

PUGWASH VILLAGE COMMISSION
Regular Meeting #423
8th March, 2021 at 7pm
Pugwash Village Hall, Board Room

Minute Number 423

CALL TO ORDER

423.1 Chair Roger Mundle called the meeting to order at 7pm

ROLL CALL

423.2 Commissioners: Chair Roger Mundle
Vice Chair Commissioner Brent Wilson
Commissioner Bill Martin
Commissioner Sue Duncan
Commissioner Dave MacEwan

Staff: Clerk Treasurer, Lisa Betts (recording secretary)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION

423.3 It was moved by Commissioner Duncan and seconded by Commissioner Wilson
that the agenda be accepted. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION

423.4 It was moved by Commissioner Duncan and seconded by Commissioner Wilson
that the minutes of regular meeting 421 held January 11th 2021 be approved.
MOTION CARRIED

423.5 The February 8th meeting was cancelled due to a winter storm.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

423.6 The Commissioners who attended the Financial Management for Elected Officials
course offered by the NSAMA found it to be very helpful.

ACTION LIST

423.7 **Charitable status**
Complete.

CORRESPONDENCE

423.8 **Mark Furey, Attorney General, NS Dept. Justice** - announcement that the
"Village of Pugwash will be prescribed as a public sector body under the
Accessibility Act as of April 1st, 2020"

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

423.9 Clerk Treasurer's Reports

423.9.1 **New GIC.** Funds not yet used for approved capital projects should be put into an investment account. The Commission agreed and the Clerk will make arrangements to open a new accounts.

423.9.2 **Municipal Affairs series of workshops** on strategic planning for Villages - Jason Haugh and others from NS Department Municipal Affairs and Housing have developed a series of workshops and presentations on strategic planning. The Commission would be interested in hearing the first of the presentations at the next available regular meeting and decide from there whether to arrange for further presentations

423.9.3 **Gaelic Sign Pronunciation Project** - the Clerk suggested a project of adding Quick Response (QR) codes on the Gaelic street signs and other features in the Village that would link to a new page on the Village website that would link then to the correct Gaelic pronunciation. There is currently a funding opportunity at Gaelic Affairs that would fit with this project. Costs would be for the small signs and hiring someone with good Gaelic to record the sound bites.

423.9.4 **Gathering of the Clans** - there is an increasing number of organizations that have already cancelled their spring or summer events. The sanctioning organizations (Dance, Pipes and Drums and Heavyweights) are still not approving any future competitions. The difficulties of managing crowds potentially in their thousands and finding enough volunteers to work the gates. The Gathering of the Clans usually requires the help from at least 130 volunteers. The Clerk said that there is the possibility of running some of the events later in the summer if restrictions eased sufficiently.

MOTION

423.10 It was moved by Commissioner Duncan and seconded by Commissioner MacEwan that the 2021 Pugwash Gathering of the Clans and Canada Day celebrations be cancelled.

MOTION CARRIED

423.11 Accessibility (Municipality)

Commissioner Martin asked if the Village should have its own Accessibility Committee. The Clerk reported that joint committees have been encouraged by

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the Province. There is a lot of work to do to comply with the new regulations and that sharing that early work would make a joint committee preferable. The Clerk reported that at the current joint committee with the Municipality of Cumberland County, she has asked that the language in the Terms of Reference be more inclusive by referring to the Village of Pugwash as being part of the committee. County staff are looking at this change.

423.12 Association of Nova Scotia Villages (ANSV)

Commissioner Martin commented that Villages should have been included in the original committee that wrote the 2020 Accessibility Act. Commissioner Martin in chair of the ANSV's Political Action Committee.

423.13 Physician Recruitment and Retention

Commissioner Martin reported that the county recruitment committee he had been working with had become so Amherst centric that it had changed its name to the Amherst Recruitment Committee. This committee has been granted \$500 for web site development. This site will promote the progress of the new hospital. A locum doctor will be in Pugwash April 1st depending on any further delays due to immigration complications.

423.14 Communities in Bloom (CIB)

The Clerk asked the Commission if they would approve using the Village photocopier to reproduce ten of the community books the CIB produced a couple of years ago. Village costs would be approximately \$8 per book. CIB will help compile the books. The Commissioners agreed. Commissioner Martin commented that the next book will be only be available digitally and that the CIB National Symposium is cancelled for 2021.

MOTIONS

423.15 None.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

423.16 None.

NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS

423.17 A further discussion on sidewalks on Church and Durham Streets. There remains a problem with ground water drainage. The Commission will send a letter to NS Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal requesting that the storm drains be fixed .

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423.18 The signage and plywood cut outs (bagpiper and dancing lobster) from Eaton Stage are safely preserved. Some are in bad condition and they need to be professionally restored before they can be put out on display again. The Clerk will investigate getting this done..

425.19 CBC's show about Atlantic Canada, *Land and Sea* will air a show that includes the old CN strain station in Pugwash on Sunday March 14th [Note: show postponed to March 21st].

425.20 The Clerk presented to the Commission a plaque that had arrived by courier the afternoon of the meeting. Made of solid brass, the Lieutenant Governor's Community Spirit Award was awarded to all Municipal units that "contributed to aiding their fellow citizens during the 2020 pandemic"

425.21 The next regular meeting of the Pugwash Village Commission will be Monday, 7pm 12th April 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

423.19 The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm by motion from Commissioner Wilson

Respectfully submitted
Lisa Betts
Clerk Treasurer

Chair _____

Clerk Treasurer _____