

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE OF PORT WILLIAMS**

THURSDAY, JUNE 4th, 2015

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lewis Benedict, Craig Newcombe, Ernie Hovell & Doug Gates

IN ATTENDANCE: John Lohr, MLA Kings North; Emma Van Rooyen, Councilor District 2; Sgt. Stephen Power, Kings District RCMP; Loretta Kalkman, Bishop & Company Chartered Accountants Inc., Lionel Rhynard, Chief of the Port Williams Fire Department; Geoff Muttart, Muttarts Law Firm; Geneve Newcombe, Chief Financial Officer; 21 Citizens of Port Williams, Joe Keddy, Superintendent of Public Works and Darlene Robertson, Clerk

REGRETS: Kim Cogswell, Commissioner

The Annual General Meeting, which was held in the Port Williams Community Centre Multi-Purpose Room, was called to order by Village Chairperson, Lewis Benedict, at 7:04 pm. The Chair welcomed those in attendance and introduced the Village Commissioners, the Village staff and the Auditor, Loretta Kalkman from Bishop & Company Chartered Accountants Inc.

PRESENTATIONS:

- Ernie Hovell, Commissioner spoke briefly about the importance of our Volunteers and that out of the 13 letters which were sent out to various groups the committee received five responses this year. The following nominees were presented with certificates and pins.
 - Brian Tupper, nominated by the Port Williams & District Lions club and the Port Williams Board of Trustees with supporting nominations from the Port Williams Women's Institute and the Port Williams Recreation Committee.
 - Vera Thomson, nominated by TOPS – not in attendance to receive certificate.

This year **Brian Tupper**, receiving four nominations, is the recipients of the Harold B. Legge Award. Brian also received the Provincial Volunteer Award at the 41st Annual Volunteer Awards Ceremony and luncheon in Halifax.

- Sgt. Stephen Power, Kings District RCMP provided a power point presentation and spoke to 2014 Crime/Policing trends.
- John Lohr, MLA Kings North brought forth words of greeting and noted that from looking at the bottom line of the Villages Financials that the Village has been well run by the Commission.

Approval of the June 5, 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Greg Coldwell and seconded by Wayne Blenkhorn that the minutes be accepted with the clarification in the minutes, that Marie Griffin and Marian Newcombe on behalf of the Port Williams Women's Institute accepted the volunteer Award at the 40th Annual Volunteer Awards Ceremony and luncheon in Halifax and Ruth Blenkhorn accepted the Harold B. Legge Award on behalf of the Women's Institute at the Villages Annual General Meeting. **Motion Carried.**

FINANCIALS:

Loretta Kalkman of Bishop & Company presented the audited Financial Statements for the Year ending March 31st, 2015. It was noted that the Village Commission had reviewed these statements and accepted them as presented.

Budget:

Geneve Newcombe, Chief Financial Officer, provided the 2015-2016 budgets for the General Operating Fund and the Water Utility. Mrs. Newcombe stated that the Village is looking at a balanced budget for the upcoming year with the possibility of a modest income if we can keep on budget.

REPORTS:

Board of Trustees: (Report attached)

Chairperson, Sylvia Jacquard reported on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

Recreation Committee: (Report attached)

Wayne Blenkhorn, Chairperson, reported on behalf of the Recreation Committee.

Port Williams Volunteer Fire Department: (Report attached)

Chief, Lionel Rhynard, reported on behalf of the Port Williams Volunteer Fire Department.

Public Works: (Report attached)

Geneve Newcombe reported on behalf of Joe Keddy, Superintendent of Public Works, and the Port Williams Public Works Department.

District Councilor's Report:

Emma Van Rooyen, Councilor District 2, reported on behalf of the Municipality.

- The Municipality is in the process of selling the building where they are currently located and will be announcing in the near future where they will be relocating.
- The Municipality hosted their first annual volunteer recognition dinner this past year.

- Kings 2050 project is coming to an end with the final drafts expected to be presented in the fall.
- The Municipality is happy to provide financial partnering with the Village of Port Williams towards a Recreation Director.
- Councilor Van Rooyen congratulated Brian Tupper for being selected for the Volunteer Representative of the year and Harold B Legge Volunteer Award recipient.
- Councilor Van Rooyen said a special thank you to the Village for keeping the sidewalks in exceptional shape given the winter we experienced, with a special thank you to Public Works Superintendent, Joe Keddy.
- Councilor Van Rooyen thanked the Village Commission for the day to day operations of the Village.

Port Williams & District Lions Club: (Report attached)

Brian Tupper reported on behalf of the Port Williams & District Lions Club.

Port Williams Women's Institute: (Report attached)

Ruth Blenkhorn, reported on behalf of the Port Williams Women's Institute.

Murdoch C. Smith Memorial Library: (Report attached)

Sylvia Jacquard reported on behalf of the Murdoch C. Smith Memorial Library.

Village Chairman's Report: (Report attached)

Lewis Benedict presented a report on behalf of the Port Williams Village Commission.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES: None.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Resident, Wayne Blenkhorn, expressed his appreciation to each of the Commissioners for the great job that they had done this past year and gave thanks and appreciation for all that they do for the Village.
- Andy Nette ask if someone could provide him with some background information regarding the decision made three years ago to not have street lights in Ports Landing. It was explained that there was a plebiscite done by the County which was not supported by the ratepayers at that time which resulted in the decision that was made. The ratepayers in Ports Landing did not want the financial responsibility for streetlights in this subdivision. Councilor Van Rooyen stated that she would provide the history behind the decision which was made at that time to Dr. Nette.
- Resident asked if someone could clarify where the new pole mounted Radar Signs would be located. Commissioner Doug Gates stated that one would be located on a pole by the pond and another at 1163 Hwy 358 traveling south coming into the Village.

ELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS:

A call for nominations for terms retiring – Kim Cogswell was made three times. Chairperson Lewis Benedict advised that prior to the meeting Kim Cogswell had advised that she would accept another three year term as Commissioner. **Motion Carried**

A call for nominations for terms retiring – Ernie Hovell was made three times. Ernie Hovell accepted the position of Commissioner for another term of three years. **Motion Carried**

There being no further business to come before the meeting it was moved by Merle that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.



Lewis R. Benedict, Chairperson



Darlene Robertson, Clerk