

PUGWASH VILLAGE COMMISSION
Regular Meeting #458
11th March 2024 at 7pm
Board Room, Pugwash Village Hall

1 CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1 Chair Brent Wilson the meeting to order at 7:02pm.
- 1.2 An *in camera* meeting was held prior to this meeting.
- 1.3 **Territorial Acknowledgment** – 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

- Commissioners: Chair Brent Wilson
Commissioner Roger Mundle
Commissioner Margaret Anderson
Commissioner Dave MacEwan
- Regrets: Vice Chair Sue Duncan
- Staff: Clerk Treasurer & recording secretary, Lisa Betts

3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- 3.1 **IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Mundle and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve the agenda as amended.**
MOTION CARRIED
- 3.2 **Call of Declaration of Conflict of Interest**
None.

4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 4.1 **IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner MacEwan and seconded by Commissioner Mundle to approve the minutes of regular meeting 457, held February 12th 2024.**
MOTION CARRIED

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- 5.1 **Pre-Primary school children's request for swings**
A response was hand delivered. One funding application has been completed and more funding opportunities will be sourced.

6 PRESENTATION

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6.1 None

7 CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 **Mieke van Vulpen** Presentation materials intended for last meeting.

7.1.1 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Mundle and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to send a Letter of Support in the application to Canada Post nominating Ross Hamilton as a candidate for a Canadian stamp. MOTION CARRIED

7.2 **The Sunset Community - Julie Hoeg, CEO**
Request for tax exemption for the Sunset Community, Sunrise Landing Development.

7.2.1 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Mundle and seconded by Commissioner MacEwan to exempt the property tax for the Sunset Community, Sunrise Landing Development. MOTION TABLED PENDING INVESTIGATION

7.2.2 The meeting was informed that this development will provide housing for Sunset clients and the public. Some of the housing will be designated for low-income households. The Clerk will investigate whether the Village is permitted to exempt taxes on properties used for private housing rented from a public body.

8 COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 **Standing Committees**

8.1.1 **Accessibility** [Betts]

The Joint Accessibility Committee met March 6th to start the legislated three year review of the Accessibility Plan.

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

No report.

8.1.3 **Audit Committee** [Duncan]

No report.

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

No report.

8.2 **Special Committees**

8.2.1 **CN Train Station** [MacEwan/Wilson/Houghtaling]

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No report.

8.3 Advisory Committees

8.3.1 None.

8.4 Community Committees or organizations with Village Commission/staff representation.

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

No report.

8.4.2 **Physician Recruitment and Retention** [Duncan/Bill Martin]

Martin: despite local rumours, there is no new doctor recruited for Pugwash yet.

8.5 Clerk Treasurer's Reports [Betts]

8.5.1 Action List – completed items

- The electric vehicle station onboarding is complete.
- The Clerk's employment contract is complete and has been distributed to the Commissioners.
- The Access Week flag will be provided free thanks to funding from the Nova Scotia League for Equal Opportunities.
- Public Works building – a number of individuals and businesses have shown some interest in the building. In order to sell or otherwise divest the building, permission from the Province is required. This process could take an unknown period of time. It was recommended that this process be started now.

8.5.1.1 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Mundle and seconded by Commissioner MacEwan to request permission from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to sell the Public Works building (the former fire hall) at 10256 Durham Street.

MOTION CARRIED

8.5.2 Bike rodeo equipment

The Town of Amherst owns this equipment and is willing to loan it to the Village. As long as questions from our insurance company can be answered to their satisfaction, this can go ahead soon. The pieces can be set up in the tennis/basketball courts and easily moved out of the way of the courts are needed for other purposes.

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8.5.3 Gathering of the Clans & Canada Day

- Fireworks. The Commission agreed to purchase fireworks for \$11,000.
- Parade theme – we have yet to hear of any suggestions for a theme.
- Looking for entertainment to replace East Coast Entertainment midway including: Murphy’s Midway, HRM Mascots and bouncy castles owned by Crossroads.
- Looking for street performers through a talent agency.
- Looking hard for food and artisan vendors.
- Accommodation for judges has been booked.

8.5.4 Website updates are ongoing.

8.5.5 Old minutes are being scanned to store as digital files.

9 MOTIONS

9.1 None.

10 NOTICE OF MOTION

10.1 None.

11 NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Unaudited financial statements (FS) will be available at the next meeting. Financial year end is March 31st. The current FS was sent to the Audit Committee.

11.2 The next regular Village meeting is 7pm, 8th April, 2024.

12 ADJOURNMENT

12.1 The meeting was adjourned at 7:44pm by motion from Commissioner Mundle.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Betts
Clerk Treasurer

Chair _____

Clerk Treasurer _____