

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Village of New Minas Commission was held on Monday, April 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Civic Centre.

In Attendance

Chair Dave Chaulk
Vice-Chair Dale Pineo
Commissioner Les Barrett
Commissioner Dean Hatt
Commissioner Maynard Stevens
Clerk Treasurer Terry Silver

Also in Attendance

Peter Pothier, Superintendent of Public Works
Mr. Sam Milne, Resident
Mr. Mark Redmond, Resident
Mr. Don Zwicker, Resident
Mr. Gordon Silver, Resident

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Dave Chaulk

Chair Chaulk called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: April 14, 2008

It was moved by Commissioner Barrett, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, that the Agenda for the regular Commission meeting of April 14, 2008 be approved with the following additions:

“OTHER add a) Marathon of Memories

b) Sidewalk Construction Projects

c) Human Rights re Lockhart MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Commission Meeting March 10, 2008

It was moved by Vice-Chair Pineo, seconded by Commissioner Hatt that the minutes of the regular Commission meeting of March 10, 2008 be approved as submitted. MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**COMMITTEE REPORTS****a) Water Commission Report – Commissioner Maynard Stevens**

Commissioner Stevens stated there was no Water Commission meeting in March. He advised that the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board approved the Water Utility's request to amend its Schedule of Rates and Charges for water and water services, effective March 28 2008. He noted that the Board made the decision to phase in the rate increases over two years (April 1, 2008 and April 1, 2009).

b) Area Advisory Committee – Commissioner Dean Hatt

Commissioner Hatt advised there was no Area Advisory Committee meeting in March, therefore no report is available. He noted there would be an Area Advisory Committee meeting on Thursday April 17th.

c) Recreation Advisory Committee – Vice-Chair Dale Pineo

Vice Chair Pineo read his written report of the Recreation Advisory Committee (attached to original minutes).

It was moved by Vice-Chair Pineo, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, to permit the Evangeline Club to set up a canteen at Lockhart Ryan Park for the 2008 season. MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Vice-Chair Pineo, seconded by Commissioner Hatt that the report of the Recreation Advisory Committee be adopted as presented. MOTION CARRIED

d) Transportation Advisory Committee – Commissioner Dean Hatt

Commissioner Hatt advised there was no Transportation Advisory Committee meeting in March; therefore, no report.

e) 40th Anniversary Committee – Commissioner Maynard Stevens

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

It was moved by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Vice-Chair Pineo, that the Village of New Minas purchase a plaque to commemorate 40 years of service by the New Minas Volunteer Fire Department, and in September of this year present it to the New Minas Volunteer Fire Department. MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Barrett that the September 8th New Minas Village Commission meeting include special events to mark the 40th Anniversary of the Incorporation of the Village of New Minas, details of special event will be announced later. MOTION CARRIED

The Old New Minas School House was brought up. The Committee will investigate the option of setting this building aside as a Heritage Property.

It was moved by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Vice-Chair Pineo to accept the report of the 40th Anniversary Committee as presented. MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

a) **Policy – Home Computer Purchase Policy**

It was moved by Commissioner Barrett, seconded by Commissioner Hatt that the “Home Computer Purchase Policy” not be accepted as presented. MOTION CARRIED

b) **Policy – Records Management Policy**

It was moved by Commissioner Barrett, seconded by Commissioner Stevens that the Records Management Policy be adopted as presented. MOTION CARRIED

OTHER ADDED ITEMS

a) **“Marathon of Memories” – Commissioner Stevens**

Commissioner Stevens read a report on “Marathon of Memories Event in New Minas” (attached to original minutes). This event will be hosted by the Village of New Minas on Saturday, June 7th, 2008. This is for information purposes.

b) **Sidewalk Construction Projects**

T. Silver called the Commission’s attention to a written report on the sidewalk construction project on Cornwallis Avenue and Lockhart Drive. She stated that the Engineer has recommended that the project proceed to completion (except the culvert at Ravine Park), and that budget pre-approval is being sought for this completion.

It was moved by Commissioner Hatt, seconded by Vice-Chair Pineo that the Engineer proceed with the sidewalk construction on Lockhart to Ravine Park, and that the Ravine Park culvert be considered at budget time. MOTION CARRIED

c) **Human Rights re Lockhart**

Chair Chaulk advised that the Human Rights hearing that was scheduled to proceed today has been adjourned “without day”, which means without a new date to proceed. He stated there is a tentative agreement with all parties, which is still being finalized. Once everything has been finalized, there will be a press release to the public.

CORRESPONDENCE**a) Association of Municipal Administrators – Request for Sponsorship**

The Commission reviewed a letter from the president of the Association of Municipal Administrators, requesting a \$500 sponsorship for the 2008 Fall Conference, which is being held in the Valley region. T. Silver advised that this is a 4 day conference which brings upwards of 150 to 200 delegates from all municipalities throughout Nova Scotia to our area. Although there are conference fees, the Association aggressively seeks sponsorship (which includes advertising for the donor), and the funds assist with paying for the workshop presenters, the banquet and awards event, and the general operation of the association. Municipalities are only contacted for sponsorship when their municipal area hosts the conference.

It was moved by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Vice-Chair Pineo that \$500 be presented to the Association of Municipal Administrators to sponsor the 2008 Fall Conference. MOTION DEFEATED

It was moved by Commissioner Barrett to support the Association of Municipal Administrators Conference with a sponsorship of \$250. MOTION LOST due to no seconder.

b) Email from Sandra Doyle

It was moved by Commissioner Hatt, seconded by Vice-Chair Pineo that the email from Sandra Doyle be tabled to the May meeting. MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

Mr. Sam Milne

Mr. Milne asked what the Village Commission is planning to do with the old school property. He stated that the building is a rubble and could never be restored, and asked who would be paying for any restoration.

Commissioner Stevens stated that they are just assessing the property for the purpose of historic designation at this time, and are not looking to spend any money.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Vice-Chair Pineo, the meeting adjourned.

Dave Chaulk, Chair

Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer