

**Lawrencetown Village Commissioners
Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting**

February 4 2008

Attendance: L. Gilks (Chairman) L. Powell (Deputy Chair)
D. Spears D. Moore
T. Emmett
D. Leonard (Superintendent of Works) D. Marshall (Village Clerk)
S. Taylor (Assistant Superintendent of Works)
Eric Slauenwhite; Nancy Emmett; Berend Pietersma; Peter Grimmer; Peter Redden;
Madelyn McLain; Jodie Moase
Phil Milo, County Councilor, Keith Robicheau, CAO, County of Annapolis

Amendments: **Correct “Equipment damaged at COGS replaced” to temporarily replaced.
Add the word “Exhibition” to Youth Arena**

Minutes: The clerk read the minutes of the January 8 2008. Larry Powell moved to accept the minutes as amended. Dianne Moore seconded the motion.
Troy Emmett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADDITION TO AGENDA:

NEW BUSINESS:

XTR Gas Bar: Is owned and operated by the Carleton Road Industries Association Adult Service Center, Peter Grimmer, Executive Director gave an update on how things are going after 2 weeks of operation. He said the village has been very supportive and they’re receiving many repeat customers. They are working in rotating shifts and it’s been a massive learning experience. Pumping gas is not as easy as it looks. They’re open Monday to Friday from 7:00AM to 6:00PM; Saturdays from 8:00AM to 1:00PM and are looking into limited time on Sundays. They are a non profit organization and are not there to make money but to integrate into the community. They are the first workshop to operate a gas bar in the province. Looking into a propane exchange system by summer. The official opening will be sometime in February and they do have a sign on order. Jodie Moase suggested a short blurb on the back of the receipt to make people aware that they are a non profit organization.

Keith Robicheau: Felt the County would be able to supply the funds for the Temporary Borrowing Authority and offered to do up the necessary paper work and send it to the Village. Suggested a meeting to talk about the Gas Tax funds. He wasn’t able to give the village an answer about carrying over the unconditional sidewalk grant. The village was unable to do any work on the sidewalks this year and was hoping to carry over the grant for 2007-2008 to 2008-2009.

Jodie Moase: A realtor with Royal LePage has recently moved to the Village and her approach will be to sell the community as well as the property. She is very optimistic for the future of Lawrencetown. She pointed out that there are 72 home based businesses within the Village area. Larry Powell feel we should be drawing these businesses out, suggested a day long seminar on home based business with Mike Gushue, followed up with a work shop possibly at COGS.

Peter Redden: Has issues with the water protection land use bylaw and feels there should be restitution for the land owners for the Village can have clean drinking water. He doesn’t feel the landowners should sacrifice their land for the whole village.

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Randy Neily: Has requested, by letter that the Village send a letter to the Annapolis County Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) requesting that the proposed Lawrencetown Water Supply Area Advisory Draft be sent back to the Lawrencetown Water Shed Advisory Committee until the new well is completed and the draft protects the new wells. A letter will be sent to Mr. Neily advising him that the Village does not have the authority to do this. The purpose of the present draft is to protect the Water shed not a specific well. The reasons some areas on the maps are not zones is because these lands belong to either the County of Annapolis or the Village of Lawrencetown. The next meeting of PAC is March 18, 2008.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing this month.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Trail Society: A copy of a letter sent to the Hon. David Morse, Department of Natural Resources from Marilyn Wright, Secretary for ACTS concerning the barricades placed in Paradise and the Letter of Authority acquired by Annapolis Royal to excluding motorized vehicles on the trail. Her letter states every effort has been made by ACTS to accommodate the concerned citizens. A recent door to door survey by a resident in Paradise showed that out of 153 people questioned – 108 were open to multi purpose use; 32 were against motorized and 13 didn't care either way. A discussion followed reading of this letter and it was felt that those who oppose the trail should find a new trail. It was also felt the province should also help to find an alternate trail. It was noted that several businesses have lost revenue due to the closing of the trail in Paradise. The trail runs from Coldbrook to Lawrencetown at the present time, and was groomed this year.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Newsletter: Has been well received. Extra copies are available at the Library and the Drug Store.

Sub Committee: Nothing to report, but are working on some ideas.

OTHER:

Phil Milo: Of the 3 hydrants within the Village, that the Municipality is now responsible for; 2 on the western end of number 1 highway and the other on the east end of the 201. Due to the added charge to their tax bills, the residents are asking to have them removed. Bert McNeil is the County representative for the Annapolis County Detachment RCMP, Bridgetown stated that the RCMP had surveillance at the Exhibition and COGS until 4:00 AM the night of the break ins and did not pick up the people who broke in. The RCMP will be doing more speed checks in the Lawrencetown Area.

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Larry Powell:

Attended a press conference at COGS regarding the NSCC Incubation Mall for Geomatics, information technology and communications technology. The site will probably be in Middleton. They are looking for a manager and hope to have it up and running very soon. Mark Parent, Gerald Keddy and Warden, Peter Newton were among those in attendance. Jim Stanley, President of the Annapolis Valley Campus is interested in coming to a village meeting to update the village to the new things happening. Acadia University is recognizing COGS at the Master's level-

Adjournment:

Troy Emmett moved the meeting be adjourned at approx. 9:05PM.

Next Monthly meeting: MARCH 3rd 2008 ~ 7:00 PM

Chairperson

Village Clerk