

PUGWASH VILLAGE COMMISSION
Regular Meeting #397
11th February 2019 at 7pm
Pugwash Village Hall

Minute Number 397

CALL TO ORDER

397.1 Chair Martin called the meeting to order at 7pm and welcomed Warden Gillis and thanked him for his regular attendance and support.

ROLL CALL

397.2 Commissioners: Chair Bill Martin
Vice Chair Tracey Mundle
Commissioner Charles Gould
Commissioner Roger Mundle
Regrets: Commissioner Carl Purdy
Staff: Clerk Treasurer, Lisa Betts (recording secretary)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION

397.3 It was moved by Commissioner Tracey Mundle and seconded by Commissioner Roger Mundle that the agenda be accepted. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION

397.4 It was moved by Commissioner Tracey Mundle and seconded by Commissioner Gould that the minutes of regular meeting 396 14th January 2019 be approved. MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

397.5 None

PRESENTATIONS

397.6 Home Warming program – Jennifer Hickey

This program for low income homeowners is in partnership with Nova Scotia Power, The Clean Foundation, Efficiency Nova Scotia and the Province of Nova Scotia. The program includes having a home “audited” for heat loss or insulation problems and then, depending on the family net income, work can be done at no cost to the homeowner. 7,600 homes have been upgraded under this program so far. Information flyer attached. The program is free to a one person homeowner with an income up to \$21,822 or for up to four people with an income of \$40,548.

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Home Energy Assessment program is another program run by Efficiency Nova Scotia whereby after a home audit (\$99 fee) is completed the homeowner has a year to get the recommended work done and then apply for a rebates.

397.7 With apologies for not mentioning earlier in the meeting, Commission chair Martin reported that the Commission had met *in camera* before the regular meeting. These do not happen very often. The subjects discussed were a tax refund, the Eaton Stage replacement tender and a personnel matter.

397.8 Communities in Bloom - Maureen Leahey

Request that a commissioner or a staff member from the Village attend the 2019 National Symposium in Yarmouth, NS in September. Assuming accommodation costs were shared, the cost to the Village is estimated to be \$1,047. The rooms are booked. Mrs Leahey said she would like to know if there would be representatives from the village commission or staff by June. The issue will be reviewed at the next regular Village meeting in March.

396.9 Communities in Bloom (CIB) - Maureen Leahey

Playground area rejuvenation project (moved from "Correspondence"). CIB generally has a big project each year and for this year they would like to do some work around the existing playground in Eaton Park. Their plans include adding a low (12") wall to define the area at the sidewalk and a new wheelchair accessible picnic table in the area. The plan includes a pathway from the car park to the playground for accessibility with a seating area and add to the pea gravel in the play area. The costs are estimated to be \$11,702. CIB is not asking the Village for financial assistance at this time as they plan on first applying to the Municipality and Community Health Board for funding. CIB is asking for permission to go ahead with the project.

The Commissioners asked a few questions and expressed a few concerns about some details of the plan. However, given the somewhat emergent timing of funding applications, the commission did agree in principal.

MOTION

397.10 It was moved by Commissioner Roger Mundle and seconded by Commissioner Gould to approve the CIB project presented in principal. MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

397.11 Northumberland Community Curling Club

Thanks for supporting their annual bonspiel. Commissioner T. Mundle gave a report on the bonspiel banquet and how much she and her daughter enjoyed the

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evening. She reported that the bonspiel will now be called the Alice Power Memorial Invitational Bonspeil.

397.12 **Communities in Bloom** – see minute 397.9

397.13 **North Cumberland Historical Society**

Request for letter of support to include in a funding request from the Municipality of Cumberland County. The Commission agreed to prepare a letter for the society to use.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

397.14 The Clerk Treasurer presented current financial statements. The independent audit committee member has finished and delivered her report.

MOTION

397.15 It was moved by Commissioner Tracey Mundle and seconded by Commissioner Gould receive the report as presented. MOTION CARRIED

Municipal Water Supply

397.16 Commission chair Martin noted that there has been a press release since the last commission meeting and asked Warden Gillis (in the gallery) what and when further reports will be made? Commissioner Martin suggested that the next media release be sent out to the media generally, rather than just to the Village office specifically.

Waterfront Development Committee (WDC) – Eaton stage replacement

397.17 The Clerk reported that the company with the lowest bid in the tender for a replacement performance stage was APM Construction in Mount Uniacke. All conditions of the tender were met.

MOTION

397.18 It was moved by Commissioner Tracey Mundle and seconded by Commissioner Gould that the tender to replace the Eaton stage be awarded to APM Construction of Mount Uniacke in the amount of \$438,6424.

MOTION CARRIED

Eaton Stage Funding Committee

397.19 This would be to look for donations from members of the public or business. As no volunteers stepped forward to serve on the suggested committee, it will not be struck but the commissioners are encouraged to lookout for any such possibilities.

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Multi-purpose Centre

397.20 No report

Communities in Bloom

397.21 Commission chair Martin made a point to commend CIB for their hard work and commitment. See also minutes 397.7 and 397.8.

Gathering of the Clans

397.22 The Coordinator reported that all the federal funding of \$3,000 that was requested has been granted.

Physician Search & Retention

397.23 Commission Chair Martin reported that the Pugwash committee has been officially included in a new regional committee for Cumberland County. Dr MacFarlane is hoping to attend the next meetings in Amherst.

Association of Nova Scotia Villages

397.24 A teleconference was held 18th January. No representative from Pugwash attended.

MOTIONS

397.25 None

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

397.26 None

NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS

397.27 The next regular meeting of the Pugwash Village Commission will be Monday, March 11th, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

397.28 The meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm by motion of Commissioner Tracey Mundle.

Respectfully submitted

Lisa Betts

Clerk Treasurer

Chair _____

Clerk Treasurer _____