



Village of Baddeck

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Monthly Village Commissioner Meeting Wednesday, February 14th, 2024

Village of Baddeck Office 492 Chebucto St, Baddeck.

Participants: Jennifer MacDonald (Chair), Gary Crowder (Vice Chair), Kenneth MacKinnon
Dan McNeil

Online:

Regrets:

Meeting called to Order at 6:30pm by Chair Com MacDonald

Com MacDonald reads the land acknowledgement to Mi'kmaq People.

1. Addition to Agenda

- Agenda was distributed to the Commission on Feb 9th, 2024.
- Addition to Agenda: MP's Visit
- No other addition; agenda was approved.

2. Request of conflict of interest

- No conflict of interest was disclosed.

3. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting on Jan 17th were distributed to the commission by email on Feb 8th. No corrections, errors, omissions, or additions were stated.

4. Business arising from the Minutes:

MP's Jaime Battiste Visit

- The visit was cancelled and rescheduled on Feb 20th, Visit will start at 10:30 at Wastewater treatment Plant.
- Topics for discussion:
 - o Investments and Upgrades WWTP
 - o Water Treatment Plant
 - o Boardwalk

VHCC Lease and Sublease

- Lease and Sublease were reviewed by the commission.
- Conversation with the Solicitor happened.



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- The environmental clause stays in the lease. The province is not taken it out.
- To our knowledge there is no major environmental contamination.

A motion was moved by Com McNeil and seconded by Com Crowder to present the sublease to the VHCC (Victoria Highland Civic Centre) board for signing. After the VHCC board signed the sublease, the Commission will sign the lease agreement with the province.

All in favour – Motion carried. Com MacKinnon obtained.

Grant Policy

- Com MacDonald talked to Municipal Affairs about the Grant Policy
- Com MacDonald, Com Crowder and VM Braun-Huettner had a conversation with the solicitor.
- The commission stated the Village does not have the funds to offer significant grants.
- The MGA (401 Section K) states the expense policies. The suggestion of the village solicitor and the Department of Municipal Affairs was to handle grants and donations as a budgetary item.
- The expense policy will be reviewed at the AGM and amended
- Grants and donations will be a budgetary item and VM will be empowered to approve them. It is not necessary to move a motion for every single donation request. A maximum amount will be specified in the budget.
- No motion necessary.

5. Reports:

Water Front Baddeck

- Steven Goldthwaite is sending his regrets.
- John Langley presents the report to the commission.
- Additions to the report:
 - Fire Safety Plan: Waterfront Baddeck took on the lead on developing the Fire Safety plan for the wharf. FSP needs to be developed in collaboration with the Baddeck Volunteer Fire Department.

Community Club Committee

- No report.

Audit Committee:

- No report

Accessibility Advisory Committee

- First Meeting on March 4th; 1-3pm Alderwood

Source Water Protection Committee

- Meeting will be planned for mid March
- Draft zoning Map was released by EDPC
- The village will maintain the old source water protection area.



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Wharf Manager Report

- Denise Mulley sends her regrets
- No report

Public Works Report

- Report was presented by Scott MacLeod
- No additions to the report
- Scott MacLeod will take on the role of ODRC on March 1st. Alan Benninger will still be available for 2 hours for 3 months for transitioning time. The village commission thanks Scott MacLeod for taking the role on and thanks Alan Benninger for his service.

Village Manager Report

- Additions to report
 - Next Newsletter will be prepared for April
 - UARB set a deadline for the hydrant maintenance to March 1st
 - A letter will be drafted for the rate change on April 1st, 2024
 - Website: Steven Goldthwaite and VM Braun-Huettner had a meeting with a web designer business in Sydney and are working on a strategy.
 - Quote for Meters and probes: The probes are outdated and need to be replaced. If there is room in the budget, the probes should be ordered and installed.

A motion was moved by Com McNeil and seconded by Com MacKinnon to approve the presented reports from Community Club, Waterfront Baddeck, Audit Committee, Wharf Manager, Public Works, Village Manager. All in Favour – Motion carried.

6. New business arising

BABTA – Digital Sign at the VIC

- BABTA want to install a digital sign at the VIC.
- The digital Sign will be a revenue stream for BABTA and will help to eliminate the sandwich boards.
- BABTA will get in touch with WFB to figure out opportunities on the Waterfront as well. This topic should be discussed at the next Waterfront committee.
- The village can not grant approval for the digital because it is beyond the scope of the village
- VM Braun-Huettner and Com MacDonald will draft a letter of support for the digital sign.

Waterbill VIC

- Last seasons waterbill at the VIC was very high
- There are two separate meters installed at the VIC and the village is paying for the water.
- The topic will be added to the April agenda and Matt MacAulay will be invited to the April meeting.

Tax Exemption

- Tax Exemption topic will be put on the March Meeting Agenda



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7. Correspondence

- **ANSV Letter – Taxable Water Utility Property**
 - Taxable Water Utility properties. PVSC is not exempting water utility properties anymore which is a disadvantage for villages.
 - If the village has to pay the tax it will be reflected in the next water rate
 - Municipalities can exempt themselves for water Utility properties
 - Warden Bruce Morrison was contacted on this matter and recommended to reach out to Alix Redden (CFO Victoria County)
 - Tax Exemption application will be sent to the Municipality, and it will be brought to council.
- **ANSV Letter – Hiring request**
 - More information about future cost is needed. VM Braun-Huettner will reach out to ANSV and request more information

The commission goes in Camera at 7:34pm:

Motion moved by Com McNeil, seconded by Com MacKinnon.

The commission goes out of Camera at 8:17pm:

Motion moved by Com McNeil, seconded by Com MacKinnon.

8. Adjournment

- **Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm by Com McNeil**



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Signatures:

Minutes approved

Jennifer MacDonald March 20, 2024
Com. Jennifer MacDonald Date

Minutes approved

Gary Crowder March 20, 2024
Com. Gary Crowder Date

Minutes approved

Daniel McNeil MARCH 20, 2024
Com Daniel McNeil Date

Minutes approved

Absent
Com. Kenneth MacKinnon Date

Minutes approved

TBD Date

Certified by

Roman Braun-Huettner 2024-03-21
Roman Braun-Huettner (Village Manager) Date

