



VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS OF GREENWOOD

REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
 MINUTES
 September 17, 2014 @ 9.00 a.m.
 Village Office- 904 Central Avenue

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m.
- 2) In Attendance; Commissioners: Brian Banks- Chair, Don MacDonald, Richard Nickerson, Bob Baker. Absent: Al Belliveau
 Staff: Marian Elsworth- Clerk-Treasurer
- 3) Additions to Agenda : There were no additions to the Agenda.
- 4) Approval of Agenda; **MOVED/SECONDED by Comm. MacDonald and Nickerson that: The Agenda for September 17, 2014 be approved .**
- 5) Approval of Minutes: Minutes for Monthly Meeting, June 18, 2014 were circulated electronically. The Chair called for any errors or omissions from the minutes. Hearing none the Minutes of June 18, 2014 are **APPROVED**.
- 6) **Business arising from the June Minutes**;
 - iPad Cellular usage; Clerk contacted Bell Aliant regarding the billing. We are on a tiered system where we pay a base amount and pay for usage when the first tier is exceeded. Not possible to pay more for one person for the first tier.
 - Letter to Environment Re Water; Question on 10 d) if the letter requesting update on status of Perc contaminant testing from 2011 was send out. Another request for the Chair to send a letter to the department of environment formally asking for results of the 2011 testing. (*Letter dated September 19, 2014, was sent to Gordon Check, Senior Hydrogeologist, Environment Science Division*).
- 7) **Correspondence**;
 - June 23, 14 letter from Brian Desloges re Request for Assurances Respecting Funding Impact on Fire Departments
 - August 13, 2014 Letter from Wee Folk Centre requesting extension to playground fence at their own expense (*MOVED/SECONDED Nickerson and Baker to approve extending the playground fence*)
 - Letter from Ben Sivak, contract for Boundary Expansion River Ridge
(1 St meeting Thursday September 18 @ 10:30 am Re Boundary Change here at village office)
 - September 9, 2014 Letter from Stephen Paine Re; Water Quality Issues due to Arsenic
 - September Letter from Wee Folk request to put removable pantry in upstairs office for dry goods.
(MOVED/SECONDED by Baker and MacDonald to allow the Daycare to put in the pantry).

8) Un- Finished Business

- A. Audit Committee; An ad was placed in the Aurora and Debbie Springer expressed interest and Don Rawding expressed interest if the committee is covered by liability insurance , the clerk will place another ad for one more resident. Commission can also bring names forward.
- B. Storage Shed update; The clerk informed the commission a five thousand dollar deposit was paid to Morse Construction on the contract. The shed is almost complete, just waiting for a steel door to arrive, then the siding can be finished.
- Once the shed is finished, we will put out order for salt from Howard Little Excavating.
- C. LED Streetlights update;
- The stranded assets lights were purchased from Nova Scotia Power.
 - The agreements were signed with Nova Scotia Power and Bell Aliant for the use of the poles.
 - The LED streetlight install is almost complete, they still need to finish Central Avenue and they will be doing Bridge Street all at once, including into Kingston.
 - Some extra lights have been added, where needed, and some lights needed extra long davit arms due to the position of the poles.
 - Should be receiving an invoice from Black & McDonald by the end of October.
- D. Civic Building Repairs update;
- George Hutt Masonry has completed repairs to the Quonset Hut- Garage. The storm drain next to Daycare unexpectedly needed repairs at a cost of over \$4,312.50 including tax, completed in the summer of 2014.
- Repairs Outstanding
- Repairs to the overhang by the daycare needed still to be done
 - Repairs to the back north corner of the building, damage to the bricks, priority to be done before winter, still to be done.
 - Repairs to front south/east entrance, damage to the bricks, still to be done, may be deferred to next year.

9) New Business

- E. Financial update; Comparative Income Statement to August 31, 2014. **MOVED/SECONDED by Nickerson and Baker that: The comparative income statement be accepted. CARRIED**
- F. Canada Day Report circulated; **MOVED/SECONDED by Nickerson and MacDonald that; The 2014 Canada Day report be accepted as presented. CARRIED.**
- The public works staff to come up with a quote for the Electrical panel and bring back to the commission.
- G. Annapolis Valley School boundary ; Email was circulated to the commission regarding the final decision of the Annapolis Valley School Boundary review. Changes to Dwight Ross Elementary School and Kingston & District School Catchment Areas Coming in September 2015, Email dated June 25, 2014 AVRSB communications.

- Comm. Baker noted that River Ridge subdivision students will be going to Dwight Ross School in 2015 and apparently new students who have moved in this summer are already being enrolled at Dwight Ross.
 - Will this have an impact on request from residents for the Village of Greenwood to proceed with installing the Tremont Mountain Rd sidewalk.
 - Sidewalk will be discussed in the Capital Five Year Budget Plan
- H. Water issues Planesview Phase 2; Stephen Paine's send a letter regarding high levels of Arsenic in Robie Avenue area, and asked to meet with the commission, representatives from Environment and MLA Leo Glavine, Councillor D. Brothers and S. Quinn, Kings County attended. Some additional residents with elevated readings were in attendance as well. Summary of this meeting from September 15, 2014
- Arsenic is a naturally occurring chemical in much of Nova Scotia and the Dept of Environment recommends that residents on private wells test their wells for chemical contaminates every two years and do bacteria tests more frequently.
 - Leo Glavine will contact the Medical Officer for the western area.
 - Scott Quinn will look into funding sources to help make the costs of the central water extension more affordable, a petition process to extend the central water will be done by Kings County.
 - County Council would need to approve the extension.
 - Would need to go to the Utility and Review Board.
 - Nancy Kelly , reporter for Kings Register will write an article to get the word out about higher than acceptable levels of arsenic found in some wells.
- I. Preliminary discussion Tractor replacement; Comm. Baker mentioned that our tractor is 6 years old and it might be time to look at trading it in. Concerned that maintenance costs might start to increase.
- Clerk to bring information to next meeting re; when tractor was purchased, how much and the maintenance costs to date.
- J. Exit Realty Sidewalk ; Comm. MacDonald reported that he went to see Craig Parsons at Mid-Valley Construction the contractor who put in the driveway. Craig was to contact John Parsons, project lead and get back to Don.
- K. Boundary meeting; Planners Ian Watson and Ben Sivak will meet with the Commission on September 18 to start the preliminaries for extending the Village of Greenwood boundary.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS Round table

There being no further business Comm. Nickerson MOVED to Adjourn at 10:20 a.m



Brian Banks, Chair



Marian Elsworth, Clerk-Treasurer