

PUGWASH VILLAGE COMMISSION

Regular Meeting #378

14th August, 2017 at 7pm

Pugwash Village Hall

Minute Number 378

CALL TO ORDER

378.1 The Commission of the Village of Pugwash met in the Board Room at the Pugwash Village Hall on 14th August, 2017. Chair Gould called the meeting to order at 7pm and welcomed all attending.

Roll call: Chair Gould
Commissioner Farley
Commissioner Martin
Commissioner Purdy
Commissioner Mundle

Staff: Clerk Treasurer, Lisa Betts (recording secretary)

In attendance: Allison Gillis, Warden Municipality Cumberland County
Anne Gillis, Village of Pugwash resident
Jean Farley, Village of Pugwash resident
Michelle Byers, Municipality Cumberland County

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION

378.2 It was moved by Commissioner Farley and seconded by Commissioner Mundle that the agenda be accepted as amended. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION

378.3 It was moved by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Purdy that the minutes of regular meeting 375 held May 8th be approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION

378.4 It was moved by Commissioner Purdy and seconded by Commissioner Mundle that the minutes of annual general meeting 376 held May 31st be approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

Note: Meeting #377 on June 12th was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

378.5 None

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PRESENTATION

378.6 None

CORRESPONDENCE

Municipality of Cumberland County – fireworks funding

378.7 Funding of \$1,900 was from the County, with thanks. It was noted that there has since been a motion approved at the Municipality to cease funding community fireworks.

Pugwash Ground Search and Rescue – funding request

378.8 The Clerk suggested that the commission could review sometime as to whether this and other budgeted, regular donations to groups needs to be brought to a regular meeting or not. It has been the tradition to do so.

MOTION

378.9 It was moved by Commissioner Farley and seconded by Commissioner Purdy that \$1,000 be granted to Pugwash Ground Search and Rescue.

MOTION CARRIED

Pugwash and District Volunteer Fire Department (P&DVFD)

378.10 Commissioner Martin, a member of the P&DVFD, declared a Conflict of Interest and left the Board Room.

378.11 The remaining Commissioners commended the fire department for its volunteer work in the community.

MOTION

378.12 It was moved by Commissioner Farley and seconded by Commissioner Mundle that \$1,000 be granted to the Pugwash and District Volunteer Fire Department.

MOTION CARRIED

378.13 Commissioner Martin returned to the meeting.

Pugwash and District High School – Invitation to Graduation

378.14 Commissioners Martin attended and gave out two scholarships at the graduation held June 29th.

Pugwash and District High School

378.15 Thanks for scholarship funds.

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Cyrus Eaton Elementary School

378.16 Thanks for bursary funds.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

378.17 The Clerk Treasurer presented the most recent financial statements. There were no questions from the commission.

Municipal Water Supply

378.18 Chair Gould reported that he had been able to visit the wellfield while the Communities in Bloom national judges were also touring the site. It was reported to him at that time there that the project was ahead of schedule and under budget. Commissioner Mundle reported that the supply line installation to Pugwash Point over the past few weeks is nearly complete. The Clerk reported that there is a Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board notice of hearing to set the water use rates (November 3rd) is posted on the village web site and around the Village.

ad hoc committee for a new health care facility

378.19 Commissioner Farley reported that he had spoken to Dr. MacFarlane who had reported there is some progress, but it is slow.

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

378.20 It was noted that the property purchased by the Municipality as the site for a multi-purpose centre is now being cleared of the house still on it.

378.21 The WDC has sent an invitation to the Commission to sit on their committee with a recommendation that that appointment be awarded to Commissioner Mundle. Commissioner Martin commented that he did not think it appropriate for the WDC to stipulate who the commission should appoint to their committee. Commissioner Farley commented that past Chairs of the Commission appointed representatives to other committees.

