



## VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS OF GREENWOOD

### REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

July 20, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m.

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- 1) The regular monthly meeting of the Village of Greenwood Commission was called to order at 9:00 am by Chair Brian Banks.
- 1) Present: Present: Chair Brian Banks; Vice-Chair Robert Sealby; Commissioner Bob Baker; Commissioner Dale Harty; Commissioner Darryl Spinney; Clerk-Treasurer Lynn Moar
- 2) Disclosure of Conflict of Interest Issues: None
- 3) Additions to Agenda: Chair Brian Banks added: Status of August meeting
- 4) Approval of Agenda:  
  
MOVED/SECONDED by Commissioners Harty/Spinney that the Agenda dated July 20, 2022 be approved as amended. CARRIED
- 5) Approval of Minutes:  
  
There being no changes or errors or omissions to the circulated minutes of the regular Commission meeting held on June 15, 2022, Chair Brian Banks declared them approved.  
  
MOVED/SECONDED by Commissioners BAKER/SEALBY that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Village of Greenwood Commission held on June 15, 2022 be approved as circulated. CARRIED  
  
MOVED/SECONDED by Commissioners HARTY/BAKER that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Village of Greenwood Commission held on June 20, 2022 be approved as circulated. CARRIED
- 6) Business arising from the Minutes :
  - a) Sale of Surplus Equipment - There were no bids received regarding the surplus cement mixer by sale by the Village. The ad will remain on Facebook in hopes of receiving offers.
  - b) Scheduling of meeting with Provincial and County regarding Commission Concerns: Chair Banks will attempt to schedule this meeting in the next week and requested that the subject be added to the Commissioner's Task List.
  - c) Grant Application: COK Parks, Playground and Trail Grants – The Village has been awarded \$17,629.20 for playgrounds and parks, which is to include a new swing set for each playground and accessible picnic tables and waste sorting stations for the Fales River Greenspace.

7) Reports:

- a) ANSV: Commissioner Banks: Next quarterly meeting July 22<sup>nd</sup>; release of the new Provincial Code of Conduct has been delayed
- b) Commissioner's Task List: The list was discussed and the Clerk was asked to add several items to it.
- c) Clerk-Treasurer Report on Bill 96: After attending the Association of Municipal Administrators of Nova Scotia spring conference, the Clerk prepared a report on this new legislation which will impact Villages and municipalities. After noting that there will be work to be done by the Village to comply with the new legislation, it was decided that the report will be tabled until 2023 when the legislation comes into effect and will be discussed by the Commission at that time.
- d) County of Kings: Building & Development Statistics May, June 2022
- e) JAAC: Commissioner Sealby put forward the following motions:

**MOVED/SECONDED** by Commissioners SEALBY/SPINNEY that the Village of Greenwood appoint Ben Brown as a citizen member on the Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee for a term running from July 5, 2022 to May 31, 2023.  
CARRIED

**MOVED/SECONDED** by Commissioners SEALBY/BAKER that the Village of Greenwood appoint Alan Price as a citizen member on the Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee for a term running from July 5, 2022 to May 31, 2023.  
CARRIED

The Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee, following its last meeting, emailed the Village Clerk asking that the following motion be put before all member Village Commissions:

**MOVED/SECONDED** by Commissioners \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ that the Village of Greenwood pass a motion asking the Village Clerk to write a letter to the Minister of the Nova Scotia Department of Public Works requesting the Department's staff work with the Villages and the Municipality in removing mobility barriers in public infrastructure such as connections between sidewalks and bridges (working together we can collectively achieve the shared objective of being accessible by 2030).

Commissioner Sealby objected to the wording and asked that the words "Village Clerk" be replaced with the words "Commission Chair". The motion was then put to a vote.

