

PUGWASH VILLAGE COMMISSION  
Regular Meeting #437  
9th May 2022 at 7pm  
Board Room, Pugwash Village Hall

**Meeting Number 437**

**1 CALL TO ORDER**

- 1.1 Chair Roger Mundle called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.
- 1.2 **Territorial Acknowledgment** - Declared by Commissioner Martin.

**2 ROLL CALL**

Commissioners: Chair Roger Mundle  
Vice Chair Brent Wilson  
Commissioner Bill Martin  
Commissioner Sue Duncan  
Commissioner Dave MacEwan

Staff: Clerk Treasurer, Lisa Betts (recording secretary)

**3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Duncan and seconded by Commissioner MacEwan to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED**

**4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Martin to approve the minutes of regular meeting 436, 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022. MOTION CARRIED**

**5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

5.1 **Brew Barn - request to locate a take-out coffee business in Eaton Park**  
The Village of Pugwash is bound by a restrictive covenant, set by the Pugwash Parks Commission when gifting Eaton Park to the Village in 1976. The covenant does not allow for commercial businesses in the park. The Commissioners discussed a concern about a precedent being set by allowing the same business in the adjacent car park, which is a separate property and not bound by the restrictive covenant.

5.1.a **IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Duncan and seconded by Commissioner MacEwan to approve allowing the Brew Barn to use the municipal car park for the summer. MOTION DEFEATED**

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5.2 Fit Trails

The Municipal personnel now responsible for this equipment has suggested that - given the equipment is being broken up into smaller numbers of units to be used by any receiving organization, that a grouping of the equipment could be considered. Further research is being done as to whether that can be done and what substrate is to be included in the installation. It was generally agreed that if the volleyball court was removed, some of the area should be kept as a sand play area. The Commissioners agreed that the project should go ahead as approved by motion 418.11 (October 2020). Further information will be requested.

5.3 **IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner MacEwan and seconded by Commissioner Wilson to withdraw the motion (see minute 9.1.c) made in April 2022 to dissolve the Accessibility Committee. MOTION CARRIED**

6 **ACTION LIST** - see also attached list of completed tasks.

Not included are subjects otherwise discussed elsewhere.

6.1 **Credit card** - has arrived and activated. A policy for its use is pending.

6.2 **Fireworks** – ordered

7 **PRESENTATION**

7.1 **Art in the Park, POAG – Norene Smiley & Louise Cloutier**

Two projects were proposed:

(1) Permanent steel sculpture in the form of the internationally recognized, iconic peace symbol. The sculpture was produced by Oxford artist Tim Ellis. It is 5' in diameter and is mounted on a single pole. It is proposed to be in the park near the boardwalk opposite the area between Queen and Black Streets. The location would not affect view plane and would be set back enough from the shore to avoid storm damage. It will be varnished and later decorated with ribbons in time for July 30<sup>th</sup> as part of HarbourFest. The Commission later discussed the idea of making the ribbon tying an annual event.

(2) Decorate 15 trees in Eaton Park through HarbourFest (July 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>). Instructions to groups or businesses taking on the decorating of a tree would include to not damage the trees in any way. The Commission and staff expressed a concern about the potential disturbance of nesting birds in that area. More information on which birds may be nesting will be sought.

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- 7.2 **IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner MacEwan to approve the installation of the peace sculpture in Eaton Park as proposed. MOTION CARRIED**

## 8 CORRESPONDENCE

- 8.1 **Pugwash District High School (PDHS) graduating class scholarship IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Wilson to give PDHS \$1,000 scholarship. MOTION CARRIED**

8.1.a The presenter of the scholarships will be determined nearer the date (June 29<sup>th</sup>).

- 8.2 **Farmers' Market** - Community Led project  
There was some discussion about supporting a new business space available throughout the week and whether it should be considered a potential revenue source for the Village. The Village rents space to a couple of businesses using Village properties.

**IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner MacEwan to provide a Letter of Consent to further develop a planned project. MOTION CARRIED**

- 8.3 **Minister for Public Works** - response to letter sent January 2022 in support of off highway vehicle use of the highway.

- 8.4 **Library/Community Health Board - story board at the train station**  
A sequence of panels would be mounted on posts placed around the train station would tell a story for children to follow and read. It was understood that the posts would be taken up at the end of the summer. Meetings are being planned to look at how this project could be done in Pugwash. The Village office had received photographs of a similar project in Amherst for the Commissioners to view.

## 9 COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 9.1 **Association of Nova Scotia Villages (ANSV)**  
No report

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9.2 **Audit Committee**

Independent audit is complete. The Financial Statement for 2022 will be presented at the Annual General Meeting.

9.3 **Physician Recruitment and Retention**

There have been two tours of Pugwash conducted by potential physicians. The committee is now looking out for a suitable residence in the area. Commissioner Martin asked for information of current or potential properties for sale.

9.5 **Communities in Bloom (CIB)**

No report.

9.6 **Library**

Roger MacIsaac is the project manager for the new library build and is in regular contact with the Village Office with updates and a few questions. After some Geotech work and other preparations, the project is due to start in mid-June.

9.7 **Clerk Treasurer's Reports**

9.7.1 **Access road used by Windsor Salt**

After many delays, an agreement between the Village and Windsor salt over the use of the Village owned "haulage road" (or access road) has been signed.

9.7.2 **Pugwash Harbourfront Centre (PHC) vandalism**

Security camera images have helped identify those responsible for the latest vandalism at the PHC where electrical and computer outlets were destroyed. This is in the hands of the RCMP.

9.7.3 **Gathering of the Clans**

Preparations continue. Provincial funding of \$2,000 has been received.

9.7.4 **2023 Budget**

Am *in camera* meeting was held earlier in the evening to discuss the budget for the next fiscal year. The Clerk asked that the Commission would approve the budget as amended. The tax rates will increase by 1.5c to 35c for properties registered as residential or resource and 42c for commercial properties.

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9.7.4.a **IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner MacEwan and seconded by  
Commissioner Duncan to approve the 2023 Budget as amended.  
MOTION CARRIED**

9.7.5 **Election date – June 4<sup>th</sup>**

The terms of Commissioners Martin and Duncan end June 4<sup>th</sup> (Election Day). The two week Nomination Period opens Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> and closes May 25<sup>th</sup>. The Clerk explained how the timing of the election was tied to the AGM, the Village's election bylaw and requirements made in the Municipal Government Act.

**10 MOTIONS**

10.1 None.

**11 NOTICE OF MOTION**

11.1 None.

**12 NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS**

12.1 Commissioner Wilson reported that Sunset Community will be changing from one large institutional building to using smaller buildings and is looking for property in the Village. One property that may be of interest is the current tennis and basketball courts owned by the Village. The Commission asked for a formal request or proposal from Sunset Community.

12.2 The Annual General Meeting will be 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

12.2 The next regular Village meeting will be 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2022.

**13 ADJOURNMENT**

13.1 The meeting was adjourned at 8:37pm by motion from Commissioner Wilson.

Respectfully submitted  
Lisa Betts  
Clerk Treasurer

Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_