

PUGWASH VILLAGE COMMISSION
Regular Meeting #456
8th January 2024 at 7pm
Board Room, Pugwash Village Hall

Meeting Number 456

1 CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1 Chair Brent Wilson the meeting to order at 7:01pm.
- 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
Vice Chair Sue Duncan
Commissioner Roger Mundle
Commissioner Margaret Anderson
Commissioner Dave MacEwan

Staff: Clerk Treasurer & recording secretary, Lisa Betts

3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- 3.1 **IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Mundle and seconded by Commissioner Duncan to approve the agenda.**

MOTION CARRIED

4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 4.1 **IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Duncan and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve the minutes of regular meeting 455, held November 20th, 2023.**

MOTION CARRIED

- 4.2 The December 11th 2023 meeting was cancelled due to sickness, regrets, and an ongoing storm with extremely high winds.

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- 5.1 **Community Healthcare meeting**

A brief report was published on social media and the Village website for the benefit of those who had not been able to attend this important meeting that was held in the High School cafeteria on November 28th. It

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was well attended by the public. The presenters stated, more than once, that Pugwash is to retain its Emergency Department.

5.2 **Christmas-by-the-sea**

Santa toured the Village in a fire truck and then came to the Village Hall where many children came to see him. The live community Christmas tree at the train station was used for the first time and looked lovely in blue lights. The fire department decorated the Palmerston (Harbour) Bridge with lights again and this added the Tide's Mill Bridge.

5.3 **Scotiabank closure**

The Commission and those in the public gallery discussed the various possible repercussions of the Village losing a chartered bank. A press release is ready for issue if requested, but the Media has not asked for a comment from the Commission. The Cumberland Colchester Credit Union will be hosting a public meeting at the elementary school on January 17th. It was reported that they require the assurance of 1,000 customers to open a branch in Pugwash.

6 **PRESENTATION**

6.1 None.

7 **CORRESPONDENCE**

7.1 **HarbourFest** – thank you letter and report of the successful 2023 community Christmas dinner.

7.2 **Canada Revenue Agency** – thank you letter and Certificate of Appreciation for participation in the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program in 2023.

7.3 **Pre-Primary program, CEES** – appreciation of the playground equipment and request for more equipment.

8 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

8.1 **Standing Committees**

8.1.1 **Accessibility** [Betts]
No report.

8.1.2 **Association of Nova Scotia Villages (ANSV)** [Duncan]
No report.

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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]
Houghtaling reported that the Electric Vehicle charging station is in the process of being installed and will be available for public use after the system has been tested.

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]
No report.

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

8.5.1 **North Cumberland Historical Society**
An agreement is yet to be signed.

8.5.2 **Train Station dormer window**
This has been on order since last February. The funding that was approved last year is confirmed to be still available once the work is complete.

8.5.3 **Security camera – car park area**
A solar powered camera has been installed. Video surveillance signs will be (re)installed.

9 **MOTIONS**

9.1 None.

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10 NOTICE OF MOTION

10.1 None.

11 NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Commissioner Mundle asked if less salt could be used on the sidewalks as it is hard on dogs' feet. The Clerk will discuss with Public Works staff.

11.2 The next regular Village meeting is 7pm, 12th February 2024

12 ADJOURNMENT

12.1 The meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm by motion from Commissioner Mundle.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Betts
Clerk Treasurer

Chair _____

Clerk Treasurer _____