

VILLAGE OF NEW MINAS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2004
7:00 p.m.

The Regular meeting of the Village of New Minas was held in the Civic Centre on February 9, 2004 at 7:10 p.m..

There not being a quorum, the members present agreed to extend the time for the meeting to 7:40 p.m., pursuant to the *Meetings and Procedure Policy*.

In Attendance: Commissioner Sherry Swanburg, acting Chair
Commissioner Dave Chaulk
Commissioner Wayne Merrill
Clerk Treasurer Terry Silver

Regrets: Commissioner Messom

Public Attendees: Jack Hershey
Paulette Hershey
Peter Pothier
Linda Lockhart
Rebecca Crouse
Don Zwicker
Ken Wheatley
Les Barrett

CALL TO ORDER Acting Chair Swanburg called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES JANUARY 13, 2004 It was moved by Commissioner Merrill, seconded by Commissioner Chaulk that the minutes of January 13, 2004 be approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: It was moved by Commissioner Merrill, seconded by Commissioner Chaulk that the Agenda be approved with the following additions:
Item 7 - "Wellness Centre"
Item 7 - "Street Lights"
Item 8 - "Apple Blossom Club"
MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- Overtime Policy Revision** It was agreed that this item be carried over to the March, 2004 Commission meeting
- Commercial Strategic Planning – Meeting with Hon. David Morse: Update, Commissioner Swanburg** It was moved by Commissioner Chaulk, seconded by Commissioner Merrill that the Clerk reply to Hon. David Morse’s emails to Commissioner Swanburg expressing disappointment in his response and requesting a meeting to discuss the Commercial Strategic Planning for the Village of New Minas. **MOTION CARRIED**
- Recognition of Acadian Sites** After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk Treasurer contact Mr. Maynard Stevens, and that the Commission gratefully accept his offer to set up a Citizen Committee to recognize Acadian Sites in the Village, of which the Village Commissioners would be interested in taking part.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recreation Advisory Committee

Commissioner Chaulk reported that the Recreation Advisory did not meet and there was no report.

Water and Sewer Commission

Commissioner Merrill gave the report from the Water Commission

It was moved by Commissioner Merrill, seconded by Commissioner Chaulk to proceed with the contract awarded to Howard Little on the Woodvale Tank repairs. MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Commissioner Merrill, seconded by Commissioner Chaulk to transfer the \$13,000 from capital to the operating account for next year’s budget, to cover the lease expense of a vehicle for the Water Department. MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Commissioner Merrill, seconded by Commissioner Chaulk to rescind the motion covering Overtime/Callout Policy. MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Commissioner Merrill, seconded by Commissioner Chaulk that the Overtime/Callout

Policy be discussed at a later time at an In Camera Session. MOTION CARRIED

Area Advisory Committee

It was moved by Commissioner Merrill, seconded by Commissioner Chaulk that the verbal report and supporting written report (attached to original minutes) be accepted. MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Kings Historical Society

It was moved by Commissioner Messom, seconded by Commissioner Chaulk that the request from Kings Historical Society for advertising not be supported. MOTION CARRIED

Canteen Options at Lockhart and Ryan Park

It was moved by Commissioner Merrill, seconded by Commissioner Chaulk that Option 4 on the Canteen Report be approved. MOTION DEFEATED

Public Works staff is requested to provide more information with regard to the options for changes to the Canteen facilities at the Park.

OTHER ADDED ITEMS

Wellness Centre Update

The Clerk Treasurer reported that funding has been secured from Kings CED for a study approved by the Commission. Mr. Rick Ramsay has been notified to proceed with the study.

Street Lights

The Clerk Treasurer advised that in the past the Commission staff have investigated and advised Nova Scotia Power of any street light problems in the Village. This meant that staff would be required to work overtime to do so. Nova Scotia Power have been advised that the Commission will no longer provide this service. When the public reports street light problems to the Village Office, they are encouraged to contact Nova Scotia Power directly.

Correspondence**UNICEF NS – Acknowledgement of Support** – for information**Municipality of Kings – MPS/LUB Amendments**

(1) West Steadman Road

(2) Siting of Telecommunication Towners

For information

Apple Blossom Club Request – for information**15 Minute Comments from Floor**

It was agreed by the Commissioners present that the 15 Minute Public Session be brought into the regular session and that the Policy be revised to reflect this.

Mr. L. Barrett requested information on a legal issue which the Commission would be dealing with at the In Camera Session this date.

Mr. L. Barrett stated he was aware of information which was also dealt with as part of a legal issue, and was told by the Commission's legal counsel that it could not be discussed at an open session of the Commission.

Mr. and Mrs. Hershey advised they felt the price as quoted in Option 4 and discussed this evening was too low, and that the canteen location should remain the same.

Ms. Rebecca Crouse agreed with the Hersheys as far as the location.

IN CAMERA SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner Merrill, seconded by Commissioner Chaulk that the meeting go In Camera. MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Commissioner Merrill, seconded by Commissioner Chaulk that the meeting go out of the In Camera Session. MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Chaulk that the meeting adjourn.

Sherry Swanburg, Acting Chair

Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer