

Pugwash Village Commission

Regular Meeting #474

August 11th, 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**

Moved by Commissioner MacEwan and Commissioner Anderson seconded, that the minutes of Meeting #473, held June 9th, 2025, be approved.

Motion Carried

5. **Business Arising from the Minutes - Туцг**

6. **Correspondence**

6.1 Request from **Maya Mundle** for financial support to attend Expo Science International in Abu Dhabi. The Commission noted policy restrictions on donations to individuals and, regrettably, declined the request.

6.2 Harbourfest Donation – The Commission discussed the annual \$1,000 contribution. After deliberation, it was agreed the donation would proceed this year, but be funded through **Gathering of the Clans revenues** and transferred through the Village to ensure recognition.

Motion by Commissioner MacEwan, seconded by Commissioner Parker, that \$1,000 from Gathering of the Clans funds be allocated as a Village donation to Harbourfest.

Motion Carried

6.3 A thank-you card was received from the Department of Justice staff for providing regular meeting space.

6.4 Invitation to the **Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon** on September 25th at the Lobster Factory.

7. **Presentation** – No Presentation

8. **Reports**

8.1 **Clerk-Treasurer's Report**

- Canada Day / Gathering of the Clans was highly successful with approximately 6,000 attendees, record vendors, and over \$42,000 deposited from gate revenues.

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- Ongoing work to reconcile finances; net surplus expected around \$10,000 higher than last year.
- Beer garden and entertainment were well received; planning improvements for accessibility transport and volunteer group participation for next year.
- July events included “Christmas in July” with strong attendance, CBC media coverage, boat parade (~300 attendees), and community concert.
- Movie Nights and children’s activities (crafts, tie dye, scavenger hunts, etc.) were successful; chalk day to be discontinued due to low participation.
- Upcoming: **Wonder Ride Bicycle Race** (August 16), Co-Op 80th Celebration (August 23), Newcomer Day in partnership with YREACH (date TBD).
- Train Station upgrades progressing with potential future grant applications.

8.2 Financials

- Current bank balance: \$156,835.68 (Village operations).
- Gathering of the Clans account balance: \$48,397 (to be finalized, expected to settle around \$42,000).
- Several outstanding checks and deposits pending from recent events.
- Motion by Commissioner Duncan, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to accept the financial report as presented.

Motion Carried

8.3 Standing Committees

- Accessibility – No report.
- Audit – Ongoing audit work; report to follow in September.

8.4 Community Committees

- Communities in Bloom – Judges visited July 16–18; The meeting Scheduled with with Clerk Blackie and Commissioner Anderson went well scheduled with Clerk Blackie and Commissioner Anderson went well, and we enjoyed conversation and enjoyed conversation and a learning experience for all.

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- Association of Nova Scotia Villages – AGM September 19–20 in Port Williams; Commissioner Duncan and Clerk Blackie to attend.

8.5 Advisory Committees - None.

9. New or Other Business

9.1 Commissioner MacEwan delivered the remarks at the PDHS Graduation on behalf of the Commission.

9.2 Commissioner stipends will be increased by \$50/month in recognition of workload.

Motion Carried

9.3 Congratulations extended to Commissioners Anderson and Duncan for being re-elected by acclamation.

9.4 The Old Fire Hall property to be sold directly through the Village lawyer without a real estate agent.

9.5 Approval granted for the family of the late Hudson Trenholm to place a memorial bench near the harbour. Clerk to coordinate.

10. Adjournments

The meeting was adjourned at **8:15 p.m.** by a motion from Commissioner Duncan.

Motion Carried

The next regular Village meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on September 8th, 2025.

Submitted by,
Christie Blackie
Clerk-Treasurer

Chair _____

Clerk Treasurer _____