

PUGWASH VILLAGE COMMISSION
Annual General Meeting #388
28st May, 2017 at 7pm
Pugwash Village Hall

Minute Number 388

CALL TO ORDER

388.1 The Commission of the Village of Pugwash met on Monday, May 28th 2018 at the Pugwash Village Hall Board Room.

388.2 Vice Chair Martin welcomed all present and called the meeting to order at 7pm.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND REGRETS

388.3 Chair Gould welcomed all those present.

Regrets: Commissioner Farley
MLA, Elizabeth Smith-McCrossin

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

388.4 Having either sent regrets or not confirmed, presenters listed as items 6.2, 6.10 and 6.16 were removed from the agenda.

MOTION

388.5 It was moved by Commissioner Mundle and seconded by Commissioner Purdy to approve the agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED

PUGWASH VILLAGE COMMISSION – CHAIR’S REPORT – Read by Chair Gould

388.6 See report attached.

MOTION

388.7 It was moved by Commissioner Gould and seconded by Commissioner Purdy that the Village Commission Chair’s report be adopted. MOTION CARRIED

AUDITOR’S REPORT – Vicki Darragh

388.8 Ms Darragh presented her report noting that the Village had a clean audit report. The Village’s finances are in good shape, with another small surplus showing for 2018.

MOTION

388.9 It was moved by Commissioner Mundle and seconded by Commissioner Purdy that the auditor’s financial report be adopted. MOTION CARRIED

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REPORTS

RCMP - PUGWASH DETACHMENT

388.10 Corporal Lee Lush gave a verbal report. Cpl. Lush has been promoted to sergeant and will be leaving soon for Newfoundland. The new staff sergeant, Craig Learning, had hoped to attend the Village AGM, but now send his regrets. Cpl. Lush reported that the four person Pugwash detachment is undergoing some personnel changes and in the meanwhile, Cst. Tom Livingstone (Oxford detachment) will be acting corporal in Pugwash. Despite having to cover additional areas over and above their usual coverage area, they try to always keep a member in Pugwash. This is not always possible. Vice Chair Martin thanked Cpl. Lush and wished him good luck in his new position as sergeant.

NOVA SCOTIA DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – Municipal Advisor Nancy Bray

388.11 Ms Bray gave a verbal report with a general update from the department.

1. The Province just signed an agreement with the newly renamed Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (previously the UNSM). This is a partnership framework that will include, for example, the modernization of the Municipal Government Act.
2. Joint strategic plan involving regional collaboration.
3. Fire services review. The report is due in the fall.
4. New grant available for Beautification and Streetscaping Program. Applications are due June 22nd and must be completed by March 31st 2019.

MUNICIPALITY OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY – Warden Allison Gillis

388.12 Warden Gillis gave a verbal report. Other Municipal staff will later talk about some of the partnership projects being worked on in Pugwash and area. These high cost projects could only be made possible by working with other levels of government. Warden Gillis said attending Municipal staff would better explain some of these projects. He thanked the Municipal staff for attending the meeting and the village for partnering in on these projects. The Capital Investment Plan is complete.

MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLY - Justin Waugh-Cress, Director of Engineering

388.13 Mr Waugh-Cress gave a verbal report saying that as we enter Summer Three into the project we are a little behind schedule but remain to be below budget. Since last year: the project has been extended to Pugwash Point and close to the Village limits on the Gulf Shore Road, the reservoir is built as is the treatment plant which is now in use, all lines have been pressure tested and are now ready to be disinfected. Mr Waugh-Cress predicted that line should be ready for

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connection by the end of June and water turned on to enter homes in July. All stakeholders are working together very well. The capital use fee will not appear on county tax bills in June but will be issued separately once water is running. The bill will be issued in late summer or the fall of 2018. These can be paid in full or over ten years. The source water wellfield protection committee is already meeting to discuss what needs to be done to protect the village water supply. Draft regulations will go to Council soon. The committee included members of the local community, ATV and snowmobile organizations and the Village Clerk. The precise size of the protected area was not known at the time.
(Note: The protected wellfield area is 589 acres)

PUGWASH AND DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Andy Yarrow - absent
388.14 No report.

CUMBERLAND PUBLIC LIBRARIES - Denise Corey, Chief Librarian

388.15 Denise Corey presented the report as read, emphasising a few points. Final statistics on usage will be presented in the Cumberland Public Library Annual Report. The catchment area of the Pugwash library extends as far as Tatamagouche to Northport. Warden Gillis announced that the site of the new multi-purpose centre (and library) would be cleaned up in two days. Commissioner Martin asked what future funding from the Province might be. Ms Corey said that the Provincial plan should be made public later in the year.

