

# Pugwash Village Commission

## Regular Meeting #472

June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6 pm

Board Room, Pugwash Village Hall

### Minutes

#### **1. Call to Order**

**1.1** Chair Brent Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

**1.2** An in-camera meeting was held before this meeting.

**In-camera** Per Section 408B (2) of the Municipal Government Act, the Commission moves into the in-camera as per Section 408B (2) of the Municipal Government Act to discuss the following: [specific topics addressed in the in-camera meeting].

(a) Village property acquisition, sale, lease, and security.

(e) Contract Negotiations

**1.3** Return to Public Meeting at 7:00 pm

**1.4** Territorial Acknowledgement- read by Chair Wilson.

*“We acknowledge that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people.”*

#### **2. Roll Call of commissioners who are all present.**

Brent Wilson, Chair

Commissioner Sue Duncan, Vice Chair

Commissioner Dave MacEwan

Commissioner Matthew Parker

Commissioner Margaret Anderson

Clerk-Treasurer Christie Blackie

#### **3. Approval of Agenda**

**3.1** The agenda was approved as presented.

**3.2** Call for Declaration of Conflict of Interest.

Approved by Commissioner Duncan and Seconded by Commissioner Anderson

**Motion Carried**

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### **4. Approval of the Minutes**

Commissioner MacEwan moved, and Commissioner Anderson seconded, that the minutes of Meeting #472, held May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, be approved.

**Motion Carried**

### **5. Business Arising from the Minutes**

**5.1** The gateway sign requested by Communities in Bloom was generously installed by Rob Blake at Electrical, along with his coworker Steve. The installation is complete and will be shared publicly on social media, with three additional signs planned for the bottom. Slightly shorter than before, the sign looks good, and some landscaping will be added to improve its appearance.

**5.2** Clerk Blackie confirmed that the AGM will be on Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6 pm.

### **6. Correspondence**

**6.1** Lisa Betts sent a card of thanks to the commissioner and Clerk Blackie, thanking them for the grand retirement party.

**6.2** Mrs. Leahey has sent an invitation to attend her late husband Douglas' celebration of life on July 8<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 5 pm.

**6.3** Reminder of the judges coming from Communities in Bloom on July 16, 17, and 18<sup>th</sup>.

**6.4** Coop is having their 80<sup>th</sup> Celebration in Cyrus Eaton Park on August 23, 2025.

### **7. Presentation – No Presentation**

### **8. Reports**

#### **Clerk-Treasurer Report**

- Clerk Blackie has issued a 15-day public notice regarding the sale of the property known as the Old Fire Hall in Pugwash. This notice marks the beginning of the formal process for the property's sale. Further details, including terms and conditions, will be made available through the Village Office and online.

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- The community event schedule includes a Bicycle Race on August 16<sup>th</sup>, called the Wonder Ride. It is for kids aged 2 to 17 with a \$20 registration fee that covers a T-shirt, supporting the Recreation and Events Program. The Gathering of the Clans is receiving heavy support this year. A beer & spirit garden will be introduced, with security present and advertising on CFTA Radio.
- Village updates feature a new website and professional photos.
- The community's Christmas in July celebration is generating excitement, daily Christmas-themed activities, tree lightening, boat parade, vendors and music!

**8.2 Financials** - There was a refund of \$727.00 after the Insurance audit. The Village Visa was closed, and we are currently using the Visa Debit for business. The Harbourfest Docks are all ready for the season. Mike Cunningham completed this project.

### **8.3 Standing Committees**

**8.3.1 Accessibility** – Nothing to report

**8.3.2 Audit** – Clara MacDonald has stepped down from the position of community auditor, and Kseniia Kushnir has taken on this responsibility.

### **8.4 Community Committees**

**8.4.1 Communities in Bloom** – Communities in Bloom is busy preparing for the judges in July. Margie Anderson and Clerk Blackie will be meeting with the judges on July 17<sup>th</sup> for a conversation with the government representatives, judges and CIB members.

**8.4.2 Association of Nova Scotia Villages** – AGM meeting September 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Commissioner Duncan and Clerk Blackie will be attending.

### **8.5 Advisory Committees – None to report**

## **9. New or Other Business**

**9.1** It was decided that Commissioner MacEwan will give the speech at the PDHS Graduation on behalf of the Village Commission.

**9.2** It was decided that the commissioners have a \$50.00 increase in their stipend per month, as they are an active commission. This was agreed upon unanimously.

**9.3** Congratulations to Commissioners Anderson and Duncan for being elected by acclamation. Words of congratulatory expression were shared.

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**9.4** Village property known as the “old fire hall” will be sold without a real estate agent and will go through the Village of Pugwash lawyer.

**9.5** The family of the late Hudson Trenholm would like to have a bench donated in his memory in the park near the harbour, as he was a fisherman. It has been decided that the clerk can make arrangements with the family.

### **10. Adjournments**

The meeting was adjourned at **7:47 p.m.** by a motion from Commissioner Duncan.

**Motion Carried**

**The next regular Village meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

Submitted by,  
Christie Blackie  
Clerk-Treasurer

**Chair** \_\_\_\_\_

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