



VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS OF GREENWOOD

REGULAR COMMISSION AGENDA

March 17 @ 9:00 a.m.

904 Central Avenue

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- 1) Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Brian Banks at 9:00 am
 - 2) Present: Commissioners Banks, Sealby, Baker, Spinney, Harty. Clerk-Treasurer Moar; Councillor District 5 COK Harding; Public Works employees Morse and Ogilvie.

- 3) Additions to Agenda:

Chair Banks noted that as Items 6 (a) and (b) refer to contract negotiations and that these items will be delayed until the end of the meeting to facilitate an in-camera session. Item 10, Trail Issues, is moved to the first item on the agenda to facilitate attendance of Greenwood Public Works employees Morse and Ogilvie.

- 4) Approval of Agenda: It was MOVED/SECONDED by Commissioners Sealby/Harty that the Agenda for March 17, 2021 be approved as amended. CARRIED

- 5) Trail Issues: In response to the complaints of resident Ann Gaudet of Rivercrest Lane (March 2, 2021), a discussion took place regarding ATV traffic and loose running dogs on the trail located adjacent to her property. Councillor Harding noted that Ms. Gaudet had also been in touch with him regarding the matter. This trail is designated as an active transportation only trail by the Village, but is being used by ATVs, snowmobiles and even trucks. The trail leads to the walking bridge over Fales River and it has been reported that motorized vehicles are attempting to access this bridge which is rated only as a pedestrian bridge. Dogs are being allowed to run off leash and on March 2nd Ms. Gaudet's dog was attacked by a larger dog running off leash. Public works employees inspected the site immediately following Ms. Gaudet's call. After discussion, it was suggested a sorting station be placed at the beginning of the trail. Further, it was determined that Councillor Harding will get County of Kings officials to provide firm markings as to the actual boundaries of the trail. This will enable the Village to determine ways of ensuring the trail is used only as an active transportation corridor. Discussion included placing large boulders along both sides of the trail and installing bollards or width limiting gates at the beginning so that it cannot be accessed by motorized vehicles unless there is a need to do so by Village staff or Nova Scotia Power. The Village will determine what signage should be erected and look to have that item taken care of this spring. Signs will include "No motorized vehicles," "Dogs must be on lease at all time" and any other signs deemed necessary by staff. Signage will also be erected at the bridge warning of the weight limits, and suitable width-limiting gate will be placed before the bridge as a safeguard. Public works staff will attend Berwick with Councillor Harding for a tour of the pedestrian trails there to see how Berwick has attempted to deal with the problem.

6) Approval of Minutes: Minutes for the monthly meeting held February 17th, 2021 were circulated electronically. As there were no changes to the Minutes, the Chair declared them approved as submitted.

7) Business arising from the Minutes

- a Back Up snow removal personnel: Public works personnel have been advised of procedure.
- b EHS ground ambulance station: Despite multiple attempts by the Clerk to acquire information regarding the number of calls responded to by EHS in the Village, such information is not forthcoming. The matter has been tabled for now.
- c Planesview 1 water service update: The Clerk reported that she spoke to Bruce Gray at the County on February 24 regarding the issue. Mr. Gray said there are no plans, either immediately or in the future, for the County to extend water service to Planesview 1. This matter was discussed several years ago, at which time there were not enough residents willing to bear the cost in order that the work be undertaken. Residents would be responsible for costs which could amount to \$3,000 plus per household. Commissioner Harty led a discussion on how the project could become a priority for the County going forward. The Commission cannot ask for such a project to be undertaken unless 2/3 of residents of the subdivision make their views known in writing. Then the Commission can ask Councillor Harding to bring the matter to County Council. Residents would then have to agree in writing to the costs in advance of any work being done. The matter remains in the hands of the residents.

Reports:

- a. Police Report received and distributed
- b. Commissioner's Task List: No change from last month
- c. County of Kings Building & Development Statistics Report February 2021: received and circulated.
- d. Soldiers Memorial Foundation resident representative report received and read. The report is attached to these minutes.
- e. Joint Accessibility Committee: Commissioner Sealby reported on his virtual attendance at a webinar regarding Built Environments and a JAAC Committee meeting. Many questions were raised regarding the availability of Provincial funding in order to make changes a reality.

8) List of outstanding items:

- a. Rocknotch Pre-Design Project: Project will be completed by Mar 31, 2022 with construction scheduled to begin in 2022. Councillor Harding will try to gain more information about the nature of the delay of the construction from the County.
- b. 7 Arts Banner Update: No update.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 9) Financial update: Comparative Income Statement as at March 15, 2021 was circulated. It was MOVED/SECONDED by Commissioners SEALBY/BAKER to approve the comparative income statement as submitted. CARRIED

The Clerk reported that insurance coverage for the Village has increased by 13.5% for the year 2021-22. Most of the increase is in the Village truck insurance which has more than doubled.

The next budget meeting will be held March 25, 2021 at 12:30 pm in the Village office.

- 10) Correspondence:

- a. Letter Association of Nova Scotia Villages re Accessibility: Commissioner Banks reported on the Association's involvement with the new Accessibility Directorate.
- b. Invitation: 14 Wing Community Outreach Luncheon: To be attended by Commissioners Banks and Harty and Clerk Treasurer Moar.

- 11) Rental of Soccer Field 2021: The Kingston Greenwood Soccer Clubs have asked for information to rent the soccer field for practices and games in 2021. The Clerk was asked to advise the Club of the Village Policy for rental of the field and to negotiate its use for this year.

- 12) Councillors Comments: Councillor Harding reported that he is the Chairperson of the Greenwood Source Water Protection Committee for this term and reported on the meeting held March 11, 2021. The report is attached to these minutes.

- 13) Commissioners Comments: Commissioner Harty thanked the other Commissioners for their direction and help in outlining the process of getting municipal water to Planesview 1. He will be speaking with residents there regarding their way forward.

- 14) Tenancy Matters: It was MOVED/SECONDED by Commissioners SEALBY/BAKER that the meeting move in-camera as provided for by the Municipal Government Act Section 22 (e) with respect to Contract negotiations at 10: 50 am. CARRIED

It was MOVED/SECONDED by Commissioners SEALBY/SPINNEY that the meeting move out of camera at 11:22. CARRIED

- 15) Next Regular Meeting April 21, 2021 at 9 a.m.

Move to ADJOURN by Commissioner SEALBY at 11:25 am

Brian Banks, Chair

Lynn V. Moar, Clerk-Treasurer