



VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS OF GREENWOOD

REGULAR COMMISSION MINUTES

July 21, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m.

- 1) Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by the Clerk-Treasurer at 9:00 am
- 2) Present: Commissioners Banks, Baker, Sealby, Harty, Spinney; Clerk-Treasurer Moar
- 3) Election of Chair/Vice Chair:

As this is the first meeting of the Commission following the election of Commissioners, the Clerk-Treasurer called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Greenwood Village Commission. Commissioner Sealby nominated Commissioner Banks as Chair. Commissioner Baker seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations for the position of Chair and with Commissioner Banks accepting the nomination, Commissioner Banks was declared chair.

Commissioner Banks took the Chair and called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair. Commissioner Baker nominated Commissioner Sealby to fill the position of Vice-Chair. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Harty. There being no further nominations and with Commissioner Sealby accepting the nomination, Commissioner Sealby was declared Vice-Chair.

- 4) Presentations: None
- 5) Disclosure of Conflict of Interest Issues: None
- 6) Additions to Agenda: None
- 7) Approval of Agenda: MOVED/SECONDED by Commissioners Sealby/Spinney that the Agenda for the meeting of July 21st, 2021 be approved as circulated. CARRIED
- 8) Approval of Minutes: Minutes for the monthly meeting for June 16, 2021 were circulated electronically. There being no errors or omissions noted, Chair Banks declared the Minutes of the Regular Village of Greenwood Commission dated June 16, 2021 to be approved.
- 9) Approval of Minutes: Minutes for the Special meeting of the Village of Greenwood Commission held on July 1, 2021 were circulated electronically. There being no errors or omissions noted, Chair Banks declared the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Village of Greenwood Commission dated July 1st, 2021 to be approved.

10) Business arising from the Minutes

Video Security Quotation: Maintenance Building

A discussion took place about acts of vandalism around the civic building and public works shop. Such acts have risen in the past year. It had been suggested by Public Works employees that the security cameras be replaced and they had asked Valley Alarms to produce a quote. After some discussion it was MOVED/SECONDED by Commissioners HARTY/SPINNEY that the clerk obtain a second quote on a new video surveillance system from Computerized Business Solutions and that once both quotes are received, the Clerk-Treasurer be empowered to select a supplier and to have an upgraded surveillance system installed in and around the Civic Building and Public Works shop as soon as possible. CARRIED

Chair Banks wished to update the meeting regarding a scheduled meeting between the Association of Nova Scotia Villages (ANSV) and the Minister of Municipal Affairs. The meeting was originally set for July 9th and then rescheduled to July 14th and then postponed again. ANSV has written to the Minister's office to ask that the Minister attend the Annual General Meeting of the ANSV in September and address the Association at that time. Chair Banks noted that as we are now in the midst of a provincial election campaign, he is hopeful the item will be carried forward to the calendar of the new Minister once the election is over.

Chair Banks asked if the Clerk had been in contact with Petro-Canada yet regarding the unsightly premises at the site of the old service station across from the Village office land. The Clerk noted this had not yet been accomplished but will have a status report for next meeting.

11) Reports:

- a Police Report: circulated
- b Clerk's Report: circulated and attached to these minutes
- c Commissioner's Task List – Commissioner Spinney has taken on responsibility for Village trails and will work with Public Works employees to have signs erected asap at the entrance to the walking trail at Rivercrest Lane. Commissioner Sealby noted that the engineer from Nova Scotia Power who was supposed to attend and approve the addition of banners to light poles in the Village, had not shown up. The Clerk is to follow up with NS Power.
- d County of Kings: Building & Development Statistics June 2021
- e ANSV: Commissioner Banks: under Business Arising
- f REMO: Commissioner Sealby: should be back to in person meeting in September
- g JAAC: Commissioner Sealby: nothing new to report
- h Greenwood Water Source Committee: Commissioner Baker No report
- i Soldiers Memorial Hospital Foundation Report: L Banks No report
- j Physicians Recruitment & Retention Committee: R. Sealby: See Outstanding Items

12) List of outstanding items:

- a Physician Recruitment and Retainment Program: Discussion of Grant
A discussion was held as to the ability of the Commission to donate money to this committee to facilitate the recruitment and retention of new doctors in the area. It had been erroneously reported to the public by the Annapolis Valley Chamber of Commerce Physicians Community Navigator, that VOG had agreed to fund its navigator program for \$2,500 in 2021. It was discussed that no such promise had been made and that under the MGA it is not acceptable to use public funds for such a purpose. AVCC has been asked to remove any mention of funding from the Village, and have agreed to do so.
The Chair asked each Commissioner to voice their opinion on the matter of donating funds to the Physician Recruitment and Retainment Program. As the funds seem to be largely used to supply potential candidates or new doctor residents with gifts in an attempt to retain their services in the area, the Commissioners agreed unanimously that while the need to recruit and retain physicians to the area, for the good of our residents, is definitely a priority, donating funds to be used to buy gifts in the hopes of retaining doctors, would not be appropriate under the MGA. The discussion will be ongoing.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 13) Financial update: Comparative Income Statement as at July 15, 2021 was circulated. MOVED/SECONDED by Commissioners SEALBY/HARTY that the Comparative Income Statement as at July 15, 2021 be approved as submitted. CARRIED
- 14) Extension of TBR Rocknotch Road: MOVED/SECONDED by Commissioners SEALBY/SPINNEY that the Clerk-Treasurer prepare a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs asking that the TBR of the Village of Greenwood, dated November 3, 2020 in the amount of \$195,000, be extended for a one year period to allow the construction of the sidewalk on Rocknotch Road to take place in the summer of 2022. CARRIED.
- 15) Correspondence:
- a Letter from RCAFA re September Flyover: Clerk to send letter of approval
- b Letter of welcome to Dr. Gina MacDonald: File
- 16) Councillors Comments: no councillors in attendance

- 17) Commissioners Comments: Commissioner Sealby: the builder of the new apartment building on Bridge Street, next to his home, is planning on putting a large garbage bin in front of the building. Does the Commission have any input to this? Commissioner Baker voiced that he would like to take a look at the area as did Chair Banks to make sure it will not interfere with sidewalk clearing.

The meeting adjourned at 10:03 am for a short break to extend best wishes to both of the Village Public Works employees who turn 40 this summer.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Banks at 10:15 am

Chair Banks asked if the Commission should take a summer break and not meet until September. After some discussion it was decided that there will be no August meeting of the Village of Greenwood Commission unless there is an urgent matter. Should an urgent matter arise, three days' notice will be given to the public as per policy.

- 18) Next Regular Meeting September 15th, 2021 at 9 a.m.

Move to ADJOURN by Commissioner Sealby at 10:21 a.m.

Brian Banks, Chair

Lynn V. Moar, Clerk-Treasurer