

PUGWASH VILLAGE COMMISSION
Regular Meeting #407
28th October, 2019 at 7pm
Pugwash Village Hall

Minute Number 407

CALL TO ORDER

407.1 As Chair Tracey Mundle was absent at 7pm, Vice Chair Roger Mundle called the meeting to order and remained chair for the rest of the meeting.

ROLL CALL

407.2 Commissioners: Chair Tracey Mundle (late)
Vice Chair Roger Mundle
Commissioner Charles Gould
Commissioner Bill Martin
Commissioner Kathy Redmond

Staff: Clerk Treasurer, Lisa Betts (recording secretary)

MOMENT OF SILENCE

407.3 A minute of silence was held in respect of Anne Gillis, wife of Warden Gillis, recently deceased.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

407.4 The Clerk asked to add item 9.8 *Gathering of the Clans 2019 Report* to the agenda.

MOTION

407.5 It was moved by Commissioner Gould and seconded by Commissioner Redmond that the agenda be accepted as amended. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION

407.6 It was moved by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Redmond that the minutes of regular meeting 405, held 16th September 2019 be approved. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION

407.7 It was moved by Commissioner Redmond and seconded by Commissioner Gould that the minutes of electors' meeting 406, held 7th October 2019 be approved. **MOTION CARRIED**

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BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

MOTION

407.8 It was moved by Commissioner Redmond and seconded by Commissioner Martin that *Policy 2019-04 Meeting Agenda and Meeting Cancellations* be adopted. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION

407.9 It was moved by Commissioner Redmond and seconded by Commissioner Martin that *Policy 2019-05 Meeting Information Items* be adopted. MOTION CARRIED

407.10 Association of Nova Scotia Villages 2019 Conference and AGM

The Clerk presented a report (attached), noting that it was a very positive and interesting conference.

PRESENTATION

Pugwash Open Air Art Gallery - Louise Cloutier and Norene Smiley

407.11 Ms. Cloutier told the Commission about a project in St. Lambert, PQ - a community of about 22,000 that displays large pieces of moveable art on public and privately owned buildings. There are now 39 pieces of art on display. The suggestion is to do the same kind of project in Pugwash using alupanel and the work of local artists. The panels would last 5-10 years. Costs will be about \$10,000. Permissions from property owners are being worked on currently. The plan is to start with 5 to 7 paintings and grow from there. A jury decides which pictures go on display and the artists give full permission to display their work. How the pieces are anchored to the building depends on the type of substrate (brick or vinyl, for example). There is no financial request from the Village of Pugwash but there may be support of *in kind* assistance sought in the future. Questions and suggestions from the Commissioners and the gallery to be investigated - whether the pieces would be lit and whether they could be sponsored or memorialized. Commissioner Redmond offered her help in the project. The Village will look into whether there is or, if not whether there should be, any bylaw or policy at the Municipal regulating where or what kind of art could be put on display.

CORRESPONDENCE

Northumberland Tennis and Pickleball Association (NTPA)

407.12 A year-end report of activities and work done on the Village courts was presented. Several members from the association were present at the meeting and were able to offer additional information. All agreed the courts need

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substantial repairs. NTPA members have already done a lot of research on costs and alternative repairs. There was some discussion on types of surface materials and drainage problems. The NTPA offered to assist the Village in researching and applying for funding grants.

MOTION

407.13 It was moved by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Redmond that a joint committee be formed with the Village of Pugwash Commission and staff and the Northumberland Tennis and Pickleball Association. MOTION CARRIED

Wallace & District Volunteer Fire Department

407.14 Invitation to the annual awards night and banquet, as the employer of a department member. Commissioner Redmond will attend.

Pugwash Yacht Club (PWYC)

407.15 The Clerk reported that the PWYC has recently voted in a new executive that wished to move forward with dredging and other infrastructure work at the moorings. They have asked for a letter of support that they could use when looking for financial assistance.

MOTION

407.16 It was moved by Commissioner Redmond and seconded by Commissioner T. Mundle to send a letter of support for the Pugwash Yacht Club. MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Clerk Treasurer's Report

407.17 The Clerk reported that incident reports were being kept to keep track of vandalism of Village property. A large section of the park boardwalk was damaged during Hurricane Dorian. The scope of work has been determined by the insurance company and we will soon be looking for estimate costing to repair the scope already identified. The area is meanwhile fenced off and sign posted to keep people safely away. Commissioner Martin said there may be some help from the province if the damage is not covered by insurance.

MOTION

407.18 It was moved by Commissioner T. Mundle and seconded by Commissioner Gould to receive the Treasurer's report as presented. MOTION CARRIED

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Municipal Water Supply

407.19 As the project is complete, the Commission agreed that there was no need to continue with these committee reports.

Pugwash Harbourfront Centre

407.20 Some funding has been received. Communications with the construction company have ceased. The Village lawyers want to handle any further payments to APM Construction. The Municipality has agreed to guarantee a loan made by the Village.

Communities in Bloom

407.21 No report.

Physician Recruitment & Retention

407.22 Having entertained and shown several prospective physicians the area and facilities over the past months with no good final results, Commissioner Martin reported that one of the physicians who recently visited Pugwash will be back as a locum for three months in the spring. Chair T. Mundle reported that a \$5,000 grant from Doctors Nova Scotia has been awarded to help offset costs associated with entertaining prospective physicians when they visit.

Visitor Information Centre

407.23 The year end report was submitted. The report was prepared by Nancy Burgess. Tourist numbers are up from last year. Also identified are areas where training of new staff could be improved.

Gathering of the Clans (GOC)

407.24 The year end report and financial reports were submitted. Due to the wet, cold weather on July 1st, the gate took in about one third of the usual income. The Gathering contributed \$40,000 towards the cost of the Harbourfront Centre. Despite these losses and large contribution, there remain enough funds in the GOS's bank account to start up next year's festival. Indeed, work is already in progress.

MOTIONS

407.25 None

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

407.26 None

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NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS

Remembrance Day, November 11th

407.27 Chair Tracey Mundle will lay the wreath on the behalf of the Village Commission.

Jason Haughn, Adviser form Nova Scotia Municipal Affairs and Housing

407.28 The Commissioners asked to change the arranged date for his information session to November 13th.

Post tropical storm Dorian

407.29 The Clerk reported that there had been a presentation by Emergency Measures Organization. It was not very well attended, but there was a wish to continue the work local with a Joint Emergency Measures (JEM) committee. The Commissioners agreed that this would be a worthwhile means of looking after and maintaining records of particularly local needs and resources. Commissioner Redmond said that the Municipality should be urged to bring the Pugwash Fire Station up to standard to be used as a comfort station. The difference between a comfort station and shelter was discussed.

Commissioner Martin said that there had not been use of radio media to advise the public that the September meeting had been changed. Posters, the Village website and social media had been used. The Clerk said she would ~~try to remember~~ include the radio stations if similar circumstances reoccur.

407.30 The next regular meeting of the Pugwash Village Commission will be Monday, 7pm November 18th, 2019. Commissioner Redmond gave her regrets as she will be out of the Province at that time.

ADJOURNMENT

407.31 The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm by motion of Commissioner Redmond.

Respectfully submitted

Lisa Betts

Clerk Treasurer

Chair _____

Clerk Treasurer _____