

**LAWRENCETOWN VILLAGE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 14, 2021**

COMMISSION

Brian Reid – Chair

Laura McLarnon

Jane Baskwill- Sends regrets

Vernon Gaudet

Sean Ebert

STAFF

Jeff Hurlburt-Supt. PW

Melissa Roscoe- Clerk/Treasurer

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

MINUTES:

Comm. McLarnon moved the minutes for May 10, 2021 be accepted as amended. Seconded by Comm. Gaudet. Motion Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

- None

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

ADDITIONS:

FINANCIAL REPORT: May 2021

Comm. McLarnon made a motion to accept the Financial Statements for May 2021 as presented. Seconded by Comm. Gaudet. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PW Committee:

- Vaccine clinics have been ongoing, approximately 1300-1400 doses have been administered. Second dose guidelines have been reduced from 105days to 77 and then again down to 56.
- Tower 4- Construction is underway, 6 sections have been built leaving 3 left to be completed. 3 of the sections have been brought up the mountain. Crane operator has been up and measured, he will need 1 week notice to be available.
- Library heat pump is being installed. Old furnace has been removed and all oil tanks have been removed from Village property.

Public Works: Supt. of PW gave his report. (see attached)

Economic Development Committee: No report available

Audit Committee: No Report available

HR Committee: No report available

Recreation: Pool is planning to open for the season

Annapolis County Councilor Report:

- The county has closed the West Paradise transfer facility, and all waste is now going through the Lawrencetown transfer facility owned by Valley Waste. We are hoping this will result in a marginal cost saving.
- The county plans on holding a special council session sometime in the next few weeks to deal with the grants derived from our Community Grants Policy. This is a bit later this year than is normal
- County internet is moving ahead with the expectation that connections should begin in June with project completion in September
- The county received a Letter from Brendan Maguire, Minister of Municipal Affairs. The province is required to notify us of an increase in county expenditure as a result of Provincial activities. The Accessibility act mandates a number of things that will increase our costs both operationally and with capital costs. The accessibility act mandates actions to be taken by 2030.
- The province is also changing the Library funding formula which will increase Library funding across the province by about 2 million dollars in 2022/23
- Very regrettably the county has been required to close the Basinview Centre in Cornwallis Park and the indoor pool/YMCA in the facility due to an inability to get Insurance on the building.
- I believe the county is going to discontinue fees associated with the Kayak, Canoe and stand-up paddleboard rentals from Queen Elizabeth Jubilee Park in Bridgetown in an effort to increase usage. This is coming up in the Council meeting tomorrow so it has not been approved yet but I think there is a good chance it will happen

Website:

- In progress

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Canada Day-Department of Canadian Heritage is in need of a decision for our Canada Day Celebrations. Commission is in agreement to cancel the event for 2021.

Comm. McLarnon made a motion to cancel Canada Day Celebrations and return the funding to the Department of Canadian Heritage. Seconded by Comm. Ebert. Motion carried.

2. Insurance-There has been a major increase to our insurance premiums this year. We have had no liability claims and minor property claims over the years so we were looking at increasing our deductibles with a hope of a decrease in premiums. This was not the case and we feel we should go to the market. Comm. Reid has spoken with 2 companies and they are willing to quote on our policies.

Comm. Gaudet made a motion to go to market for insurance quotes. Seconded by Comm. Ebert. Motion carried.

3. Credit Union Voting-Valley Credit Union, East Coast Credit Union and Teachers Credit Union are looking to amalgamate. Melissa will vote on behalf of the Village, we will need 3 Commissioners to sign the voter authorization form.

Comm. McLarnon made a motion to vote for non-amalgamation. Seconded by Comm. Gaudet. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

- None

As there was no further business to discuss, Comm. McLarnon moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:47PM.

COMMISSION CHAIR

CLERK/TREASURER