

**LAWRENCETOWN VILLAGE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 5, 2012**

COMMISSION

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

STAFF

Kelly Rice – Clerk/Treasurer
Jason Roch – Supt. Public Works

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

MINUTES:

Comm. Gilks made a motion to accept the December 1, 2011 minutes as presented. Seconded by Comm. Spears. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Canadian Wildlife Federation Celebration Update

Chairperson Fraser stated the celebration event for the Backyard Habitat Program will be held at COGS on January 28, 2012. Chairperson Fraser and Diana Ackroyd are working with COGS staff to organize the celebration and all certified property owners will receive an invitation to the event. It is hopeful there will be media coverage there.

Village Website – Live

Chairperson Fraser stated the new website is live and the response has been great!

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works

Comm. Reid presented the PW Committee report. (see attached)
Supt. of Public Works gave his monthly PW report. (see attached)

RECREATION:

Chairperson Fraser gave the following report on behalf of Lynn Roscoe:

- the arena is very busy with the adult skating beginning Monday's at 10AM
- renovation plans continue and will be a further update next month
- other programs at the arena include women's hockey, kids skating and shinny hockey
- summer recreation grants will be filed by the end of February

ACTIVITIES/SPECIAL EVENTS PLANNING COMMITTEE

Comm. Spears reported the following:

- Christmas Home Decorating contest went well and looking at adding another category for next year for best use of LED lights.
- Christmas in the Village had to be moved this year as there was no ice in the arena. The Fire Dept. graciously offered their facility and everything went extremely well. Many thanks to the Fire Dept.

ANNAPOLIS COUNTY COUNCILOR REPORT:

Martha Roberts reported the following:

- new Councilor was sworn in
- County is in negotiations with Trans County Transportation for new bus routes
- the YMCA is going ahead
- County Land Use Bylaw was amended to allow for a Substance Abuse Centre in the old Champlain Motel building just outside Annapolis Royal.
- February is Volunteer month at the County and the nomination forms are available on the website

NEW BUSINESS:

Library Sign

Chairperson Fraser declared a conflict of interest on this item and passed the chair over to Vice Chair Spears and stated she would not be participating in the discussion or vote. Clerk/Treasurer read a letter from the Librarian requesting a neon "open" sign for the Library. After a discussion, **Comm. Reid made a motion to purchase the neon open sign for the Library to a maximum cost of \$250.00. Seconded by Comm. Gilks. Motion Carried.**

Vice Chair Spears handed the chair back to Chairperson Fraser.

ADDITIONS:

1. Comm. Spears reported a street light out in front of 511 Main St. The Commission reminded everyone to report burnt out street lights to the office or directly to NS Power.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. World Wildlife Federation

Clerk/Treasurer read a letter from the WWF requesting participation in their next two events: National Sweater Day and Earth Hour. After a discussion, the Commission agreed they would encourage everyone to participate and the details will be put on the website.

2. Earle Acker

Clerk/Treasurer read a letter from Earle Acker thanking the Commission for the opportunity to participate in the Christmas event by playing Santa. The Commission agreed that Mr. Acker did a great job and the children really enjoyed themselves.

COMMENTS/CONCERNS FROM THE PUBLIC:

1. There was a question regarding the hanging of the plaques for the Wall of Honour. These plaques will be hung in the Library within the next week or so.
2. There was a question regarding Village rules or regulations covering the sport of archery. Reply was none.
3. There were some concerns that people were not picking up after their pets along the sidewalks. A reminder will be put in the newsletter and on the website.

As there was no further business to discuss, Comm. Reid moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM.

COMMISSION CHAIR

CLERK/TREASURER