

VILLAGE OF NEW MINAS
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
July 14, 2008
7:00 p.m.

The Regular monthly meeting of the New Minas Village Commission was held on July 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m..

In Attendance: Dave Chaulk, Chair
Dean Hatt, Commissioner
James Redmond, Commissioner
Maynard Stevens, Commissioner
Lynn Spencer, Recording Secretary

Absent: Dale Pineo, Vice-Chair

Also in Attendance: Gordon Silver, Resident
Joey Murphy, Resident
Peter Pothier, Superintendent of Public Works
Councillor Eric Smith

CALL TO ORDER – Dave Chaulk, Chair

Dave Chaulk called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: July 14, 2008

It was moved by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Stevens that the Agenda for the regular Commission meeting of July 14, 2008 be approved with the following additions: Under "*Other Added Items (a) August Meeting*"

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Commission Meeting June 9, 2008

It was moved by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Hatt that the minutes of the June 9, 2008 meeting be approved as amended. **MOTION CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) **Reply from DOTIR-Application for Crosswalk**

Dave Chaulk read the letter attached from DOTIR stating that the letter will be forwarded to Mr. Joe Crowell, District Traffic Authority for Review. Once a decision has been made will be informed with all the particulars. (Letter attached to original minutes)

b) **Reply from DOTIR-Traffic Study**

Dave Chaulk read the letter attached from DOTIR stating the concern from both levels of government with the traffic congestion in New Minas especially considering current and potential development on Commercial St. Their suggestion is to appoint a steering Committee to

develop the Terms of Reference for the next traffic study, once the two new intersections have been installed on Commercial St. as previously discussed. Completion date 2009. (Letter attached to original minutes)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Water Commission Report – Commissioner Maynard Stevens

Commissioner Stevens read from a written Water Commission Report (attached to original minutes).

It was moved by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Redmond, that the Water Commission report be adopted as read. MOTION CARRIED

b) Area Advisory Committee – Commissioner Dean Hatt

Commissioner Hatt read from a written Area Advisory Committee report (attached to original minutes).

It was moved by Commissioner Hatt, seconded by Commissioner Redmond, that the Area Advisory Committee report be adopted as read. MOTION CARRIED

c) Recreation Advisory Committee – Vice-Chair Dale Pineo

No Report for Recreation Advisory Committee

d) Transportation Advisory Committee – Commissioner Dean Hatt

No Report due to the fact no meeting was held in June.

e) 40th Anniversary Committee – Commissioner Maynard Stevens

Commissioner Stevens read the report of the 40th Anniversary Committee (attached to original minutes).

It was moved by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Hatt that the Commission presents certificates of appreciation/merit to those businesses that were in New Minas in 1968, and are still here, as selected by the 40th Anniversary Committee. MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Redmond, that the report of the 40th Anniversary Committee be adopted as presented. MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

a) Village Commission AGM Date:

Dave Chaulk informed the commission that the date for the AGM is set for July 23, 2008

b) Mother of Angels Memory Garden:

Dave Chaulk referred to a letter sent to the Village Commission requesting permission to erect a garden in memory of their children lost too soon. The Commission discovered the parcel of land in question does not belong to the Village of New Minas. The Commission agreed that a letter be forwarded to the property owner advising of the request from the Mothers of Angels, and supporting the concept of their request in principle.

c) Letter of Support-Roundabout Commercial/Granite Drive:

Commissioner Redmond informed the Village Commission that he, Terry Silver, and Peter Pothier attended a meeting with DOTIR engineers concerning the roundabout on Commercial Street/Granite Drive. A request has been received from NSDOTIR for the Village Commission to forward a letter of support for this roundabout.

The Commission requested to refer this item back to the Transportation Advisory Committee and as well request to have a presentation by DOTIR for the TAC and Village Commission in order to have a better understanding of the concept.

d) King Arthur Court-letter to County to Build Park:

L. Spencer informed the Village Commission that it was always the responsibility of Kings County to build the parks in each subdivision and once the park was complete it was then turned over to the Village to maintain. At budget time a request was received from residents of King Arthur Court to build a park in that subdivision.

**It was moved by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Hatt to write a letter to Municipality of the County of Kings requesting them to build a park in King Arthur Court. MOTION CARRIED
OTHER ADDED ITEMS**

a) August Meeting:

Dave Chaulk asked the Commission if they felt the August meeting should be cancelled due to busy schedules and vacations.

It was moved by Commissioner Hatt, Seconded by Commissioner Redmond to dispense with the August meeting knowing that should something come up a meeting will be called. MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

Joey Murphy asked the Village Commission why Vince Forrestall has been placed on probation.

Dave Chaulk informed Mr. Murphy that personnel issues could not be discussed with the public and he could not discuss whether Mr. Forrestall was or was not on probation.

Mr. Murphy informed the Village Commission that he was very satisfied with Mr. Forrestall's work with the Village and stated that he was giving him his support.

Mr. Murphy asked who makes the decision to hire and fire staff.

Dave Chaulk informed Mr. Murphy that it is the responsibility of the Clerk Treasurer to hire and fire management. Mr. Murphy asked if it was solely the Clerk who would make the decision to place him on probation. Dave Chaulk

informed him that he could not say whether or not any staff was on probation, but as for the decisions, yes it is solely the Clerk Treasurer's responsibility and she has full hiring and firing ability. He further stated that the Village Commission fully supports the Clerk Treasurer in this task.

Joey Murphy stated again that he is publicly giving his support to Vince Forrestall. Mr. Murphy asked: should the decision be made, is it the policy of the Village to disclose why. Dave Chaulk stated that personnel matters are not to be discussed with anyone except that specific staff member.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Redmond, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

APPROVAL

Dave Chaulk, Chair

Lynn Spencer Recording Secretary