

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

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2021**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lewis Benedict, Scott Leier, Ernie Hovell & Kim Cogswell

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Loretta Kalkman, Bishop & Company Chartered Accountants Inc., Jocelyne Dumaresq, Bishop & Company Chartered Accountants Inc.; Jason Haughan, Nova Scotia Municipal Affairs and Housing; June Granger, Municipality of the County of Kings; Philip Porter, Chief of the Port Williams Fire Department; Geoff Muttart, Muttarts Law Firm; Karen Rovers, Chief Financial Officer; Brock McDougall, CAO/Clerk; Joe Keddy, Superintendent of Public Works; Darlene Robertson, Administrative Assistant; and 46 Citizens of Port Williams

**REGRETS:** none

The Annual General Meeting, held in the Port Williams Community Auditorium, was called to order by Village Commission Chairperson, Lewis Benedict, at 7:15 pm. The Chair welcomed those in attendance and introduced the Village Commissioners, the Village staff and the Auditors, Loretta Kalkman & Jocelyne Dumaresq from Bishop & Company Chartered Accountants Inc. Village Commission Chairperson Benedict mentioned that it was nice to finally gather and see members of the Village after such a long period of time under COVID-19 restrictions.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Commissioner Ernie Hovell, spoke briefly about the history of the Provincial Volunteer Award and Harold B. Legge Volunteer of the Year Award. The following nominees were presented with certificates and pins:

- Lewis Benedict, nominated by the Port Williams Women's Institute and the Port Williams Community Centre Board of Trustees, Port Williams and District Lions Club and Port Williams Recreation Advisory Committee was awarded the 2020 Harold B. Legge Volunteer of the Year Award and the Provincial Volunteer representative for Port Williams.
- Elizabeth Johnson nominated by the Port Williams Women's Institute and the Port Williams Hospital Auxiliary was awarded the 2021 Harold B. Legge Volunteer of the Year Award and the Provincial Volunteer representative for Port Williams.
- Betty Jean Tupper, nominated by the Port Williams and District Lions Club.
- Tyson Rovers, nominated by the Recreation Advisory Committee.
- Ken Bezanson, Nominated by the Port Williams Board of Trustees

### **APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 6, 2019 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

It was moved by Commissioner Scott Leier and seconded by Commissioner Ernie Hovell that the minutes from the June 6, 2019 Annual General Meeting be accepted. **Motion Carried.**

### **EXPENSE AND HOSPITALITY POLICIES**

It was moved by Commissioner Ernie Hovell and seconded by Deputy Chairperson Kim Cogswell to approve the Village Expense and Hospitality Policies. **Motion Carried.**

### **AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Loretta Kalkman of Bishop & Company presented the audited Financial Statements for the Year ending March 31<sup>st</sup>, 20. Loretta stated that the Village is in a healthy financial position.

### **REPORTS**

it was noted that reports submitted to the office are available to the public upon request from the Village Office.

### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – None**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Resident Bill Davidson raised a concern regarding the excessive speed which motor vehicles travel along Collins Road making it unsafe for pedestrians walking on the side of the road. Commissioner Lewis Benedict mentioned that this is also a concern which the Village Commission has discussed and has planned for a sidewalk on Collins Road from Starrs Point Road to Steepleview Drive. This project should be starting in the Spring of 2022. It was also mentioned by another resident that there are new speed signs along Collins Road.

### **ELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS**

Chairperson Lewis Benedict thanked the Village Commission and Staff for their hard work and dedication and made the statement that Port Williams is the place to live.

Lewis Benedict stated that there are 3 terms of office up for election and one vacancy.

- Commissioner Benedict called for nominations for the vacancy, term remaining.
  - o Eric Johnson nominated Stephanie Jones.
  - o Betty Jean Tupper nominated Debbie Graves.
  - o After the call for nominations was made three times, no other nominations were received.
- It was suggested from the floor by resident Geneve Newcombe that Auditors Loretta Kalkman & Jocelyne Dumaresq, Bishop & Company Chartered Accountants Inc. be appointed scrutineers. After a show of hands Loretta and Jocelyne were appointed scrutineers.



- After the counting of the ballots, Debbie Graves was declared as elected to serve a one-and-a-half-year term as Commissioner.
- A call for nominations for term retiring – Commissioner Scott Leier was asked if he would consider running for the one-and-a-half-year term remaining and let his name stand for nominations – Scott agreed to let his name stand for nominations.
  - A call for nominations was made by Chairperson Lewis Benedict
  - Eric Johnson nominated Stephanie Jones
  - After a call for nominations was made three times, no other nominations were received.
  - After the counting of ballots, Scott Leier was declared as elected to serve a one-and-a-half-year term as Commissioner.
- A call for nominations for term retiring – Commissioner Kim Cogswell was asked if she would consider running for the two-and-a-half-year term remaining and let her name stand for nominations – Kim agreed to let her name stand for nominations.
  - A call for nominations was made by Chairperson Lewis Benedict
  - After the call for nominations was made three times and no other nominations were received Kim Cogswell was declared elected to serve a two-and-a-half-year term as Commissioner.
- A call for nominations for term retiring – Commissioner Ernie Hovell was asked if he would consider running for a the two-and-a-half-year term remaining and let his name stand for nominations – Ernie agreed to let his name stand for nominations.
  - A call for nominations was made by Chairperson Lewis Benedict
  - After the call for nominations was made three times and no other nominations were received Ernie Hovell was declared elected to serve a two-and-a-half-year term as Commissioner.

It was moved by Geoff Muttart and seconded by Kim Cogswell that the ballots are destroyed. **MOTION CARRIED.** (Ballots were destroyed after being retained for prescribed period).

There being no further business to come before the meeting it was moved by Wayne Blenkhorn that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.



Lewis R. Benedict, Chairperson



Brock McDougall, CAO/Clerk



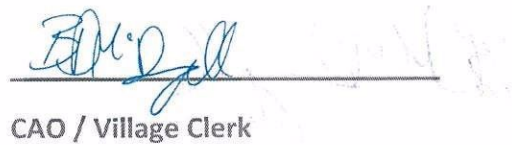
# Village of Port Williams

## 2021 Annual Meeting of the Village Electors

### Statement Of Election Outcome

Persons receiving votes:

POLL 1	
Name	Votes Received
Stephanie Jones	12
Debbie Graves	32 (winner)
	Total Polled: 44
POLL 2	
Name	Votes Received
Stephanie Jones	12
Scott Leier	33 (winner)
	Total Polled: 45

  
CAO / Village Clerk

11/19/2021  
Date