PUGWASH COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM (CIB) – Norene Smiley for CIB Chair Maureen Leahey

388.16 Report presented as read. Mrs Smiley added the importance to CIB its collaboration with the Village of Pugwash and many other organizations. CIB is entered in the national competition every three years which brings judges to the community who submit a detailed report with suggestions of how improvements can be made. Some of the plans for the coming year include an interpretive panel about the salt mine. The number of CIB members ranges from 8-12 at regular meetings to 20-30 for special events such as the community clean-up day in April. As part of the prize for the special achievement award the village won last year at the national competition, Mark Cullen will be visiting Pugwash on June 8th and 9th. There will be a variety of events including a presentation at the curling club that is a thank you to the village as a whole. Commissioner Martin thanked CIB for their work in helping the community to bloom and flourish in the way it has.

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2016 GATHERING OF THE CLANS/CANADA 150 – Coordinator Lisa Betts

388.17 Report presented as read. Ms Betts added that the Gathering is in a strong enough financial position to contribute \$40,000 to the cost of a new stage in Eaton Park. This year's event will be on July 2nd as per tradition when the 1st falls on a Sunday. Unfortunately, there has been a recent change in the rules on holidays as related to retailers which makes July 2nd less of a holiday than it used to be. The Matt Minglewood Band will be the headliner this year. Matt has played this event many times and it seemed appropriate that he play as the final act on the old stage.

MULTI-PURPOSE CENTRE (MPC) /WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT – Chair Debby Cameron and Michelle Byers, Economic Development Coordinator for Municipality of Cumberland County

388.18 Mrs Cameron introduced herself and Ms Byers to the meeting. There will be a longer, detailed presentation made at the Peace Hall on June 14th, hosted by the Six Rivers Chamber of Commerce. This evening's presentation will focus on recent changes and the plans for the next year.

Byers: the Pugwash Waterfront Development Master Plan was released in March 2018. The detail design work for Dinghy Beach and the Village Square are planned for this year. The business plan, detailed design and tender documents for the Multi-purpose Centre should also be produced this year. This would mean that it would be "shovel ready" for when funds become available for construction. A survey of marinas in the Maritimes will be conducted to discover ownership, funding and management models to discover best practises.

Question: does the project include access to Crescent Beach? This is a valid issue that came up after the RFP was released and will be kept in mind as the project progresses.

388.19 Justin Waugh-Cress, Director of Engineering made a brief report on the Municipality's recently adopted five year Capital Investment Plan. Part of this project that will be *shovel ready* before the Municipal Capital Investment Plan is scheduled to include it. However, having these parts of the project ready early will help with any other funding that may come available earlier. A federal infrastructure funding program was recently released and may be useful for some of the Pugwash projects.

PUGWASH FARMERS' MARKET – President Nancy Burgess-Graham

388.20 Report presented as read. Construction on the new kiosk area is underway and should be available to use in the next few weeks. Funding came from the market (\$20,000), ACOA and the Municipality. It is already attracting new vendors.

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There will be room for 28 kiosks. Each space has a light and an electrical outlet. The paths will be gravel and crusher dust. All agreed that it was a very attractive looking project. The process of how the space could be used by other groups or events outside of Saturday mornings is being developed. Commissioner Martin thanked the market, on the behalf of the community, for its fortitude and diligence in sticking with the project over so many hurdles.

PUGWASH COMMUNITY ACCESS PROGRAM (C@P) SITE – President Daryl Fawcett - absent

388.21 No report.

NORTH CUMBERLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY – President Harvey Gullon (absent).

Represented by: Vivien Godfrey

388.22 Mrs Godfrey presented Harvey Gullon’s written report adding that their offices have been greatly improved in space and accessibility due to a reorganization done last year by Noreen Smiley. This has made room for more volunteers to get more work done. The increased use is making demands on the electrical systems which need to be improved.

ADOPTION OF REPORTS

MOTION

388.23 It was moved by Commissioner Mundle and seconded by Commissioner Purdy that all reports presented be adopted. MOTION CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS

2018 ELECTION

388.24 The next election for village commissioner will be Saturday, June 23rd 2018. (Nominations are due Wednesday, June 13th).

388.25 A suggestion was made that, in light of a recent policy change made by upper management in Scotiabank to greatly limit the amount the local branch may support local organizations in their fund raising by matching funds, the village throw a dinner for the Scotiabank employees as a thank you for all the fund raising they have done over the years.

ADJORNMENT

MOTION

388.26 It was moved by Commissioner Purdy that the meeting be adjourned MOTION CARRIED

(Note: Meeting ended at 8:28pm)

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Respectfully submitted
Lisa Betts
Clerk Treasurer

Chair _____

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