MOTION

378.22 It was moved by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Farley that Commissioner Mundle represent the Village Commission on the Waterfront Development Committee. MOTION CARRIED

378.23 The Clerk presented proposed plans drawn up by Architecture49 for a replacement stage in Eaton Park. This plan is the result of much consultation

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with the public, village staff and other interested parties. It is hoped that it will serve many purposes. The Commissioners expressed approval of the plans in general and agreed that public washrooms should be added to the plans. The Commission agreed it would like to know the proposed cost of the design so far and a little more time to look at the current plans before making a motion to make any changes, including adding public washrooms.

MOTION

378.24 It was moved by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Farley that the commission thank Architecture49 for the input and that they consider the addition of public washrooms and their additional cost. MOTION CARRIED

378.25 Michelle Byers advised the commission that there will be an open house on August 23rd on the waterfront development plans, including the multi-purpose centre. Ms. Byers recommended the commission attend the open house.

Thinkers Lodge Society (TLS)

378.26 Commissioner Farley said he had spoken with Shawn Brunt (TLS President) briefly a few times but been unable to connect to fully discuss the status for the TLC. Commissioner Farley's understanding is that the wind up of the society is in progress.

Communities in Bloom (CIB)

378.27 A message was received from the national chair of Communities in Bloom thanking the village for participating in the recent competition. Commissioner Farley reported that up until this year, representatives from the Pugwash Communities in Bloom have only attended the National Symposium when it was held in the Maritimes. This year the village is nominated in five categories for the Symposium to be held in Ottawa. Pugwash CIB feels that the village should be represented at the symposium and suggested a CIB member and someone from the village could attend and thus cut some costs by sharing accommodations. The timing of the symposium conflicts other commitments previously made by commissioners or staff, including the Association of Nova Scotia Villages conference and AGM.

MOTION

378.28 It was moved by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Mundle that the village will contribute \$1,000 towards the cost of Pugwash Communities in Bloom attending the National Symposium in Ottawa.

MOTION CARRIED

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Volunteer Day in Pugwash

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378.29 It was moved by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Farley that the Commission contribute up to \$500 towards Pugwash Volunteer Recognition Day. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION

378.30 It was moved by Commissioner Mundle and seconded by Commissioner Farley that the Commission declare September 21st 2017 be recognized as Volunteer Recognition Day in Pugwash. MOTION CARRIED

Six Rivers Chamber of Commerce (SRCC)

378.31 No report.

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

378.32 The Highland Dance competition went well, despite being rained out and having to relocate to the Pugwash Legion. This last part of the festival was held August 12th. Entrance gate numbers have been sent to the commissioners and a more full report, including a financial statement, will be ready for the next village meeting.

Association of Nova Scotia Villages (ANSV)

378.33 The Clerk had attended the most recent meeting, on July 28th at Port Williams. The Clerk reported that subjects discussed included the recent inaction of the MGA update committee, the AGM agenda, code of conduct for commissioners (or residents), J-class roads and each Village's news update. High speed internet is being offered in Kings County and is increasingly identified as a vital service required for economic growth. Warden Gillis confirmed that improved internet services it being looked into by the Municipality.

Visitor Information Centre - staff report

378.34 See attached report. The Clerk added that there was a noticeable increase in numbers of French speaking visitors this year and that we were lucky to have had Maya Filmore on (part time) staff to help them.

Recreation Director – staff report

378.12 See attached report. The Clerk reported that this was the first time in many years that these kinds of programs were offered. Many different activities and sports were offered and all worked out very well. We were very lucky to have been able

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to hire someone who is currently attending university specializing in recreation. The Clerk thanked the Municipality for funding and their help setting up programs.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

378.32 After some discussion on the request from the Rebeka Lodge for financial assistance (see minute 375.16), it was decided that the issue be added to the agenda for resolution at the next regular meeting.

NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS

378.33 Commissioner Martin expressed a concern that local organizations do not send press releases to publicize their events and news.

378.34 The next regular Village Commission meeting will be 7pm on September 11th.

ADJOURNMENT

378.35 The meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm by Commissioner Purdy.

Respectfully submitted

Lisa Betts

Clerk Treasurer

Chair _____

Clerk Treasurer _____