



VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS OF GREENWOOD

REGULAR COMMISSION A G E N D A

June 16, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m.

By FaceTime

- 1) Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Brian Banks at 9:04 am
- 2) Present: Commissioners Banks, Baker, Harty, Sealby, Spinney and Clerk-Treasurer Moar. An attempt was made to connect Councillor Harding into the meeting, but due to technical difficulties it could not be done.
- 3) Presentations: There were no presentations
- 4) Disclosure of Conflict of Interest Issues: No conflicts of interest were brought forward_
- 5) Additions to Agenda: There were no additions to the submitted Agenda
- 6) Approval of Agenda: It was **MOVED/SECONDED** by Commissioners **SEALBY/BAKER** that the agenda for June 16, 2021 be approved as submitted. **CARRIED**
- 7)
- 8) Approval of Minutes: Minutes for the monthly meeting for May 19, 2021 were circulated electronically. There being no errors or omissions noted, the Chair declared the Minutes of the May 19, 2021 regular meeting of the Village of Greenwood Commission approved as circulated
- 9) Business arising from the Minutes :

The Clerk reported that there had been no response from Kingston regarding lowering the speed limit on Bridge Street. The Clerk to reach out to TIR to have it reduced to 50 kms from corner to Annapolis River within the Village boundaries.

Commissioner Harty met with Public Works staff at Planesview playground and discussed the situation. Because of indecision as to maintain playgrounds or convert to green spaces, it was suggested that we repair all boards in structure that can be looked after and remove the old tires. Public Works will get costs together and forward to the Clerk.

10) Reports:

- a Police Report
- b Clerk's Report
- c Commissioner's Task List: No change so not included
- d County of Kings: Building & Development Statistics May 2021
- e ANSV: Commissioner Banks meeting with minister July 9th to be discussed later
- f REMO: Commissioner Sealby reported that there will be a meeting later this month. Well into fire and storm seasons.
- g JAAC: Commissioner Sealby circulated the minutes from 1st meeting of the JAAC Committee. The second meeting will be held this evening.
- h Greenwood Water Source Committee: Commissioner Baker's report accepted. Chair Banks noted the need to make sure our last subdivision gets water as soon as possible as two new wells come on stream.
- i Soldiers Memorial Hospital Foundation Report: L Banks submitted the report.
- j Physicians Recruitment & Retention Committee: Commissioner Sealby had submitted his report and added that the competition to retain residents/interns is high but we are doing well, although not as well as we would hope. Discussion of new on-line system for Nova Scotians who do not have a family physician, which seems to be working well. Commission Harty is on this system and he likes it.

11) List of outstanding items:

- a Canada Day Celebrations: Talk in province of making this years' celebrations low key because of recent events. Toned down but will continue with cookies and short video. 11 – 1 pm at two locations. Clerk to contact Province to see if any guidelines for this year. We will follow whatever guidelines are set out by the Province.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 12) Financial update: Comparative Income Statement as at June 11, 2021 was circulated. It was **MOVED/SECONDED** by Commissioners **BAKER/HARTY** to approve the comparative income statement as submitted. **CARRIED**

13) Meeting with Minister Municipal Affairs: Call for Questions from Commissioners

Commissioner Banks explained that there will be a virtual meeting on July 9th between ANSV members and the Minister. He asked for questions to be brought forward. Each village is to submit at least two questions.

Commissioner Sealby: Under the MGA we are restricted by what Municipalities say we can do as we are subset of the municipalities. Because of this, By-laws and policies can take a long time to filter through the system and receive the Minister's approval. Is there any way to give Villages more authority to deal with by-laws etc.

Commissioner Baker: Within ANSV still seems to be thought that government wishes to eliminate villages. But I don't think it is on the table. Seems this government is much more open to listening to villages and giving them a voice. We could ask the Minister what actions he is prepared to take with respect to non-reporting and non-active villages, of which there are a few in the province.

14) Former Petro-Can lot Central Avenue: Both the Chair, Commissioner Banks and Commissioner Sealby were approached by residents asking why we don't buy and turn into green space. The general consensus was that we are not in a position to do so when we need sidewalks done and the oil tank is a big expense this year. It's an eyesore. After some discussion, it was decided that a note could be sent to Petro-Canada which owns the property and point out the fact it is a huge eyesore and the garbage is piling up. Perhaps they would consider deeding the property to the Village. At any rate such a letter could perhaps open a dialogue.

15) Vandalism in the Village: With the instances of vandalism to public property raising, we are looking at a new surveillance system. Commissioner Harty suggested that in the meantime, we put up a couple of signs regarding surveillance as deterrent. Clerk to go ahead with the signage

16) Adoption of Policies:

- i Internet & Communication Device Usage Policy: It was **MOVED/SECONDED** by Commissioners **SEALBY/SPINNEY** that the Internet & Communication Device Usage Policy dated June 2021 be accepted as submitted. **CARRIED**
- ii Document Copying Cost Policy: It was **MOVED/SECONDED** by Commissioners **SEALBY/HARTY** that the Document Copying Cost Policy dated June 2021 be accepted as submitted. **CARRIED**
- iii Records Management Policy: It was **MOVED/SECONDED** by Commissioners **SEALBY/SPINNEY** that the Records Management Policy dated June 2021 be accepted as submitted. **CARRIED**

The Chair wishes to acknowledge and express gratitude to Commissioner Sealby for his work in getting these policies written into practiced. Commissioner Sealby noted that the Clerk and he were working on it together and gratitude must also go there.

17) Correspondence:

- a Depart with Dignity Letters: Request for two letters this month
- b Email re crosswalks. A resident emailed asking that our crosswalks be painted in solid colours like is down in the Town of Middleton. Since crosswalks under Provincial jurisdiction, the Village cannot paint them. In addition, Commissioners felt that painting them fully is a safety hazard and could lead to people slipping in wet conditions. Clerk to compose email responding to the resident.

18) Councillors Comments: Councillor Harding was unable to join the meeting due to technical difficulties. He will, however, be attending the AGM on July 12, 2021.

19) Commissioners Comments: Commissioner Spinney said he will begin to get acquainted with the trail system in the village shortly and will review work needed.

20) AGM: The Annual General Meeting of the Village of Greenwood Commission will be held on July 12th at 6:00 pm at Civic Center

21) Next Regular Meeting **July 21, 2021 at 9 a.m.**

Move to **ADJOURN** by Commissioner SEALBY AT 10:10

Brian Banks, Chair

Lynn V. Moar, Clerk-Treasurer