

**LAWRENCETOWN VILLAGE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 1, 2011**

COMMISSION

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

STAFF

Kelly Rice – Clerk/Treasurer

CHAIRPERSON FRASER called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

MINUTES:

Comm. Gilks made a motion to accept the minutes of June 29, 2011 as presented. Seconded by Comm. Moore. Motion Carried.

Comm. Moore made a motion to accept the minutes of July 7, 2011 as presented. Seconded by Comm. Gilks. Motion Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

1. Comm. Gilks asked if there was any more information regarding bus shelters in the Village. Clerk/Treasurer stated she was still working on getting this information.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Comm. Moore made a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented. Seconded by Comm. Reid. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works

Clerk/Treasurer read Supt. of Public Works monthly report. (see attached)

Recreation

Martha Roberts reported the following:

- the recreation programs this summer were very successful with lots of activities and fun for all the participants
- there were over 50 registrants for the summer programs
- they had a great staff this year

- the Arena Canteen had a great week during Exhibition but they were short on Volunteers. They will need more help next year and hope that more of the parents of the youth that use the arena will volunteer some of their time

Activities/Special Events Planning Committee

No report available.

Annapolis County Councilor Report

Martha Roberts reported the following:

- -there is a flyer going around regarding the proposed negative impact the County's Wind Turbine Bylaw could have which she knew nothing about
- at the last PAC meeting, Council passed 1st reading of the bylaw and now it goes to public meetings for their input
- Martha gave an overview of the contents of the bylaw and also of the discussions that took place at the last Council meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

Amendments to Lawrencetown & District Volunteer Fire Department Water Usage Agreement

Comm. Fraser and Comm. Reid explained that the reasons why the agreement needed to be amended was directly related to the new SCADA Alarm System the Village has installed over the past year. The Commission plan to meet with the Fire Dept. to explain the changes and to show them the SCADA System first hand. The Commission reviewed the new draft of the Water Usage Agreement and **Comm. Gilks made a motion to accept the new document with the amendment to item #6 to include "except for emergencies". Seconded by Comm. Reid. Motion Carried.**

Public Works Labourer Job Description

The final draft of the job description was circulated to the Commission. **Comm. Reid made a motion to adopt the job description as presented. Seconded by Comm. Gilks. Motion Carried.**

The Clerk/Treasurer will advertise the job immediately with a closing date of September 30, 2011.

Water & Wastewater Forum

NS Dept. of Environment and Union of NS Municipalities are offering a Water & Wastewater forum for elected officials to be held in Truro on September 15, 2011. **Comm. Gilks made a motion for Comm. Moore and Comm. Reid to attend this forum. Seconded by Comm. Fraser. Motion Carried.**

Association Nova Scotia Villages (ANSV) AGM & Commissioners Orientation Day

Comm. Fraser, Comm. Moore and Clerk/Treasurer will be attending this year's event which is being held in the Village of Baddeck. Comm. Gilks, who is unable to attend this year, has asked Comm. Moore to accept her 10 Year Long Service Award from the ANSV on her behalf.

Comm. Gilks made a motion to appoint Comm. Fraser as the Village of Lawrencetown voting member at this year's ANSV AGM. Seconded by Comm. Reid. Motion Carried.

ADDITIONS:

1. Comm. Moore would like to thank Diana Ackroyd for all her hard work on the Canadian Wildlife Federation Backyard Certification Project. To date 96 applications have been submitted for approval and if they are all approved we will have met our goal and Lawrencetown can be the first certified "Backyard Habitat Community" in Canada.
2. Comm. Moore wished to congratulate the Lawrencetown & Area Seniors Association on their float in the Annapolis Valley Exhibition's Parade winning 1st Place in the "Most Artistic" category. Their theme was the CWF "Backyard Habitat" project.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Thank you card from Lawrencetown Consolidated School in appreciation for sweeping the parking lot around the school.
2. Thank you card from the Annapolis Valley Exhibition for all the support given by the Village. They also reported that the Friday night Trooper concert was the busiest night ever at the Ex. Attendance over the week was comparable to last year and they also were able to make some improvements to the grounds this year. Improvements included 71 ft. of new bleachers around the main ring, new roof for barn # 9, and more drainage around the grounds. All in all it was a great year!
3. Annapolis Valley Regional Library Annual Report

As there was no further business to discuss, Comm. Reid moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

COMMISSION CHAIR

CLERK/TREASURER