



**Village of New Minas**  
Minutes of a Regular Commission Meeting  
Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 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  
John Ansara, Director of Recreation & Community  
Development

**Others Present:** Murray Lawson  
Mark Redmond

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

**Approval of the Agenda:**  
Vice-Chair Stevens added that he would be putting forward a motion under the 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday update and added Regional Sewer Voting Member to new business.

**Pineo - Stevens**  
THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Village of New Minas Commission of March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 be approved as amended.  
**CARRIED**

**Approval of the Minutes:**  
Vice-Chair Stevens noted an error on page 3 under New Minas 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Committee: "publishing" should read "looking into publishing".

**Stevens - Redmond**  
THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of New Minas Commission on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 be approved as amended.  
**CARRIED**

**Delegation:** Murray Lawson, New Minas Baptist Church

Mr. Lawson approached the Commission to inquire if they would allow the taxable assessment of the daycare the church runs to be taxed residential instead of commercial. Kings County council recently passed a resolution to grant them this reduction for county taxes for 2017/18 and they are asking the same of the village. The Commission were not ready to make a decision at that time but agreed to have the discussion at a budget meeting prior to the end of this fiscal year.

**Business arising from Minutes:**

**a) Photo History:**

Ms. McDonald updated that the Acadia Archives department will not be partnering with the village to acquire the photograph collection. The museum was suggested as another possible partner however, Vice-Chair Stevens added that they do not pay for acquisitions. The Commission asked staff to go back to Mr. Killam to inquire about a smaller collection highlighting earlier photos.

**b) Apple Blossom Concert Update:**

Mrs. Ernest updated that the group is still moving forward. They have applied for funding and are working through the logistics of the event. There will be an EMO meeting coming up with the village where more details will be figured out.

**c) Drake Batherson recognition:**

Mr. Ansara updated that he successfully connected with Mr. Batherson's agent. Barring other obligations, Mr. Batherson will be able to attend a village event this year, potentially the Canada Day festivities.

**d) Jason Ripley – Letter of response**

The letter was circulated for all.

**Committee Reports:**

a) **Water Commission** – No report

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

c) **Regional Sewer Committee** – Vice-Chair Stevens presented the report, summarizing the meeting that took place on February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**Stevens – Redmond**

THAT the Regional Sewer Committee Report be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

d) **New Minas 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Committee** – Vice-Chair Stevens provided the names of the members of the committee. The group consists of himself, John Ansara, Jim Redmond, Mark Redmond, Alan Buchanan, Kathie Brown and Holly Thompson. He then presented the report summarizing the committee's February 22<sup>nd</sup> and March 8<sup>th</sup> meetings and highlighted upcoming events.

**Stevens – Redmond**

THAT the 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Committee Report be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

Vic-Chair Stevens then discussed the need for funds for the Candidate Tea as the committee would like this to be tied in with the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations. The group is also seeking to help with improvements to the Apple Blossom parade float as part of the 50<sup>th</sup> celebrations.

**Stevens – Redmond**

THAT the Village of New Minas gives pre-budget approval in the amount of \$1500 for expenses related to the Candidate Tea and New Minas Village Float.

**CARRIED**

- e) **Recreation & Community Development Report**
- f) **Administration Report**
- g) **Clerk Treasurer Report**
- h) **Public Works Report**

**Redmond - Munroe**

THAT the staff Departmental Reports be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

- i) **Beautification Committee** – Commissioner Munroe reported that the group is moving ahead with locations for planters and benches. Approval from DTIR for the Crescent park and roundabout designs has not been received yet. The group will be talking to NSCC to see if there is a partnership available. The Rotary club will be planting trees and shrubs in the village and the committee is seeking to work with them on this.

**Munroe - Stevens**

THAT the Beautification Committee Report be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**New Business:**

- a) **Municipal Modernization** – A synopsis of the recent Municipal Modernization session that Mrs. Ernest attended was circulated. She reported that the focus of the discussions is on cooperation rather than amalgamation.
- b) **Budget Meeting Date** – A date was set for March 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- c) **Regional Sewer Voting Member** – Vice-Chair Stevens discussed a change in the manner that the New Minas voting member is designated.

**Stevens-Redmond**

THAT the Village of New Minas voting member and alternate voting member on the Regional Sewer Committee be voted on by the Village Commission on the yearly basis.

**CARRIED**

**Commissioner Redmond**

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

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Dave Chaulk, Chair

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April Ernest, Clerk Treasurer