

REGULAR MEETING

November 20, 2002

The regular meeting of the Village of Baddeck was held on Wednesday, November 20, 2002, at the Public Works Building, 29 Hillcrest Drive, Baddeck, NS, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Eddie Keeling, Chairperson
Jess Kerr
Marilyn Morrison
Brian Chandler
Philip MacRae
Lisa MacKinnon, Clerk

Invited:

Ed Carey, Carey Geoenvironmental Engineering
Bruce Morrison, Councillor, District 3

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Keeling called the meeting to order. He welcomed Mr. Carey and Mr. Morrison.

SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT

Mr. Carey provided a brief overview of the sequence of events leading up to the present phase of the Sewage Treatment Plant (STP).

Discussion followed concerning the cost overrun and the engineers' roles. Mr. Morrison suggested the Village request half of the cost overrun from the County immediately.

Bruce Morrison left at this time.

Mr. Carey mentioned having the soccer field upgraded at the same time as the STP, but the school board is saying there is no money to upgrade the soccer field.

WATER SUPPLY PROJECT

An agreement is still in the works between Stora, Department of Natural Resources, and the Village. It was mentioned that 35 acres at Dennison Rear would be leased to the Village after Stora does some tree cutting. It would be a five year renewable lease.

The water withdrawal permit will be expiring next year.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Carey left at this time.

AGENDA

Chairman Keeling asked if anyone had any additions or deletions to the evening's agenda. Ron McIntyre was not present with the Maintenance Report.

MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded that the minutes of November 6, 2002, be approved as presented. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Broadband

The Clerk reviewed the letter from Tom Wilson outlining the benefits to the Village of having broadband.

A motion was made and seconded that the Village support the Broadband Project with a contribution of \$1000 cash and \$1000 in-kind. Motion carried.

Bus Garage Lane

The Village does not have title to the bus garage lane. It was suggested that a stop sign or a caution sign be put in place in order to deal with the traffic during the construction of the STP.

The Clerk read a copy of a letter from Art Pickup to Sampson MacDougall concerning the delay in transfer of the STP land.

Water Line

Chairman Keeling thanked Commissioner Kerr for volunteering his time during the water line installation. Commissioner Kerr suggested sending a thank you card to Dave MacLellan for permitting the use of the NSP truck in installing the water line by the bus garage lane.

Christmas Tree

It seems that the Christmas tree lights are missing. They may have gone out with the garbage. Chairman Keeling will look after getting the Village Christmas tree.

BILLS

A motion was made and seconded that the bills be approved as presented. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. A notice for a meeting of villages in Nova Scotia to be held in Bible Hill on Nov. 22, 2002.
2. A pocket knife sample from Perfect Pen Stationery.

NEW BUSINESS

Holiday Ads

The Clerk presented the Christmas and New Year ads to be placed in *The Victoria Standard*.

Baddeck Area Business Tourism Association (BABTA)

The Clerk reported that a member of BABTA will be approaching the Planning Advisory Committee to discuss the idea of a marketing strategy committee.

Kite Festival

The Commissioners were told about BABTA's proposed kite festival in June.

Water Bill Form

The Clerk presented a potential new water billing form to be used when the computer system is changed to calculate monthly interest rates. It would cost one third less than the present form.

Room Tax

The Clerk mentioned that the Victoria County Tourism Advisory Committee is considering a room tax to assist with marketing efforts in Victoria County.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, **a motion was made and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.**

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 4, 2002, at 7:00 p.m, at the Baddeck Public Works Building.

Lisa MacKinnon, Clerk