

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 2018

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lewis Benedict, Scott Leier, Ernie Hovell, Doug Gates & Kim Cogswell

IN ATTENDANCE: Loretta Kalkman, Bishop & Company Chartered Accountants Inc., Philip Porter, Chief of the Port Williams Fire Department; Geoff Muttart, Muttarts Law Firm; Karen Rovers, Chief Financial Officer; 25 Citizens of Port Williams; Laura Jacobs, Recreation Director, Princess Port Williams 2018 Johanna Gates and Darlene Robertson, Clerk

REGRETS: Joe Keddy, Superintendent of Public Works

The Annual General Meeting, which was held in the Port Williams Community Centre's Multi-Purpose Room, was called to order by Village Commission Chairperson, Lewis Benedict, at 7:05 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:

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.

- Geneve Newcombe, nominated by the Port Williams Recreation Committee and the Port Williams and District Lions Club.
- Liz Johnson, nominated by the Port Williams Women's Institute with support letters from the Port Williams Community Centre Board of Trustee's and the Port Williams Health Auxiliary,

This year Geneve Newcombe is the recipient of the Harold B. Legge Award for 2018. Geneve also received the Provincial Volunteer Representative Award at the 44th Annual Volunteer Awards Ceremony luncheon in Halifax.

Johanna Gates, Princess Port Williams 2018, expressed words of greetings and conveyed her appreciation to the Village Commission for their support.

Approval of the June 1, 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Wayne Blenkhorn and seconded by Greg Coldwell that the minutes from the June 1, 2017 Annual General Meeting be accepted. **Motion Carried.**

FINANCIALS:

Loretta Kalkman of Bishop & Company presented the audited Financial Statements for the Year ending March 31st, 2018. Loretta stated that the Village is in a healthy financial position.

Budget:

Karen Rovers, Chief Financial Officer, provided the 2018-2019 consolidated budget for the General Operating Fund and the Water Utility along with the Village's Capital budget. (Budget attached)

REPORTS:

Board of Trustees: (Report attached)

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

Recreation Director: (Report attached)

Recreation Director, Laura Jacobs, reported on behalf of the Village of Port Williams Recreation Department

Port Williams Volunteer Fire Department: (Report attached)

Chief Philip Porter, reported on behalf of the Port Williams Volunteer Fire Department.

Public Works: (Report attached)

Chairperson Lewis Benedict reported on behalf of the Port Williams Public Works Department.

District Councilor's Report:

Councilor Meg Hodges reported on behalf of District 1 for the Municipality of the County of Kings.

- Kings Transit bus stop at the Community Centre thanks to the bus shelter provided by Lewis Benedict
- Working on the Municipal Planning Strategy – ensuring well heads field zones are protected
- Legislation changes allowing for parental leave for elected officials
- Nova Agri has demolished the roofless building on Kars Street
- New Municipal Complex is now under construction with hopes of an occupation date of March 20, 2019
- Working on potential increase of the dyke walls with the Farnham Marsh Body and the Village Commission
- Investing into accessible high speed internet to Kings County Residents - Connect to Innovate funding 5.6, Municipality of the County of Kings investing 1.9 Million for a 7.5 Million dollar project.
- Resident Greg Coldwell mentioned that he recently was aware that the Hants County Planning Department had been thanked and he was observing that he has not seen this in Kings County and looks forward to when Kings County Planning Department will also be thanked. Councilor Hodges responded that there are multiple meetings scheduled with respect to the Municipal Planning Strategy and hopefully this time next year we will see the process complete
- Resident Andy Nette commented that while he has been out cycling he has noticed lots of new housing on farm land in Upper and Lower Canard areas. Councilor Hodges responded that this is a consideration which is being looked at by the Planning and Development Department.

- Chairperson Lewis Benedict thanked Councilor Meg Hodges for all of her hard work and support.

Port Williams & District Lions Club: (Report attached)

Trish Hamm, President reported on behalf of the Port Williams & District Lions Club.

Trish Hamm presented Chairperson Lewis Benedict with a cheque in the amount of one thousand dollars as a donation towards the flooring for the new auditorium stage.

Port Williams Women's Institute: (Report attached)

Marie Griffin, 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 Chairperson's Report: (Report attached)

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

Councilor Hodges mentioned that Kings Transit is offering youth between the ages of 12-18 a two month pass for \$30.00

Resident Greg Coldwell mentioned that nitrate levels have dropped where land purchased by the village that is no longer used for agriculture

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES: None.

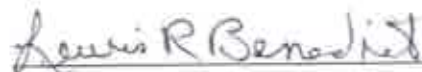
GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Resident Greg Coldwell thanked the Commission for Port Williams being a great place to live


ELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS:

A call for nominations for terms retiring – Kim Cogswell was asked if she would consider running for Commissioner for another three year term and let her name stand for nominations. Kim Cogswell agreed to let her name stand for nominations. Greg Coldwell nominated Kim Cogswell, seconded by Ruth Blenkhorn. After the call for nominations was made three times and no other nominations were received. – Ernie Hovell was asked if he would consider running for Commissioner for another three year term and let his name stand for nominations. Ernie Hovell agreed to let his name stand for nominations. Brian Tupper nominated Ernie Hovell, seconded by Claudia Coldwell. After the call for nominations was made three times and no other nominations were received, Kim Cogswell and Ernie Hovell were declared elected to serve a three year term by Chairperson Lewis Benedict.

There being no further business to come before the meeting it was moved by Claudia Coldwell that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.



Lewis R. Benedict, Chairperson



Darlene Robertson, Clerk