

PUGWASH VILLAGE COMMISSION
Special Meeting of the Electors, 21st June 2018
Pugwash Village Hall

Minute No. 390

PRESENT:

Charles Gould, Carl Purdy, Christie Blackie, Bill Martin and Tracey Mundle

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Lisa Betts, Clerk Treasurer

CALL TO ORDER

- 390.1 The board room being occupied, the Commissioners of the Village of Pugwash met on 21st June 2018 in the Clerk's Office of the Pugwash Village Hall.
- 390.2 Chair Charley Gould called the meeting to order at 7pm.

SWEARING IN OF NEW COMMISSIONERS

- 390.3 Anne Gillis, Commissioner of Oaths, swore in Christie Blackie as Commissioner of the Village of Pugwash.

TRANSFER OF CHAIR

- 390.4 Chair Gould released the Chair to the Village Clerk

ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS OF THE VILLAGE COMMISSION

Election of Chair

- 390.5 The Clerk acting as Chair called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Pugwash Village Commission.
- 390.6 Commissioner Gould nominated Commissioner Martin as Chair.
- 390.7 Commissioner Martin indicated that he would accept the nomination.
- 390.8 The Clerk called for any additional nominations, hearing none, Commissioner Martin was acclaimed as Chair.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

- 390.9 The Clerk acting as Chair called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Pugwash Village Commission.
- 390.10 Commissioner Gould nominated Commissioner Mundle as Vice Chair.
- 390.11 Commissioner Mundle indicated that she would accept the nomination
- 390.12 The Clerk called for any additional nominations, hearing none, Commissioner Mundle was acclaimed as Vice Chair.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE

- 390.13 The Clerk acting as Chair called for the appointment of two (2) Commissioners to the Audit Committee.
- 390.14 Commissioner Purdy offered to sit on the Audit Committee.
- 390.15 Commissioner Mundle offered to sit on the Audit Committee.

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390.16 Hearing no other offers to accept, Commissioners Purdy and Mundle were appointed to the Audit Committee.

APPOINTMENT OF SIGNING OFFICERS

390.17 The Clerk acting as Chair called for the appointment of two (2) positions of Signing Officer for the (1) the Village of Pugwash and (2) the Gathering of the Clans.

Note: the Clerk Treasurer is de facto one of three Signing Officers for the Village of Pugwash and the Gathering of the Clans.

390.18 All commissioners agreed that there could be the same signing officers for both bank accounts.

390.19 Commissioner Purdy offered to take the position of Signing Officer.

390.20 Commissioner Blackie offered to take the position of Signing Officer.

390.21 Hearing no other offers to accept, Commissioners Purdy and Blackie were appointed as Signing Officers for the Village of Pugwash and the Gathering of the Clans.

YIELDING OF THE CHAIR

390.22 The Election and appointment of Officers being completed, the Clerk yielded the Chair to the Chair of the Village Commission, Bill Martin, who thanked all attending.

RESPONSE TO PLANNED SPEAKERS AT CAMP PUGWASH

390.23 Chair Martin updated the meeting with what is currently known about a planned speaking engagement to be made at Camp Pugwash later this summer. Some of this information has become known publicly and, given its subject matter, there is concern that this would reflect badly on the Village of Pugwash. Indeed, the Commission has already received one very negatively worded e-mail on the issue.

Chair Martin explained about how there are some religious groups that believe that, through various means, a gay person can be converted to heterosexuality. Two of the speakers invited to the Maritime Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church are Mike Carducci and Danielle Harrison, both of the "Coming Out" Ministry, who say they have undergone this conversion and are to speak on the subject. The event is not an "anti-gay rally" as referred to by some of the public - including the author of the email received June 15th. Youth Project Nova Scotia has asked the Maritime Conference to uninvite the speakers and has started an online petition. The Maritime Conference has thus far refused to change their plans.

The Clerk reported that the advice from our Municipal Advisor, Nancy Bray, is to prepare a statement for the media to use if needed and to consult and compare notes with their Municipality communications staff. A response should be sent to the sender of the email received last Friday.

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Commissioner Mundle said it is imperative that the statement make it very clear that just because the camp is called Camp Pugwash, that there is no actual association between the camp and the Village of Pugwash.

The presentation is planned for the Camp Pugwash "Camp Meeting" July 20-28th.

Some of the Commissioners and Mrs Gillis confirmed that there is already an awareness of this meeting in a wide area. Mrs Gillis said there are residents of the Gulf Shore Road who are particularly concerned.

Chair Martin said that the first line of action is to send a response to the email already received. He and the Clerk will review and edit it to reply as soon as possible. Chair Martin said he would like to add that the Seventh-day Adventists do not represent the churches of the Village of Pugwash.

The other action item is to prepare a statement for the media. The Chair and Clerk will work on this too.

VILLAGE BOUNDARIES

390.24 Chair Martin asked that the Village boundaries that were identified as being incorrect some years ago. They should be reviewed, updated where necessary and formally registered. This may be a lengthy process that should be started as soon as possible. A review of the tax roll is also due.

NOTICE OF MOTION

390.25 Commissioner Purdy served a notice of motion to seek a review of the boundaries of the Village of Pugwash.

ADJOURNMENT

390.26 It was moved by Commissioner Mundle that the meeting be adjourned at 7:46pm

Chair

Clerk Treasurer