



Village of Baddeck

492 Chebucto Street
Unit 5, P.O. Box 63
Baddeck, Nova Scotia B0E 1B0

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Village Commission Wednesday, June 28th, 2023

Inverary Resort 368 Shore Rd, Baddeck.

Participants: Michele Stephens (Chair), Gary Crowder (Vice Chair), Dan McNeil, Kenneth MacKinnon
Regrets:

Meeting called to Order at 6:35pm by Chair Michels Stephens

Com Crowder reads the minutes from the last AGM on June 29th, 2022

A motion was moved by Com McNeil and seconded by Com MacKinnon to approve the minutes form AGM on June 29th, 2022. All in Favour – Motion carried.

- Com Stephens introduces the Village Commission to the audience and thanked the former commissioners Ian Nicholson, Bill Machant and Philip MacRae
- Com Stephens thanked Sandy Hudson for his service for the village the last year
- Com Stephens explained the staff situation of the village
 - o Village Manager Roman Braun-Huettner (full-time)
 - o Clerk (part-time)
 - o Three (3) full time Public Works employees
 - o Contracted Public Works person
 - o Wharf Manager
- Com Stephens introduces the village accountant Jerred Stephenson (MNP)
 - o Budget 2023/24 will be presented at the next public village meeting
- Information about the Ministerial Order
 - o Maris Freimanis and Sandy Hudson were working on all the necessary information that needed to be provided for the ministerial order and it was expressed that progress was made
 - o Com Stephens reads the letter of the Minister to the audience that lists the necessary work.
 - o Introduction of the Municipal Advisor Ross MacDonald
 - o Com Stephens sends thanks to all the people involved in the process



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- Water Rate study / Sewer Rate
 - o Rate is 0.77 and was not increased over 10 years. Water Rate Study is in works
 - o Sewer rates were increased from 2.75 to 5.40
- Smart meter installation
 - o Meter will be installed in fall 2023
 - o These will help to get consistent billing
 - o Smart Meters offer more data and information for better planning for the future
- Waterfront Baddeck - Wharf:
 - o Positive revenues of the wharf
 - o \$2.6 mio upgrade on the wharf
 - o Denise Mulley is wharf manager
 - o Introduction of Steven Goldthwaite as Waterfront Baddeck Chair
 - o RFPs for Winstar and CBI were developed:
 - o 3 phase power was installed at the wharf
 - o Gateway project
 - These projects are funded in different ways (ACOA, Victoria County, Village of Baddeck, etc.)
 - Bus drop-off was installed for better accessibility
 - o Kidston Island
- Boardwalk
 - o Thanks to the Sheldon and Stuart Macdonald for donating land to the boardwalk property to the village
 - o Rhonda Kay sent an application to SCCF to get \$300,000 funding for a living shoreline.
 - o The Village of Baddeck is thanking Victoria County, ACOA, WFB Committee, Chair Steven Goldthwaite, Rhonda Kay
 - o Discussion about Fiona damage of the boardwalk and Museum boardwalk. No decision made.
- Kidston Island
 - o Kidston Island operation is open again in 2023
 - o The Chair thanked the Lions Club for organizing the program.
- Green space / Community Club Property
 - o Community Club property was handed over to the village
 - o It was always used for village purposes



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- Patty Garland, Holly MacInnis, Tammy MacSween were mentioned as members of the Community Club Boards
- It was mentioned that subcommittee meetings are open for the public. They are advertised and open for the public

- Baddeck Volunteer Fire Department
 - BVFD property is in progress to be handed over to BVFD from the Village and the County

- Communication to Residents of Baddeck
 - The Village Admin is working on social media
 - The village Commission will try to communicate more with residents

- Water bills
 - Water bills are brought up to date.
 - Great job of the clerks

- Village Office
 - Office was moved office to 492 Chebucto Street
 - Village meetings are held at the office every month (every 2nd Tuesday) and not at the courthouse anymore
 - Com Stephens thanks to the commissioners for their time

- Financials 2022/23
 - MNP – Jerred Stephens Jerred is presenting the financials to the audience from 2022/23
 - Statement of operations
 - The Net deficit for 2022/23 was \$343,000
 - Revenue for 2022/23 was \$970,000
 - Deficit on the water account was \$230,000
 - Water rate study will reflect the deficit
 - Wharf fund had a successful year
 - Balance sheet
 - Village has about \$1,000,000 cash. With water fund restricted funds
 - Receivables:
 - Total receivables are approx. \$514,000
 - Work needs to be done to collect receivables
 - Numbers were going down, because of collecting some of the receivables
 - Capital assets are approx.. \$10,000,000
 - Accounts payable
 - Long small long-term dept. One more payment
 - Accounts payable 150,000



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- Question from the audience how the village deals with the deficit
 - Changes in the Sewer rate which went up from \$2.75 to \$5.40
 - Changes in the Tax rates which is Residential \$0.31 and Commercial \$0.35
- Election of new commissioner
 - The election could not be hold at the AGM, because an election bylaw was approved on May 16th, 2023 by the minster which regulates a new nomination and election process
 - Ross MacDonald explains cornerstones of the election bylaw and the new process (new nomination period, advanced polling day, election day, etc.).
 - The election was postponed.
 - Consulting Village solicitor for clarification on the bylaw.
 - Mail will be sent out to residents about clarification of the new election process
 - Com Stephens and Com McNeil are willing to reoffer

A motion was moved to adjourn by Com McNeil at 8:15pm



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Signatures:

Minutes approved

Com. Jennifer MacDonald *Date*

Minutes approved

Com. Gary Crowder *Date*

Minutes approved

Com Daniel McNeil *Date*

Minutes approved

Com. Kenneth MacKinnon *Date*

Minutes approved

TBD *Date*

Certified by

Roman Braun-Huettner (Village Manager) *Date*