

PUGWASH VILLAGE COMMISSION  
Regular Meeting #439  
13th June 2022 at 7pm  
Board Room, Pugwash Village Hall

**Meeting Number 439**

**1 CALL TO ORDER**

- 1.1 Chair Roger Mundle called the meeting to order at 7pm.
- 1.2 **Territorial Acknowledgment** – read by Commissioner MacEwan.

**2 ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The recent election call to fill two vacancies returned one Commissioner. One vacancy remains. One Commissioner was absent, and another was attending the meeting by video conference. Chair Mundle suggested that the election of officers be postponed to the next regular meeting of the Commission.

**3 ROLL CALL**

Commissioners: Chair Roger Mundle  
Commissioner Sue Duncan (by video conference)  
Commissioner Dave MacEwan

Staff: Clerk Treasurer, Lisa Betts (recording secretary)

Regrets: Vice Chair Brent Wilson

**4 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner MacEwan and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED**

**5 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner MacEwan and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to approve the minutes of regular meeting 437, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022. MOTION CARRIED**

**6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- 6.1 **Art in the Park, Pugwash Outdoor Art Group (POAG)**  
There remains a concern about the possibility of the project disturbing nesting birds.
- 6.2 **IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner MacEwan and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to approve allowing the project to go ahead providing that an inspection of the trees be conducted a week before the event. If there are no nests in the proposed trees or trees near them**

**and the decorations are removed within a week, the project may go ahead. MOTION CARRIED**

**7 ACTION LIST** - see also attached list of completed tasks.

Not included are subjects otherwise discussed elsewhere.

6.1 **Webcam** is installed. Internet strength needs to be improved.

**8 PRESENTATION**

8.1 **StoryWalk, Community health Board – Colleen Dowe, Jill Black**

Project proposed to set up a series of about 10 boards that, when followed sequentially, tell a story. The boards would be placed around the old CN Train Station (Library) in a manner that was accessible, yet not interfering with mowing or other Village operations. A Sheree Fitch poem from “If you Could Wear My Sneakers” has been selected. The boards would be removed for the winter.

8.2 **IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner MacEwan and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to approve the project. MOTION CARRIED**

**9 CORRESPONDENCE**

9.1 **Cyrus Eaton Elementary School (CEES) – bursary request**

This is a budgeted item that is, however moved by motion at a regular meeting. The school awards a \$50 prize to a student from each of the six grades.

9.1.1 **IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner MacEwan and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to approve a donation of \$300 to the Elementary School. MOTION CARRIED**

9.2 **Farmers’ Market - Community Led project – Rebecca Taylor**

The revised proposed project has been changed for a variety of reasons, not least because the centerpiece, a caboose, was not easily available at a reasonable cost. It is now proposed to make a green space and build a platform and door awnings to resemble those used when the train station was operating. The project includes outdoor lighting, furniture and to install electrical outlets. If there are funds remaining, work would be done inside to facilitate a commercial kitchen. All construction would be to current building and fire codes. The Market would like to do some community consultation to see if there are any additional ideas or needs. The project should be complete by October.

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- 9.3 **IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner MacEwan and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to approve the amended project.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**10 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**10.1 Association of Nova Scotia Villages (ANSV)**

Commissioner Duncan will be the Village representative.

**10.2 Audit Committee**

No report

**10.3 Physician Recruitment and Retention**

Since the Village election call, there is now a vacancy on this committee. Commissioners Duncan and MacEwan expressed an interest to serve on the committee.

Bill Martin was permitted to speak from the gallery. Mr Martin stated that he came up with the idea of the committee and was asked by the Commission to assemble a committee which elected him chair. Mr Martin said that this remains to be a community committee and the members were specifically chosen because of their job specific health care related skills. He did not see any reason to change the composition of the committee and it was not a committee of the Village Commission.

Chair Mundle suggested that Commissioner MacEwan, in his position with the Sunset Community, would qualify as a health professional and that, if the committee agreed, would be a valuable member of the committee from that perspective. Mr Martin said he would ask the committee about that. Commissioner MacEwan said that updates from the committee to the commission would still be welcome.

**10.4 Communities in Bloom (CIB)**

Final preparations are in place to be ready for the nation judges who will be visiting the Village July 25<sup>th</sup>. The mulch has not been delivered yet. The gardener has had to resign due resurgence of a pre-existing injury. She had been working very hard and had been doing excellent work for the Village.

**10.5 Library**

The project manager does an excellent job of updating the Village office. Durham Street will have to be shut down for part of a day soon to hook

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up to the sewer. The Municipality's contractor will manage that traffic diversion.

**10.6 Clerk Treasurer's Reports**

**10.6.1 Farmers' Market Solar Power & EV station**

This project is near completion. EV stations could be included in the Community Led project.

**10.6.2 Strategic Planning workshops with NS Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing (DMAH)**

Workshops with DMAH will resume later this summer. The Clerk suggested that a subject for strategic planning should include the future of the old CN Pugwash Train Station – a registered historic property.

**10.6.3 Commission Election**

There will be an election called for July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**10.6.4 PDHS Graduation**

Commissioner Duncan will represent the Village at the reception and graduation ceremony on June 28<sup>th</sup>.

**10.6.5 Public Works building (old fire hall)**

The Clerk will again ask for quotes for siding or paint for part of the building. There is an existing budget of \$10,000.

**10.6.6 Gathering of the Clans**

Staff has been working hard to prepare for the first festival to be held since 2019. Most events and competitions will go ahead as usual with the exception of the Midway which, due to staffing and other covid related issues, is not able to come to Pugwash. Bouncy castle type inflatables and other games and activities are being planned as alternatives. All day wristbands and one ride tickets will be sold to help defray costs of the inflatables. Staff is working to solve other logistical problems.

**10.6.7 *In camera* meeting**

The Clerk asked the Commission to remain after the meeting for a quick *in camera* meeting.

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**11 MOTIONS**

11.1 None.

**12 NOTICE OF MOTION**

12.1 None.

**13 NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS**

13.1 The next regular Village meeting will be 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2022. Commissioner Mundle regrets he will not be available for the August meeting.

**14 ADJOURNMENT**

14.1 The meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm by motion from Commissioner Duncan.

Respectfully submitted  
Lisa Betts  
Clerk Treasurer

Chair \_\_\_\_\_

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