



VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS OF GREENWOOD (VOG)

REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING: MINUTES
November 20, 2024 @ 9:00 a.m.

- 1) **Call to Order:** Chairman Banks called the meeting to order at 9:02am
- 2) **Present:** Chairman Banks; Commissioner Sealby (Vice Chair); Commissioners Baker; Colbourne, Spinney, Clerk-Treasurer Kerry Graham, Resident Andy Olexa
- 3) **Absent:** Grace Dunham
- 4) **Disclosure of Conflict-of-Interest Issues:** none
- 5) **Additions to the Agenda:** VICE/CCBF information, REMO course, Hall of Fame update.
- 6) **Approval of Agenda:** Regular Commission Meeting Agenda November 20, 2024.

MOVED/SECONDED by Commissioners SEALBY /SPINNEY that the AGENDA for the Regular Commission Meeting on November 20, 2024, be approved. CARRIED

- 7) **Approval of Minutes:** Regular Commission Meeting minutes October 23, 2024.

There being no errors or omissions, CHAIRMAN BANKS declared the MINUTES for the Regular Commission Meeting on October 23, 2024 approved.

- 8) **Business arising from the Minutes:**
 - a. Christmas Tree light up – Our date of November 29th conflicts with the base light up. VOG will move the date to December 1st 5pm to 7pm if ok for Lions and Holiday Hamper.
 - b. Part Time Accounting Clerk – CT created and placed ads.
- 9) **Reports:**
 - a. ANSV: Chairman Banks
 - b. Audit Committee : Commissioner Sealby
 - c. County of Kings: Building & Development Statistics - circulated
 - d. Greenwood Water Source Committee: Commissioner Bob Baker
 - e. Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee (JAAC): Commissioner Sealby
 - f. Physicians Recruitment & Retention Committee: Grace Dunham
 - g. REMO: Commissioner Sealby

- h. Crime Prevention – Commissioners Banks and Colbourne attended the Crime Prevention Symposium in Halifax November 14 & 15. Many RCMP, Correctional Officers, and doctors attended the event. Discussion around creating a safe community through activities, sports, music. A graph showed children aged 10-18 were causing a high amount of mischief. Canadian Center for Safer Communities as a resource. A Community led program with volunteers in uniform, planning events were some ideas shared.
- i. Hall of Fame – Commissioner Sealby attended the first meeting. Reports that it is in the planning stages with another meeting scheduled for December 2nd. They will be seeking contributions.

10) **Financial Report:** Updated November 14, 2024.

MOVED/SECONDED by Commissioners SEALBY/COLBOURNE that the FINANCIAL Statement dated November 14, 2024, be approved. CARRIED

11) **List of outstanding items**

- a. Banners 2.0 – Ready to install – PW has all the need supplies and will start as soon as weather permits. VOG will do a 7ARTS appreciation in the spring.
- b. Curb/landings at crosswalks – KFC sidewalk is in progress.
- c. New building design plan – Clerk to reach out to Palmer & Doherty to begin a plan for Bowlby Park building.
- d. Village clothing – Admin Grace Dunham working on.
- e. Boardroom chairs – CT placed order Oct 23/24. They are now on route to Coldbrook.
- f. Waste sorting stations – 3 arrived and are awaiting installation. PW to pour 3 pads has been delayed till spring 2025.
- g. Bat Houses – CT picked 3 up in Kentville on August 26, 2024 – Added to the list for PW
- h. Ribfest Hwy sign installation – Commissioner Colbourne suggested looking into Safety First to be on site when signs go up.
- i. Garden bed on Bridge St – Landscape Guru has started, ask PW to paint poles.
- j. CT sourcing pet waste disposal signs. – In progress
- k. Part Time Accounting Clerk - Ad has been placed,
- l. Sewer line clean outs - Civic building, scoping has been done, waiting on a date.
- m. GRID Application – Dec 13 deadline. The clerk is working with Colin Fogarty WSP, Brad Carrigan and Greg Barr on the partnership and application. The project will be presented at the next council meeting as we require a commitment from the County to go ahead with the application.

New Business:

- 12) **Ditch Mower:** Quotes provided for repair of 2015 Maschio mower or purchase new. MOVED/SECONDED by Commissioners SPINNEY/SEALBY that the VOG has a new gear box installed to repair the 2015 Maschio Mower by NOVA International. CARRIED
- 13) **Soccer Field Grant** – We have a balance that we can apply to use on another improvement. To be discussed during Strategic Planning.
- 14) **NS Web Cam** – quote provided. Commission would like to see more quotes and ideas.
- 15) **Civic Building Power Outage** - October 21, 2024. Gordon delivery truck took out power line. Commission would like to see a caution sign and the wire raised when repaired by NS Power.
- 16) **Christmas Party** – November 30, 2024 5pm social, 6pm dinner. 23 including staff and special guests
- 17) **VICE/CCBF:** The county will be holding information meetings for Villages to attend and discuss the upcoming change. Commissioner Colbourne will attend and provide updates.
- 18) **Public Works Update:**
- a. Commissioner Colbourne has been working with PW - update provided
 - b. Rust repair on 2011 Chev is complete
 - c. Tree pole is up, lights are ready to go for a light up.
 - d. CT and one PW staff will attend the REMO Emergency Management course on December 11, 2024.
- 19) **Correspondence:** Thank you from the Royal Canadian Legion to Chairman Banks for attending the Remembrance Day ceremony and laying a wreath on behalf of the Village of Greenwood.
- 20) **Councilors Comments:** None present
- 21) **Commissioner Comments:** Commission would like CT to extend an invitation for monthly meetings to our new Councilor and Deputy Mayor Riley Peckford.

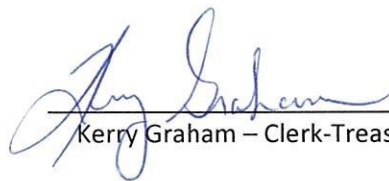
- 22) **Resident Comments:** VOG resident Andy Olexa asked for clarification on the waste sorting stations, suggested covered soccer team sitting areas and a camera to view games virtually.

Commissioner Baker motioned to adjourn at 10:43am

Next meeting will be held on December 18, 2024.



Brian Banks - Chairman



Kerry Graham – Clerk-Treasurer