

**LAWRENCETOWN VILLAGE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 2, 2012**

COMMISSION

Jaki Fraser – Chair
Dave Spears – Vice Chair
Dianne Moore
Brian Reid
Lynette Gilks

STAFF

Kelly Rice – Clerk/Treasurer

CHAIRPERSON FRASER called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

MINUTES:

Comm. Spears moved the minutes of January 5, 2012 be accepted as presented. Seconded by Comm. Reid. Motion Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

1. It was asked if the OPEN sign for the Library has been purchased. Chair Fraser stated she was still looking at options.
2. Comm. Spears asked how many hits the website was receiving each day. Website Manager stated approximately 100 per day but it is very difficult to calculate.
3. Comm. Spears asked that a letter be sent to the Fire Dept thanking them for the use of the Fire Hall for the Christmas in the Village event.
4. It was asked when the Wall of Honour plaques would be put up. It was stated that the letters were complete and the plaques would be put up this weekend.

OLD BUSINESS:

Canadian Wildlife Federation (CWF) Celebration Update

Chair Fraser stated that the celebration held at COGS on January 28th was a huge success with a great turnout. The CWF presented a number of gifts including a plaque for the Village recognizing the accomplishment of being the 1st Certified Backyard Habitat in Canada.

FINACIAL REPORT:

Comm. Gilks made a motion to accept the financial report as presented. Seconded by Comm. Moore. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works

Comm. Reid presented the Public Works Committee report and in the absence of the Supt. of Public Works, presented his report as well. (see attached)

Recreation

Lynn Roscoe reported the following:

- report on last summer's programs (attached)
- Family Matters will be looking after the registration and bookkeeping for this year's programs
- funding applications have been filed
- gave an overview of the schedule and programs at the arena
- staff appreciation week is coming up at the school and she requested the Commission send a letter of appreciation

Activities/Special Events Planning Committee

No report.

Annapolis County Councilor Report

Martha Roberts reported the following:

- Council is working on the Capital budget
- Active Living Coordinator, Andre Bouchard, is leaving his employment with the County to accept a new position on the south shore
- Council is working with Trans County Transportation on an alternate bussing plan
- Council is working on a trail project that will connect the four properties at Mountain Lea Lodge
- walking trail in Springfield is being developed
- assessments in the County have gone up
- County Transit Group plans to meet with the three town Councils and the Village will be invited; she will contact the Commission with the date and time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sewer 201 Agreement with Annapolis County

Clerk/Treasurer stated the agreement had expired and should be renewed for another five years. After a discussion, the Commission asked Clerk/Treasurer to draft the new agreement and they would present it to Council on February 14th.

Request for Crosswalk

Clerk/Treasurer read a letter from MLA Stephen McNeil regarding the request for a crosswalk on Hwy # 1 at Fitch Road. After a discussion, the Commission will include this request with the bus stop request for NS Dept of Transportation and have both traffic studies done at the same time.

Request from Canada Post

Comm. Reid gave an overview of the request from Canada Post to locate group boxes in the Library parking lot. After a discussion, Canada Post representative will be invited to a Public Works Committee meeting to discuss other options.

Villages Discussion Paper

Comm. Reid stated the Association of Nova Scotia Villages has a discussion paper that was sent to the Minister for Service Nova Scotia & Municipal Relations. The Commission would like some input from the residents and will be discussing the paper at next month's meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Stephen McNeil, MLA Annapolis
 - Clerk/Treasurer read two letters from Stephen McNeil regarding the proposed formation of a Kings County Exhibition
2. Town of Yarmouth
 - Clerk/Treasurer read a letter of congratulations from the Town of Yarmouth regarding the Village's new designation from the CWF
3. Annapolis County Municipal Housing Corporation
 - Clerk/Treasurer read a letter inviting public input regarding affordable housing for Seniors with two community meetings being held on February 9th and February 16th

COMMENTS/CONCERNS FROM THE PUBLIC:

1. There was a request to have a speed sign moved to another location. This is the jurisdiction of the Dept. of Transportation and the request should be sent to them.

As there was no further business to discuss, Comm. Spears moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM.

COMMISSION CHAIR

CLERK/TREASURER