

VILLAGE OF NEW MINAS
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Commission of New Minas was held on Monday, October 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Civic Center.

In Attendance: Chair Dave Chaulk
Vice-Chair Dale Pineo
Commissioner Dean Hatt
Commissioner James Redmond
Commissioner Maynard Stevens
Clerk Treasurer Terry Silver

Also In Attendance: Ms. Trish Javorek, Municipality of the County of Kings
Mr. Bill Butler, Municipality of the County of Kings
Mr. John Owen, Resident
Mr. Vince Forrestall, Recreation Director
Ms. Carolyn Forrestall, Resident

CALL TO ORDER – Commissioner Dave Chaulk, Chair

Chair Chaulk called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: October 19, 2009

It was moved by Vice-Chair Pineo, seconded by Commissioner Stevens that the Agenda for the September 14, 2009 regular Commission meeting be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Commission Meeting September 14, 2009.

It was moved by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Redmond that the minutes of the Regular Commission meeting held September 14, 2009 be approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

PRESENTATION: Ms. Trish Javorek and Mr. Bill Butler, County of Kings re Vendors’ Bylaw

Chair Chaulk welcomed Ms. Javorek and Mr. Butler to the meeting and explained that they have offered to give the Commission information re the Vendors’ Bylaw, and its impact on the Village of New Minas and New Minas’ Sector Plan. Basically speaking, in accordance with the Vendors Bylaw, every vendor wishing to set up in the Village, must first receive a license from the Municipality of the County of Kings, and must be located on a commercial property. Section 1.100 of the New Minas Land Use Bylaw defines

outdoor commercial display as “... *a display of goods on a lot for the purpose of encouraging the purchase of the display items, or items similar to the display items, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, such displays would include displays of cars, trucks, vans, motor homes, trailers, boats, all-terrain vehicles, snowmobiles, motorcycles, swimming pools, decorative fountains, prefab cottages or homes.*”

Commissioners had the opportunity to ask questions and Chair Chaulk thanked Ms. Javorek and Mr. Butler for their informative presentation.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Association of NS Villages AGM – Report Commissioner Stevens

Commissioner Stevens gave a report of the recent Association of NS Villages Annual General Meeting (copy attached to original minutes).

It was moved by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Vice-Chair Pineo to accept the report of the Association of NS Villages AGM as presented. MOTION CARRIED

Chair Chaulk congratulated Commissioner Stevens on his appointment as Secretary Treasurer of the ANSV and thanked him for his efforts with this Association.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Water Commission Report – Commissioner Maynard Stevens

Commissioner Stevens read the New Minas Water Commission report (copy attached to original minutes).

It was moved by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Vice-Chair Pineo, to accept the New Minas Water Commission Report as presented. MOTION CARRIED

b) New Minas Area Advisory Committee – Commissioner Dean Hatt

Commissioner Hatt advised there has not been an Area Advisory Committee meeting since the last Commission meeting, therefore no report available.

c) New Minas Recreation Advisory Committee – Vice-Chair Dale Pineo

Vice-Chair Pineo read the report of the New Minas Recreation Advisory Committee (attached to original minutes).

It was moved by Vice-Chair Pineo, seconded by Commissioner Hatt that the Commission be in agreement, in principle, to support the development of a trail between ACA Co-Op and the Town of Kentville. MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Vice-Chair Pineo, seconded by Commissioner Stevens that the report of the New Minas Recreation Advisory Committee be accepted as read. MOTION CARRIED

d) New Minas Transportation Advisory Committee – Commissioner Dean Hatt

Commissioner Hatt advised there was no meeting of the New Minas Transportation Advisory Committee therefore no report is available. Commissioner Hatt brought the Commission's attention to the resurfacing of sidewalks currently underway – Prospect Road and Commercial Street.

e) Fire Services Task Force – Commissioner Redmond

Commissioner Redmond advised there was no meeting of the Fire Services Task Force, therefore no report.

NEW BUSINESS

a) New website launch

T. Silver stated that the newly formatted Village website is now up and running and she and other staff have received some very positive comments on its use and contents.

Chair Chaulk stated he has viewed the website, and although it looks good and is easy to maneuver, he identified several outdated items on the website. He emphasized the importance of keeping the website up to date at all times. T. Silver agreed and stated she will see to those items first thing in the morning. Commissioner Stevens stated he also has viewed the website and feels it is on par with all other websites professionally designed. He stated it is user friendly, which is the key for a good website, and agrees outdated information is not good, as was experienced with the old site.

b) Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities invitation to UNSM Annual Conference

The Commissioners reviewed a letter from the UNSM inviting Village Commissioners to their Annual Conference as observers only. The Commissioners voiced their displeasure that Villages are not permitted to be members of the UNSM, therefore not permitted send voting delegates. Everyone agreed they would not attend on principle.

c) Policy – Sun Safe Policy

The Commissioners discussed the Sun Safe Policy draft, as approved by the Village staff.

After discussion, the Commission requested the Clerk to re-work the Policy to integrate Commissioners' comments therein. T. Silver advised she will take the policy back to the staff with the Commissioners' comments.

d) Policy – Meetings Procedure Policy

It was moved by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Redmond, that the amendments to the Meetings Procedure Policy be adopted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

On Motion of Commissioner Redmond, the meeting adjourned.

Dave Chaulk, Chair

Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer