Village that are part of the project. There are a number of subcommittees looking at different parts of the overall project. Architecture49 and WSP (the winning design and costing companies) assured the committee there will many opportunities for public consultation, starting very soon. This part of the project should be completed by mid-summer.

Thinkers Lodge Society (TLS)

373.15 No report.

Communities in Bloom (CIB)

373.16 The Community garbage pick-up day will be April 22nd. CIB is competing this year and is considering a number of project ideas. Louise Hardy has been hired as gardener.

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Six Rivers Chamber of Commerce (SRCC)

373.17 Commissioner Martin reported that membership outreach to the Oxford area.

There have been several joint meetings with other chambers of commerce.

Commissioner Martin speculated that a new association of groups, *Team Cumberland*, will become the functioning equivalent of the Regional Enterprise Network (REN) system proposed by the provincial government as a replacement to now defunct Regional Development Associations (RDAs). There will be a chamber council meeting by the end of March and an annual meeting in April.

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

373.18 Access to the Tall Ships will not be gated in Pugwash. There are three tall ships planning to be in Pugwash. Fox Harb'r resort will be sponsoring the Gathering by offering reduced rate accommodation for the headline act.

MOTIONS

MOTION

373.19 It was moved by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Purdy that by-law #1 be repealed and replaced by the amended version.

MOTION CARRIED

373.20 The Clerk requested that the commission approve, in advance of the formal approval of the 2018 budget, funding for an administrative assistant/recreation coordinator. The Municipality is interested in partnering with the Village in bringing in some recreational programming. A motion to go ahead would allow the Clerk to advertise the position right away.

MOTION

373.21 It was moved by Commissioner Farley and seconded by Commissioner Purdy that a budgeted amount of \$9,000 be made for the position of Administrative Assistant/Recreation Coordinator. MOTION CARRIED

Fireworks

MOTION

373.22 It was moved by Commissioner Farley and seconded by Commissioner Purdy that, as this is Canada's 150 anniversary year, the Village will increase the budget for fireworks to \$8,000 for 2017. MOTION CARRIED

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS

373.23 None

NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS

373.24 Cumberland Public Libraries.

The Clerk read a statement from Cumberland County Chief Librarian, Denise Cory. The Commissioners agreed that a letter of support for the libraries be sent to Tony Ince, Minister responsible for Communities Culture and Heritage, and copied to the MLA Terry Farrell and MLA Jaimie Baillie. Commissioner Martin said that the commission should monitor the results from the public meeting on April 6th at the Amherst Library.

373.25 Social Media chat

The Clerk said that this item is an information item in that there has been considerable online chatter about the current and future economic health of the Village, whether drive-through restaurants should be allowed and when public consultation may occur. Commissioner Martin said that by *social media* he sees most of this kind of gossip chatter on facebook. Commissioner Martin went on to tell the commission that, with the demise of the Oxford Journal, he and some others had tried to meet with Amherst Daily News/Citizen editor three times to discuss better news coverage of the Pugwash area. Commissioner Martin has started an online news site in an attempt to fill the local news void. He also complained that despite presentations by him to many sport organizations in the area, they have not used his site to promote their events. There was general agreement that there are complaints that people don't know what events or sports tournaments are going on or what facilities are available. The trend now seems to be to get this kind of information from social media (facebook) rather than from websites.

373.26 The next Village Commission meeting will be 7pm on April 10th.

ADJOURNMENT

373.26 The meeting was adjourned at 8:19pm by Commissioner Blackie.

Respectfully submitted

Lisa Betts

Clerk Treasurer

Chair _____

Clerk Treasurer _____