



The new Bible Hill Village Commission is shown above, (L-R): Commissioner Burke, Commissioner Pitcher, Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg, Commissioner Shea, and seated Chair Kennedy). (Submitted)

## Village Commissioners Sworn In

At the Village of Bible Hill Commission meeting on November 17th, Commissioner Tim Shea and Commissioner Tom Burke were sworn in by taking an oath of allegiance and of office, administered by Justice of the Peace and District 1 Councillor of Municipality of the County of Colchester, Mr. Eric Boutillier.

The Commissioners then elected a Chair and Deputy Chair, with Mrs. Lois MacCormick, retired Village Commissioner, and Mrs. Kathleen Curry, retired Village administrative employee, present as scrutinizers. Commissioners elected Commissioner Kevin Kennedy as Chair and Commissioner Donna Van Kroonenburg as Deputy Chair of the Bible Hill Village Commission.

Chair Kennedy was first elected Commissioner in June 2015, and now serves for the first time as Chair; the twenty-first person in the seat. Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg was first elected Commissioner in June 2007, and continues to serve as Deputy Chair; a seat she has held since October 2016.

Committee Appointments were then made as follows (with Committee Chair denoted as C, Deputy Chair as D):

**Finance and Audit Committee:**The committee provides advice to the Village Commission on matters relating to finance and audit including, but not limited to, budget development and monitoring, review of audited reports, and furthermore to fulfill requirements outlined in 5(3) of Nova Scotia Department of Municipal Affairs' Financial Reporting and Accounting Manual. For more information, see the Finance and Audit Committee Policy.

**Meetings:** Second Tuesday of May and December each year at 6pm and whenever circumstances demand. Membership: C - Kennedy; D - Van Kroonenburg; All Commissioners, Clerk and Treasurer Bell

**Third-party person,** independent of the Village Commission and its employees and other committees

**Protective Services Committee:**The committee oversees the Village's responsibilities for fire protection and prevention, matters relating to the fire station and the school crossing guard program, and liaison with Bible Hill Fire Brigade and Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Membership: C - Shea; D - Van Kroonenburg

**Environmental Health Services Committee:** The committee oversees the Village's responsibility for development and maintenance of water and sewer systems, storm water drainage

and flood control planning, community beautification, urban forest and environmental protection and development. The Committee Chair sits on the Accessibility Advisory Committee, which advises the Commission on matters of accessibility in compliance with the Nova Scotia Accessibility Act. Membership: C - Van Kroonenburg; D - Burke.

**Transportation Services Committee:**The committee oversees the Village's responsibilities for development, maintenance and renewal of sidewalks, crosswalks, streetlights and other transportation issues. Membership: C - Burke; D - Pitcher

**Recreation & Cultural Services Committee:** The committee oversees the Village's responsibilities for the development and management of recreational and cultural activities in the community, volunteer awards and development and administration of tree sanitation and planting programs. The Committee Chair sits on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee, which advises the Commission on matters of recreation and cultural services, including the planning for recreation and cultural programs, services and facilities. For more information, see the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Policy. Meetings: First Tuesday of each month at 6pm. Membership: C - Pitcher; D - Shea

**Municipal Boundaries Committee:**The committee oversees the Village's boundaries and sharing of services between local municipal units. Membership: C - Kennedy; D - Van Kroonenburg

**By-law Committee:**The committee develops, reviews, and provides support services to the Commission on Village by-laws. Membership: C - Kennedy; D - Van Kroonenburg; Solicitor Daniel Roper, Solicitor, Burchell MacDougall, Clerk and Treasurer Bell

**Personnel Committee:**The committee oversees interpretation and implementation of personnel policy, and supervision of staff. Membership: C - Kennedy; D - Van Kroonenburg and Clerk and Treasurer Bell

**Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee:**The committee oversees Village and staff responsibilities under the Nova Scotia Occupational Health and Safety Act. Membership: Commission representative - Kennedy; Clerk and Treasurer Bell; Maintenance Foreman; Crossing Guard Captain; 2 Office staff and 2 CUPE representatives.

\*The Chair is an ex-officio member of all Committees.

## BASS RIVER VETERANS PARK Remembrance Day



It's a somber walk around all the monuments at Veteran's Memorial Park, Bass River, as Dustin Crowell, originally from Windsor, as he spent about an hour taking in all the hard work undertaken by local volunteers who have dedicated thousands of hours to build the park into a very popular iconic destination attracting visitor from across Canada and international destinations. (Rees Photo)



Dustin Crowell, formerly of Windsor, dropped by Veterans Memorial Park, Bass River to pay his respects to those who have fallen. The park did not accommodate the massive crowds as in previous years, but many people paid a visit and placed their own wreaths. The organizing committee had cancelled the November 11th service to encourage everyone to observe CoVid-19 health guidelines, (Rees Photo)



The afternoon of November 11th was a quiet, somber site with flags still at half mast, and a few wreaths had been laid earlier in the day even though official services were cancelled, so as to help protect people from CoVid-19 pandemic. (Rees Photo)



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