



**Monthly meeting of Village Commissioners of Cornwallis Square
Feb 19, 2025**

Present: Chair Michael Keith, Vice Chair John Foote, Commissioner Doug MacLean, Commissioner Ric Hamilton, Commissioner Sara Keddy and Clerk Judy Rafuse

Firefighters: Chief Wayne Johnstone, Firefighter Vaughn Gates and Firefighter Ron Rafuse

Absent:

Guests: Councillor Robbie Hiltz

Call to Order: Chair Keith called the meeting to order at 7:31pm

1. **Approval of the agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda as amended to add "preparing a Dismantle Racism & Hate Policy". Moved by Commissioner Hamilton, second by Commissioner MacLean. Carried
2. **Approval of previous month's minutes:** add "Microsoft "in front of Teams for clarification, Item 4b the motion of Kings County Councillor regarding the honorariums for firefighters was tabled, not defeated. Councillor Keddy moved to accept the minutes as amended, second by Vice-Chair Foote. Carried
3. **Accounts:** The Village Clerk gave an overview of the accounts and reported a bank balance of \$871,725.87. A review of expenses versus the budget was held with overages noted in building and vehicle expenses and firefighter clothing. Commissioner MacLean moved the acceptance of the accounts, Vice-Chair Foote second. Carried
4. **Fire Department Incident Report:** as attached
5. **Building Rental Report:** attached
6. **Fire Department Chief's Report:** Chief Johnstone reported that the notice for Harassment Training has gone before the membership and will be held on the usual Monday training nights. Dates to follow.

Chief Johnstone also delivered the proposed capital budget for Waterville and District Volunteer Fire Department. This will be presented at the Outside Area Ratepayers meeting on February 25th, 2025.

7. Fire Department Maintenance Report: nothing to report

- 8. Correspondence:** An email was received from the president of the fire department indicating the harassment training will be scheduled. Also, the department as formed a building modification committee and has asked the commissioner to assign one commissioner to sit on the committee. Vice-Chair Foote nominated Commissioner Hamilton, second by Commissioner MacLean. Commissioner Hamilton accepted. Carried.

- 9. Business Arising from the Minutes:** Village Name Change- all votes are in. Work will continue at the next commissioners working meeting.

Investments/Banking: The clerk reported that papers have been filed to invest \$250,000.00 to be cashable with RBC at a variable rate starting at 2.95%.

JAAC- Commissioner MacLean reported that correspondence was received from the JAAC Coordinator to confirm our commission had passed the required motions regarding commissioners and councillors on the committee.

AVFN- The meeting with the Chief of Annapolis Valley First Nations will be March 11th at 6pm at Annapolis Valley First Nations.

Dept of Public Works- Chair Keith gave an update on the meeting with the engineers regarding the drainage around Village property at the site of the new roundabout.

Also, Chair Keith met with local Dept of Public Works to discuss crosswalks. They will get back to us about the possibility of added crosswalks at Black Rock Rd and Highway 1, Highway 1 at Valley Credit Union and Highway 1 at Cambridge Convenience Store.

Quotes for flashing LED lights at Cambridge crosswalk and Black Rock Rd at Maple St. have been received at \$16,000.00.

Lawn Care Tender: The current provider, Scotia Lawn Care has committed to doing the property at 1415 County Home Rd and the Station Two property for \$2700.00. No tender needed. Commissioner MacLean made the motion to hire Scotia Lawn Care, second by Commissioner Hamilton. Carried.

10. New Business: no new business

- 11. Other Business:** Councillor Hiltz reported that with the motion for the honorariums for firefighters being tabled, the committee was asked to come up with a formula and more explanation of how the honorariums would be disbursed.

Commissioners Working meeting: March 9th, 5pm

- 12. In camera:** Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to enter In Camera at 8:43pm, second by Commissioner MacLean. Carried

Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to come out of In Camera at 9:45pm, second by Commissioner MacLean. Carried.

- 13. Adjournment:** Vice-Chair Foote made a motion to adjourn at 9:46pm.

- 14. Next Village Commission Meeting-**March 18, 2025, 7:30pm