

# Pugwash Village Commission

## Regular Meeting #464

9<sup>th</sup> of September 2024 at 7pm

Board Room, Pugwash Village Hall

## Minutes

### 1 **Call to Order**

1.1 Chair Brent Wilson called meeting to order at 7pm

1.2 An in-camera meeting was held prior to this meeting.

**1.3** Territorial Acknowledgement- 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 Dave MacEwan  
Commissioner Matthew Parker  
Vice Chair Sue Duncan  
Commissioner Margaret Anderson

### 3 **Approval of Agenda**

3.1 It was moved by **Commissioner MacEwan** and seconded by **Commissioner Anderson** to approve the agenda.  
Motion Carried.

**3.2 Call of Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

None.

### 4 **Approval of the Minutes**

6.1 IT WAS MOVED by **Commissioner Anderson** and seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve the minutes of Meeting #464 held September 9th, 2024.

### 5 **Business Arising from the Minutes**

5.1 Christe Blackie Acting Clerk Treasurer and Sue Duncan will be attending the ANSV Meeting for two days in St. Peters Nova Scotia.

5.2 Decision for monetary donation for the Pugwash Mural \$1000.00 was that it is not in the village's financial capabilities at this time, so we are unable to donate at this time. So, we must decline the request.

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- 5.3 Decision for monetary donation for the Soup/Community Kitchen \$1000.00 was that it is not in the village's financial capabilities at this time, so we are unable to donate at this time. So, we must decline the request.

### 6 Presentations

- 6.1 Nil

### 7 Correspondences

- 7.1 Communities in Bloom will receive the budgeted amount of 400.00 dollars for the Volunteer appreciation luncheon on October 22, 2024. **IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Duncan and seconded by Commissioner MacEwan to approve the standing budget item in the amount of 400.00 dollars.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

- 7.2 Seniors for Climate – National Seniors Day October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 -Please join for celebrating this event. Time 1-4 pm

- 7.3 Walking together for Peace event – September 8<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Starting at Thinkers Lodge to Halifax.

### 8 Committee Reports

#### Standing Committees

- 8.1.1 **Accessibility** (MacEwan) – Conferences and

Talking about the Sunset Community and how the individuals moving to community and the barriers that will be up against such as travel to appointments, bank, hospital or grocery store. Spoke to what the committee can do and answer some questions that need to be investigated. This will affect more than just Pugwash this will be province wide legislated mandates, no one can live with no more than four people max, a provincial court order so it has to happen. Accessibility report for community sidewalks, roads and walkways, steps and ramps were to be accessed, and a report filled back in 2022, Christie Blackie spoke too that and will look into this.

- 8.1.2 **Association of Nova Scotia Villages (ANSV)** (Duncan)- No Report

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8.1.3 **Audit** (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)

Waiting on heat Pump installation

8.3 **Advisory Committee**

8.3.1 None.

8.4 **Community Committee or Organizations with Village Commission/Staff Representation**

8.4.1 **Communities in Bloom (CIB)** (Blackie)

Walk around the village for the walk audit. Jill Black Reached out to **Commissioner Matt Parker** – Tuesday September 17, 2024, 1-3 pm. This is to initiate the NS Walks program. **Commissioner MacEwan** mentioned how this could support the accessibility plans and **Commissioner Parker** spoke to that, as well as the starting of the storm drains and the **Clerk** is going to be looking into that. Sidewalks in Pugwash are provincially funded or are the municipality? Did Jennifer Houghtaling have news, and they will need to do a new study in 2025.

8.5 **Clerk Treasurer Reports** (Blackie)

- 32 participants for the YMCA Swimming Lessons – \$507.65 well attended
- Recreation department did well over the summer and are looking into grants to support the recreation program in the coming years. Need new equipment, and inflation device. Street hockey sticks, volley balls, art supplies. Need more recreation. Giant bowling in the park, throughout the year, snow shoeing. **Commissioner Duncan** spoke to asking the community, it was decided to look for Grant funds as the new recreation

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coordinator would be able to purchase items based on the needs of the specific activities. Clerk speaks to the cost, and lack of supplies that we would take from the village business because have no funds to buy earlier in the season. So, planning now is a must. Inform the cottagers and local citizens know and maybe they may have some things that they want to dispose off and that they can donate. **Commissioner Duncan** spoke to the Physician recruitment that this would help in promoting the area, to physicians that are thinking of moving her as there are families involved. Look at alternate activities, two years ago the Oxford theater group came for two weeks, and it was a great turnout, need activities for all Individuals to come out, being inclusive as much as possible. Contact the County to see what funding or grants are available to the village.

- Summer staff for VIC and recreation have ended.
- There was an incident in the park and took approximately 2 staff and 4 community members to clean up cattails that had been shredded and beat over the stage and grounds. So, a huge thanks to the staff and the community members that helped.
- Steve has mulched the park, divot holes filled at the Elementary school from July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Commissioner Parker** asked if Steve was seasonal. We need to fix issues stage and having Steve stay on, and he would like to stay employed as long as possible. Budget needs to be assessed, to keep Seasonal staff on throughout the winter and not take the chance of looking valuable employees because of lay offs. **Commissioner MacEwan and Duncan** think we need to look at budget to see what we can do in the future before anything finalized. Communities in Bloom Cost shares the budget for the gardener – find out the amount of money that they provided. **Clerk Treasurer Blackie**, asked to table the conversation until an in-camera meeting is scheduled.

### 8.5.1 Action List

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### 8.5.1.1 Train Station Washrooms

### 8.5.1.2 Recreation

Great summer and will be improving this program with grants and funding for summer employees to offer a fun filled recreation program for 2025.

### 8.5.2 Gathering of the Clans

Nothing.

### 8.5.3 Vandalism

Nothing.

## 9 Motions

9.1 None.

## 10 Notices of Motion

10.1 None.

## 11 New or Other Business

11.1 The next regular Village meeting is 7:00p.m. October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

## 12 Adjournments

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38p.m. by motion from Chair Wilson.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christie Blackie  
Acting Clerk Treasurer

Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_