**MOVED/SECONDED** by Commissioners SEALBY/HARTY that the Village of Greenwood pass a motion asking the Commission Chair to write a letter to the Minister of the Nova Scotia Department of Public Works requesting the Department's staff work with the Villages and the Municipality in removing mobility barriers in public infrastructure such as connections between sidewalks and bridges (working together we can collectively achieve the shared objective of being accessible by 2030). CARRIED

Commissioner Sealby also reported that the Committee has received applications for the Accessibility Coordinator position. Interviews will take place in the summer and the position should be filled by September. The next meeting of the Committee will be held in September.

f) Physicians Recruitment & Retention Committee: Commissioner Harty attended a meeting of the Committee on July 15<sup>th</sup>. A representative from western Nova Scotia attended a large job fair in London, England and saw a lot of interest in candidates considering relocating to Nova Scotia. Currently 21% of the population of the catchment area are in need of family doctors. The promotional video to be used to recruit new health care professionals to the area will be ready shortly. Soldiers Memorial Hospital emergency room will be open daily from 07:00 to 13:00 in July. The schedule for August is not yet available.

Commissioner Sealby reported that he had a conversation with a resident who was extremely upset that they could not have a family doctor. He shared his reply to the resident, that he felt the days of everyone having a family doctor as in the 1940s was in the past.

Commissioner Harty noted that it is his belief that when a family physician leaves the area in the future, the patients will be reassigned a family doctor on the basis of need (ie those with serious illness first) and that people may find themselves back on the provincial waiting list.

g) REMO: Commissioner Sealby reported that there are now 24 comfort centers in the area. Remo is attempting to get more residents registered on the vulnerable persons list in case of emergency. It is predicted that there will be 6 to 10 hurricanes this season, with up to 6 of them being major storms. There will be a province wide emergency preparedness exercise in November. Details will be communicated.

h) Soldiers Memorial Hospital Foundation The Report from Village representative Louise Banks was received. Commissioner Sealby asked for clarification regarding the unclaimed scholarships offered by the Foundation. It was noted that the Foundation is attempting to make sure they are all used this year.

- 8) List of outstanding items
- a) New Banners: A meeting was held on July 12<sup>th</sup> with 7Arts. The delivery of the banners has seen multiple delays but the expected date of delivery agreed upon is now August 15, 2022. It was noted that in an effort to foster relationships with local organizations, the Village may wish to purchase more banners in the future.
  - b) Fales River Pedestrian Bridge Inspection Progress: The Clerk will continue to inquire to Kings County as to the status of any repairs to be undertaken.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 9) Financial update: Comparative Income Statement as at July 15, 2022
- MOVED/SECONDED by Commissioners SEALBY/HARTY that the comparative income statement dated July 15, 2022 be approved as submitted. CARRIED
- 10) Active Transportation Fund Grant: Connecting Greenwood. The Village has been awarded \$49,900 to undertake a study as to the feasibility and methodology of connecting all of the small trails in the Village into one system. Commissioners, the Clerk and Public Works personnel will perform a site visit with Upland Planning and Design on July 28<sup>th</sup> to begin the project. The project should be completed within three months.
- 11) Policy Adoption:
- a) Emergency Preparedness Policy
- MOVED/SECONDED by Commissioners SEALBY/HARTY that the Emergency Preparedness Policy be adopted as submitted. CARRIED
- 12) Public Works Update
- a) Mayhew Dr. Property driveway culvert: Commissioner Spinney asked if public works could go ahead with the work. As the work is budgeted, it will go ahead as soon as it can be arranged.
  - b) Bridge St/Bowlby Park Dr. Crosswalk signals: Commissioner Spinney asked if the Clerk could order and arrange the installation of a new solar powered cross walk sign.
  - c) Commissioner Spinney asked that the Clerk determine what the street addresses are assigned to the playgrounds and greenspaces in the Village and to have number signs made up for each property. These are necessary in case of accident at a facility.

13) Correspondence:

- a) DND Notification/Consultation Request
- b) Resident email re: naturalized lawns After discussion it was decided that while the Commission has no objections to such a project, it would fall under any potential policies or by-laws within the County of Kings. Therefore, the Commission directed the clerk to respond to the resident and provide the contact information for the County of Kings.
- c) Advertising in At Home in the Annapolis Valley magazine (DND). The ad will be changed slightly and reinserted into the magazine.

14) August Meeting: Normally there is no meeting in August, however it was decided that in view of the need to recruit a new Clerk-Treasurer, the Commission will hold a meeting in August but that the agenda will only include time sensitive matters.

15) Next Regular Meeting August 17, 2022 at 9 a.m.

Move to ADJOURN by Commissioner Sealby at 10:26 am