

PUGWASH VILLAGE COMMISSION
Regular Meeting #444
12th December 2022 at 7pm
Board Room, Pugwash Village Hall

Meeting Number 444

1 CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1 Chair Brent Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.
- 1.2 **Territorial Acknowledgment** – read by Commission Chair Wilson.

2 ROLL CALL

Commissioners: Chair Brent Wilson
Commissioner Roger Mundle
Commissioner Margaret Anderson

Regrets: Vice Chair Sue Duncan
Commissioner Dave MacEwan

Staff: Clerk Treasurer, Lisa Betts (recording secretary)

3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- 3.1 **IT WAS MOVED** by Commissioner Mundle and seconded by
Commissioner Anderson to approve the agenda as presented.
MOTION CARRIED

4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 4.1 **IT WAS MOVED** by Commissioner Mundle and seconded by
Commissioner Anderson to approve the minutes of regular meeting 443,
held November 14th 2022. **MOTION CARRIED**

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- 5.1 None.

6 ACTION LIST – actions completed

- 6.1 **Letters of congratulations**
Letters were sent to Communities in Bloom and Greg Nix
- 6.2 **Lease Agreement Farmers' Market**
The agreement wording is approved. A change in location of rooms to be used will be reflected in an updated version.
- 6.3 **Letter to Minister Masland**
Yet to be acknowledged

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6.4 **Strategic Planning workshop - NS Dept Municipal Affairs**

This went ahead on November 17th with Jason Haughn.

7 PRESENTATION

None

8 CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 **Canada Revenue Agency - Community Volunteer program**

A thank you letter and certificate of participation has been received. Volunteers help people with their income taxes and the Village provides the office space for those consultations. COVID-19 has curtailed in person tax help for the past few years.

9 COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 **Standing Committees**

9.1.1 **Accessibility** [Betts]

No report

9.1.2 **Association of Nova Scotia Villages (ANSV)** [Duncan]

No report

9.1.3 **Audit Committee** [Duncan]

Clara MacDonald introduced herself to the Commission as the civilian/public member of the committee conducting internal audits, with impressive credentials. She reported no significant issues with the audits conducted so far.

9.1.4 **CN Train Station** [MacEwan/Wilson]

The committee met recently to discuss the latest plans. A granting opportunity deadline is very soon.

9.1.5 **Policy Review** [MacEwan/Wilson]

No report

9.2 **Special Committees**

None

9.3 **Advisory Committees**

None

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9.4 **Community Committees or organizations with Village Commission/staff representation.**

9.4.1 **Communities in Bloom (CIB)** [Betts]

The latest Five Bloom granite award was on display. A trophy and award display case for the Village Hall was briefly discussed. The Village and area Festival of Lights winners will be announced soon.

9.4.2 **Physician Recruitment and Retention** [Duncan/MacEwan]

From the gallery, Bill Martin was invited to make a report. A funding application is in progress with the hopes that an improved recruitment structure and working relationship with other levels of government and NS Health, that it will be more successful than previous applications.

9.5 **Clerk Treasurer's Reports** [Betts]

9.5.1 **Christmas**

Christmas-by-the-sea event went well with a good turn-out at the community tree lighting and carol singing. The Christmas Day dinner plans are progressing well.

9.5.2 **"Pugwash Welcomes Newcomers"**

Commissioner Mundle attended the event at the Peace Hall on November 27th and found it well attended by a variety of families new to the area.

9.5.3 **New Library**

After a delay of over three months, a new power pole has been installed across the road from the new building. Durham Street will be closed while the underground power supply is connected from the pole to the library over the next two days.

9.5.4 **Winter**

The tractor is undergoing some minor repairs and upgrades in preparation for winter.

9.5.5 **Trees**

A contractor has been engaged to remove the two set of trees at the 32 Prince Albert (Community Garden) property that are potentially a danger to a neighbouring property.

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9.5.6 **Finances**

Thanks to the solar panels on the Farmers Market building, the Village's Nova Scotia Power bill is now about a third of what it was for the same time of year for the past few years.

11 MOTIONS

- 11.1 **IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Mundle that search for seasonal personnel proceed.**
MOTION CARRIED

12 NOTICE OF MOTION

- 12.1 None.

13 NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS

- 13.1 The Village Hall will be closed December 23rd to January 3rd.
13.2 The next regular Village meeting will be 7pm, 9th January, 2023.

14 ADJOURNMENT

- 14.1 The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm by motion from Commissioner Mundle.

Respectfully submitted
Lisa Betts
Clerk Treasurer

Chair _____

Clerk Treasurer _____