

PUGWASH VILLAGE COMMISSION

Regular Meeting #374

10th April, 2017 at 7pm

Pugwash Village Hall

Minute Number 374

CALL TO ORDER

374.1 The Commission of the Village of Pugwash met in the Board Room at the Pugwash Village Hall on 10th April, 2017. Commissioner Martin called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Roll call: Commissioner Martin
Commissioner Purdy

Regrets: Chair Blackie
Commissioner Farley
Commissioner Gould

Staff: Clerk Treasurer, Lisa Betts (recording secretary)

In attendance: Nelson Bezanson, Municipal Planner, Cumberland County
Allison Gillis, Warden Municipality Cumberland County
Kathy Redmond, Pugwash resident
Earl Chase, Pugwash business owner

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

374.2 As there was no quorum, no motion to approve could be made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

374.3 As there was no quorum, no motion to approve could be made.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

374.4 As there was no quorum, any business that requires a motion is deferred to the next meeting.

PRESENTATION

374.5 Nelson Bezanson, Municipal Planner, Cumberland County

Plan Cumberland is a full review of land use by-laws (LUB) in the Municipality. Past reviews are at least nine years old and for just parts of the County. In the meanwhile, the towns of Springhill and Parrsboro have dissolved and many other changes have happened. This review and proposed changes are expected to take to the end of the year to complete with a draft by-law ready by the end of this summer. There will be many opportunities to present this to the general public

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for further review. Presentations can also be made to interest groups in the County. Mr Bezanson is hoping for one consistent by-law for the whole county. There could be several zones defined that could apply for parts of the Village of Pugwash and towns (as was) of Springhill and Parrsboro. There will be significant public consultation as the bylaws are updated. Useful parts of the old town bylaws may be incorporated in the new LUB.

From questions from the commissioners and members of the public:

The Village Commission is an important part of the process. It will be consulted and advised of any changes before it is taken to council. The current LUB does not allow two storey (or higher) buildings in the village. This applies to accessory building such as garages or sheds, not residences.

- 374.6 Possible By-law amendment to allow drive-throughs. Two applications have been made, neither has been acceptable because of the current LUB. There will be public consultation and an Open House to determine if the majority of village residents approve of a change in the LUB. This process will take less time than the full review and may be enacted much sooner than a new LUB for the County. Some towns and village only allow for drive-throughs in certain zones. Drive-throughs include restaurants, pharmacies, banks and variety stores.

It was made clear that the Village Commission does not have the authority to make planning documents (MGA).

CORRESPONDENCE

- 374.7 **Pugwash Canada** – application for financial assistance. The group plans to be meeting in Halifax for a two day conference and come up to Pugwash (Wednesday July 26th) to tour the Lodge for an hour and then hold a town hall meeting at the high school for an hour. They are requesting \$3,000.
- 374.8 **Centre for Local Prosperity** - Thinkers Lodge Retreat
This is an event planned for September 28th to October 1st. It will be held at Thinkers Lodge but will also be live streamed to a larger audience. Request to act as a *Qualified Donee* as part of an application for funding from the Canada 150 Fund. Further contact from the group has not materialized as promised.
- 374.9 Cumberland Libraries – response to letter the Village Commission sent to NS Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage from MLA, Terry Farrell from Minister Ince.

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374.10 North Cumberland Historical Society

Request to the Commission, in the event of the library moving out of the old CN rail station when the multipurpose building is complete, to be permitted to move from the second storey of the building to the ground floor.

374.11 Cyrus Eaton Elementary School – Book Fair

Request for funding or donation of prizes.

374.12 Francois Chicquette, NDP

Request for support for Bill C-203, An Act to amend the Supreme Court Act.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

374.13 The Clerk Treasurer submitted the latest financial statement.

Municipal Water Supply – Pugwash Point Petition

374.14 A copy of the letter and petition to the Municipality asking for Municipal supply water to not be extended to Pugwash Point and part of the Gulf Shore Road.

Municipal Water Supply – Pugwash Fire Station

374.15 Commissioner Martin was able to confirm that the Municipal supply water will indeed be extended to the Pugwash Fire Station. There will not be a hydrant at that location.

ad hoc committee for a new health care facility

374.16 An invitation to hear announcement to be made at the North Cumberland Memorial Hospital by Premier Stephan MacNeil arrived at the village office today (April 10th). The announcement will be made 3pm tomorrow (April 11th).

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

374.17 Waiting for the public consultation process to start.

Thinkers Lodge Society (TLS)

374.18 No report.

Communities in Bloom (CIB)

374.19 Big Litter Clean Up – April 22nd. Commissioner Martin asked how the gardener hire was working out. The Clerk reported that Louise Hardy had started that day and had achieved a lot of work on some neglected area of the park.

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Six Rivers Chamber of Commerce (SRCC)

374.20 Commissioner Martin reported that there will be a council meeting on Thursday (April 13th) and hope for an AGM in May.

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

374.21 The Clerk has been working at merging documents, such as vendor registration forms, to reflect the combined events for 2017.

MOTIONS

374.22 None

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

374.23 None

NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS

374.24 The next Village Commission meeting will be 7pm on May 8th.

374.25 The Village Commission Annual General Meeting will be held May 31st and the Election date is set for Saturday, June 3rd.

ADJOURNMENT

374.26 The meeting was adjourned at 7.59pm by Commissioner Martin.

Respectfully submitted

Lisa Betts

Clerk Treasurer

Chair _____

Clerk Treasurer _____