

PUGWASH VILLAGE COMMISSION
Annual General Meeting #401
29th May 2019 at 7pm
Pugwash Village Hall

Minute Number 401

CALL TO ORDER

401.1 The Commission of the Village of Pugwash met on Wednesday, May 29th 2019 at the Pugwash Village Hall Board Room.

401.2 Vice Chair Martin welcomed all present and called the meeting to order at 7pm.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND REGRETS

401.3 Chair Martin welcomed all those present.

Regrets:

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

401.4 It was moved by Commissioner Purdy and seconded by Commissioner Tracey Mundle to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED

PUGWASH VILLAGE COMMISSION – CHAIR’S REPORT – Read by Chair Martin

401.5 See report attached. Chair Martin finished by acknowledging retiring Commissioner Carl Purdy and encouraging those present to consider running for Commissioner.

MOTION

401.6 It was moved by Commissioner Tracey Mundle and seconded by Commissioner Roger Mundle that the Village Commission Chair’s report be adopted. MOTION CARRIED

AUDITOR’S REPORT – Lawrence Lake, CPA, CA - Morse Brewster Lake

401.7 Mr Lake presented his report noting that the Village had a clean audit report. The Village’s finances are in good shape, with a small surplus showing for 2019. There were no questions for Mr Lake. Chair Martin commented that the Village is in full compliance with the province’s Financial Reporting Accounting Manual (FRAM) by having an active Audit Committee.

MOTION

401.8 It was moved by Commissioner Roger Mundle and seconded by Commissioner Tracey Mundle that the auditor’s financial report be adopted. MOTION CARRIED

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REPORTS

RCMP - PUGWASH DETACHMENT

401.9 As Corporal Shawn Galbraith was away for coursework, Constables Brennah Counter and Marc Blinn represented the RCMP. Constable Counter gave some numbers of vehicle check stops and what summary offences and charges were made with these check stops and other calls made through the year. They advised those present of measures that can be made to avoid break and enter into homes and cottages and to report any signs of impaired driving in other motorists. Chair Martin asked about policing financing in the County. The Constables did not have any hard facts to share.

MLA FOR CUMBERLAND NORTH - Elizabeth Smith-McCrossin

401.10 Mrs Smith-McCrossin informed the meeting that she is the Conservative Party representative in the Nova Scotia Department of Municipal Affairs. Mrs Smith-McCrossin said she was available for any kind of help needed for projects in the area. Mrs Smith-McCrossin shared of her time playing basketball at Pugwash High School. She praised the vision and work of retired teacher David Reid in his work with youth and particularly in encouraging basketball. "Pugwash Panthers" have gone on to win at provincial level several times since Mr Reid first started coaching. Mrs. Smith-McCrossin expanded on this as an allegory on working together to "get things done" in Pugwash. Mrs. Smith-McCrossin thanked the Commissioners for volunteering their time.

NOVA SCOTIA DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – Municipal Advisor Jason Haughn

401.11 Mr Haughn explained that he has just recently taken on the position of Municipal Adviser with 17 Municipal units under his care including ten Villages, so far. He is very excited and interested in present and future projects in Pugwash and offered his time as a resource at any time. He explained the NS Department of Municipal Affairs is a "willing partner" in renewed and continued cooperation and partnership between Municipalities and Villages.

MUNICIPALITY OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY – Warden Allison Gillis

401.12 Chair Martin thanked Warden Gillis for his faithful attendance at regular Village meetings. Warden Gillis said that Pugwash was lucky to have an active Village Commission. The NS Utilities and Review Board (UARB) is reviewing Municipal governance and by December of this year the size of Council will be determined. There are currently 13 Councillors in Cumberland County. Council is to provide a recommendation. Warden Gillis said that input from County residents is welcome. Also, to be determined is whether the County will keep a Warden system (the Warden position being determined by vote from other Councillors)

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or Mayoral (by popular vote from all County residents). Once a Mayoral system is adopted, it is irreversible (as per current legislation). Warden Gillis pointed out that many of the organizations present at this annual meeting receive financial assistance from the County.

MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLY - Justin Waugh-Cress, Director of Engineering,
Municipality of Cumberland County

401.13 Mr Waugh-Cress started his report by pouring some water from a water jug into some drinking cups and distributing them to the Commission. This as being the first official water from the Pugwash wellfield that was given the final written approval just a couple of hours earlier in the evening. The Village Hall was the first building in Pugwash to be connected to the new Municipal water supply. This was met with applause from the meeting.

Mr Waugh-Cress explained some of the biological process used to reduce iron and manganese from the wellfield water. These biological systems require oxygen which is introduced by aeration. New systems are in place to improve level of aeration, which had been too high giving a “milky” look to the water and for the chlorination back-up.

Mr Waugh-Cress was able to answer some questions from those present by confirming that there are no cost changes as they were set by the UARB some time ago. Meters will be installed later in the year. Quarterly usage fees are expected to be about \$123.00. The Local Improvement Fee of \$4,054 will probably be invoiced this summer, payable either immediately in full or over ten years at 5% interest.

PUGWASH AND DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Andy Yarrow - absent
401.14 No report.

CUMBERLAND PUBLIC LIBRARIES - Chantelle Taylor, Deputy Chief Librarian

401.15 Ms Taylor presented her report adding that the best support the public can give the libraries is by using them, bolstering usage statistics. The 3D printer get some use, but maybe not as much as expected.

PUGWASH COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM (CIB) - Maureen Leahey, Chair

401.16 Mrs Leahey read her report (attached) adding that membership appreciated VC Chair Bill Martin’s attendance at most CIB meetings. CIB is looking forward to working with the Village to produce a cultural asset inventory on the Village

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website, or in some other digital platform. The landscaping project at the top of the playground garden is nearing completion. It will be full accessible.

2018 GATHERING OF THE CLANS - Lisa Betts, Coordinator

401.17 Report presented as read. Ms Betts added that preparations for tis year are going well, with the assistance of Nancy Burgess. The Theme for this year is “Save our Seas - Recycle!” Being the first event on the stage, some big music acts have been engaged to open: local artists Christina Martin and Dale Murray will be the first to perform, followed by the Putnams, Doris Mason and Rawlins Cross.

MOTION

401.18 It was moved by Commissioner Roger Mundle and seconded by Commissioner Purdy that the grand opening of the Pugwash Harbourfront Centre coincide with the Opening Ceremonies for Canada Day and the Gathering of the Clans.

MOTION CARRIED

HARBOURFEST – Louise Haycocks, Chair - regrets

401.19 Report presented as read.

PUGWASH FARMERS’ MARKET – President Nancy Burgess-Graham

401.20 Mrs Burgess-Graham read her report (attached). Mrs Burgess-Graham added that the Pugwash Farmers Market was voted as “best market” by readers of The Light in 2018.

NORTH CUMBERLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY – President Harvey Gullon, President

401.21 Mr Gullon read his report (please see attached).

SUNSET COMMUNITY - Dean Pounder - regrets

401.22 No report received.

ADOPTION OF REPORTS

MOTION

401.23 It was moved by Commissioner Tracey Mundle and seconded by Commissioner Purdy that all reports presented be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS

2018 ELECTION

401.24 The next election for village commissioner will be Saturday, June 23rd 2018. (Nominations are due Wednesday, June 13th).

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401.25 Chair Martin thanked those present for attending and presenting their reports.
He encouraged the gallery to join the Commission or any of some of the
committees the Commission has struck in the last year.

401.26 Commissioner Purdy said he would miss serving on the Commission.

ADJORNMENT

MOTION

401.27 It was moved by Commissioner Purdy that the meeting be adjourned

MOTION CARRIED

(Note: Meeting ended at 8:32pm)

Respectfully submitted
Lisa Betts
Clerk Treasurer

Chair _____

Clerk Treasurer _____