



Village of New Minas
Minutes of a Regular Commission Meeting
Monday, January 8th, 2018
7:00 p.m.

Louis Millett Community Complex (LMCC)

Commissioners Present: Dave Chaulk, Chair
Maynard Stevens, Vice-Chair
Mary Munroe, Commissioner
Ken Pineo, Commissioner
James Redmond, Commissioner

Staff Present: April Ernest, Clerk Treasurer
Krista McDonald, Deputy Clerk

Others Present: Jim Winsor, County Councillor

Call to Order:

Chair Chaulk called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda:

Commissioner Pineo added one item to the agenda: Drake Batherson.

Stevens - Redmond

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Village of New Minas Commission of January 8th, 2018 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

Approval of the Minutes:

Pineo - Redmond

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of New Minas Commission on December 11th, 2017 be approved.

CARRIED

Business arising from Minutes:

a) Photo History - Update:

Krista McDonald reported that she had been in touch with the Acadia Archives department and they would be getting back to her about the potential for acquisition of Dick Killam's photographs.

b) Handicap Parking Spots:

April Ernest updated that winter is not an ideal time of year for painting the parking lots but that adding an accessible spot is on the list for the spring. Chair Chaulk inquired about adding a sign. It will be looked into and brought to the next meeting.

c) Chairperson's Chain of Office:

Staff will be getting a quote to clean and refurbish the chain of office.

Committee Reports:

a) **Water Commission** – No Report

b) **Area Advisory Committee** – No report

c) **Regional Sewer Committee** – Commissioner Stevens gave the report as part of the New Business – Regional Sewer Terms of Reference

d) **New Minas 50th Birthday Celebration Committee** – Commissioner Stevens reported that the New Years Day Levee was well attended and well received. He thanked the Fire Department Auxiliary for all of the work they put into the event. The group meets again on January 11th to discuss upcoming events including the sledding party and princess tea.

Stevens – Redmond

THAT the 50th Birthday Committee Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

e) **Recreation & Community Development Report**

f) **Administration Report**

g) **Clerk Treasurer Report**

h) **Public Works Report**

Redmond - Pineo

THAT the staff Departmental Reports be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

i) **Beautification Committee** – Commissioner Munroe presented a report from the Committee that detailed a request to spend \$22,560 on landscaping key areas and purchasing benches and planters to place along Commercial Street. The Commission would like to see the plans for the landscaping but gave the go-ahead for the purchase of the benches and planters.

Munroe-Redmond

THAT the Beautification Committee Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

New Business:

- a) **Highway Signage** – DTIR is moving one of the New Minas signs on Highway 101 to accommodate the new interchange and inquired if the village would like to update the other sign as well. The Commission were in agreement that the signs should be updated at the same time.
- b) **Regional Sewer Terms of Reference: Technical Committee** – Commissioner Stevens presented the Regional Sewer Committee Policy Draft, including the Regional Sewer Technical Subcommittee Draft. He emphasized that he fully supported the proposed policy.

Redmond-Pineo

THAT the Commission authorize Commissioner Stevens to vote in favour of the proposed Regional Sewer Committee Policy.

CARRIED

- c) **Lions Club Meeting Room** - April Ernest updated that a freezer had been moved into the meeting room without staff approval. It will be removed and the club will use the appliances in the kitchen.
- d) **Drake Batherson** – Commissioner Pineo remarked that he would like to see the village honour local hockey player, Drake Batherson, as he was an integral player in the recent gold medal World Junior hockey championship. The Commission was in agreement that they would like to recognize Drake's accomplishments and they would leave it with staff to move forward with.

Stevens-Pineo

THAT the Village recognize the outstanding achievements of Drake Batherson during the World Junior Championships.

CARRIED

Public Discussion:

Councillor Jim Winsor spoke of the recent article about regional governance by Kings County Mayor, Peter Muttart. Councillor Winsor thinks that now is the time to start the dialogue as the province will be pushing for it. He mentioned that the province's capital plan for road infrastructure was very positive for New Minas. He went on state that interest in development in New Minas is positive although there has been some frustration with the Municipal Planning Strategy, but that the goal is to finalize it next fall.

Stevens-Pineo

THAT the meeting go in camera for a legal issue.

CARRIED

Redmond-Pineo

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Dave Chaulk, Chair

April Ernest, Clerk Treasurer