

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
NEW MINAS VILLAGE COMMISSION**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2002
7:30 P.M.**

In Attendance:

Chairman Ted Nicholson
Marvin Messom
Les Barrett
James Redmond
Wayne Merrill

Councillor Dan Watters

H. Heidi Foshay Kimball, Solicitor

Special Guest:

Marnie Parker

Call to Order:

Chairman Nicholson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

- **Special Meeting September 9, 2002**
- **Special Meeting September 12, 2002**
- **Regular Monthly Meeting September 9, 2002**

**ON MOTION OF MARVIN MESSOM AND JAMES REDMOND MINUTES OF
SUBJECT MEETINGS BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED. MOTION CARRIED.**

REPORTS:

- **Recreation Advisory Committee**

Les Barrett, Chairman, Recreation Advisory Committee, reported on the recent Committee meeting of October 1, noting that the Commission approved funding to the Soccer Association for two new soccer fields in Lockhart Ryan Park for a total of \$45,000; \$36,000 in cash and \$9,000 in kind over the next two years. The maintenance staff is currently cutting and clearing trees.

A committee member inquired about the sale of the truck. The truck was sold and a new truck was purchased, a two-wheel drive, at a cheaper cost .

A letter was forwarded to Friends of the Cornwallis River to confer interest in trail development.

At the meeting Wayne Merrill suggested the Village should purchase a sidewalk tractor to water flowers.

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The Director is looking for feedback and ideas from the Committee concerning New Minas Celebration Days.

The Terry Fox Run was small, realizing just under \$200.00.

The proposal put forward for the Director's increase in wages of \$32,000 was rejected, with the Commission approving a salary increase to \$29,000 effective November 15.

Jack Hersey brought up the subject of parking lot lighting for Lockhart Ryan Park. Les Barrett suggested that LaFarge might provide some form of gratuity. Speed bumps were suggested as well as signs for slow driving.

We have two staff members in addition to Greg Messom who will continue to cut and clear as our contribution in kind for the soccer fields.

LES BARRETT MOVED THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT OF THE RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE. SECONDED BY WAYNE MERRILL. MOTION CARRIED.

At this time Wayne Merrill presented pictures of a sidewalk tractor used by the Town of Wolfville to water their flower baskets, indicating the present system of pumps on the back of the truck with two men is very dangerous.

WAYNE MERRILL MOVED THE APPROPRIATE EQUIPMENT BE ACQUIRED FOR THE WATERING OF THE FLOWER BASKETS NEXT YEAR. SECONDED BY LES BARRETT. MOTION CARRIED.

- **Area Advisory Committee**

James Redmond, Chairman, Area Advisory Committee, indicated a joint meeting of the Area Advisory Committee and Water and Sewer Commission was held regarding the well protection zone. A meeting tomorrow evening will deal with sidewalk benches.

JAMES REDMOND MOVED THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT OF THE AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE. SECONDED BY MARVIN MESSOM. MOTION CARRIED.

- **Water & Sewer Commission**

Marvin Messom reported on the September 25, 2002 meeting indicating we are now determining if we have the rights-of-way to all of our well sites. Peter Pothier will be attending a Nova Scotia Public Works Association Conference in Windsor in November and the Commission agreed to support a portion of the cost overruns not to exceed \$300.00. The water has been shut off at JR's on Kentucky Court.

A meter will be installed at Lockhart Ryan Park to measure the water consumption.

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The cost of service study was reviewed by the Commission. The Commission recommended to the Village Commission to petition the Utility & Review Board to request an increase in service charge rates, depreciation rates, revision of the Utility's assets accounts and an allowance of \$84,500.00 for working capital to be included in the calculation of rate base.

MARVIN MESSOM MOVED THE ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION. SECONDED BY JAMES REDMOND. MOTION CARRIED.

- **Clerk's Monthly Report**

The Clerk's Monthly Report was presented at this time.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

William Butler, Municipality of the County of Kings – Bylaw Vendors, Peddlers & Hawkers

A letter was received from William Butler concerning the adoption of a Bylaw respecting the licensing of petty traders.

Council wishes to know whether the Village Commission would prefer the version originally submitted in July, the version considered by Council on September 26 or some combination of both.

Council has also questioned whether or not the Village will provide a clear commitment that it will accept the responsibility for all administration, enforcement and costs related to the Bylaw.

James Redmond suggested the Commission study the bylaw and discuss it at the next monthly meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Bus Benches and Signs

James Redmond pointed out that this topic will be addressed at the Area Advisory Committee meeting tomorrow evening.

UNSM Conference November 6-8, 2002 – Wayne Merrill, Ted Nicholson

ON MOTION OF JAMES REDMOND AND MARVIN MESSOM WAYNE MERRILL, TED NICHOLSON AND SPOUSES ATTEND THE UNSM CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 6-8 AT THE VILLAGE'S EXPENSE. MOTION CARRIED.

Financial Support – Sally Tucker

A request was received from Sally Tucker requesting financial assistance to travel to South Africa to volunteer at an orphanage.

No action was taken on the request.

Financial Support – The Annapolis Valley Honour Choir

The Annapolis Valley Honour Choir is planning to participate in Europa Cantat, an international choral festival in Barcelona, Spain in July 2003. There are several choir members from the New Minas area and the Honour Choir is requesting financial assistance for these members.

ON MOTION OF LES BARRETT AND MARVIN MESSOM THE VILLAGE CONTRIBUTE \$500.00 TO ASSIST WITH THE HONOUR CHOIR'S PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL CHORAL FESTIVAL IN BARCELONA, SPAIN IN THE SUMMER OF 2003. MOTION CARRIED.

NS Utility and Review Board – Rate Increase Recommended Water Commission

ON MOTION OF JAMES REDMOND AND WAYNE MERRILL BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE AN APPLICATION TO THE NOVA SCOTIA UTILITY AND REVIEW BOARD, ON BEHALF OF ITS WATER UTILITY, FOR APPROVAL OF AN ALLOWANCE FOR WORKING CAPITAL, CHANGES IN ITS ASSET ACCOUNTS, DEPRECIATION RATES, AND RATES FOR WATER AND WATER SERVICES. MOTION CARRIED.

Municipality of the County of Kings – Application Approved Kent Co-Op Limited

A letter was received from Cindy Barker, Administrative Assistant, informing the Commission that Council gave final consideration and passed a resolution approving the application by Kent Co-Op Limited for a development agreement to permit the display of manufactured homes on a vacant lot at 9293 Commercial Street.

Pitura Husson Limited re Construction of Aalders Avenue Sanitary Sewer Wal-Mart Store

Correspondence was received from D. Paul Husson, P. Eng., advising that during August their contractor, Dexter Construction, severed the active sanitary sewer providing service to local homes and apartments on Aalders Avenue. Sections of the Aalders Avenue sanitary sewer will have to be relocated from their property to within the existing road allowance and they are of the opinion that the Village should be responsible for covering the costs associated with relocating the sanitary sewer.

ON MOTION OF JAMES REDMOND AND WAYNE MERRILL THE CORRESPONDENCE BE FORWARDED TO THE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION FOR DISCUSSION.

Banking Agreement – Royal Bank

ON MOTION OF JAMES REDMOND AND MARVIN MESSOM THE BANKING AGREEMENT AS SUBMITTED BY THE ROYAL BANK BE ACCEPTED. MOTION CARRIED.

Burke/Oliver Consultants Limited – New Minas Wellness /Recreation Facility Project

ON MOTION OF MARVIN MESSOM AND JAMES REDMOND THE INVOICE FROM BURKE/OLIVER CONSULTANTS LIMITED TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2002 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,800.87 FOR THE WELLNESS/RECREATION FACILITY PROJECT BE PAID. MOTION CARRIED.

Dress Down for Diabetes

ON MOTION OF JAMES REDMOND AND MARVIN MESSOM THE VILLAGE CONTRIBUTE EQUALLY STAFF DONATIONS FOR DRESSING DOWN FOR DIABETES FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

RCMP – PLACEMENT OF CITIZEN PATROL SIGNS

A letter was received from Ted Mugford, Cst., Coordinator, Kings County Citizen Patrol, advising the Patrol has purchased a quantity of road signs to promote the Patrol and help to defer criminal activity in the areas where they are posted. Cst. Mugford pointed out the Patrol would like to erect these signs at the entrance signs to the Village and asked if the Commission is agreeable to have these signs erected.

MARVIN MESSOM MOVED THE CITIZEN PATROL GROUP BE GIVEN PERMISSION TO ERECT THEIR SIGNS AT THE ENTRANCE SIGNS TO THE VILLAGE. SECONDED BY JAMES REDMOND. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION –LES BARRETT

Les Barrett commented that pursuant to a public statement he made regarding eliminating stipends because he felt this Commission was less than worthy of receiving remunerations moved that the Commission eliminate the stipends for any Commission or Committee levels making it more in line with other local Village Commissions whose members receive nothing for their time and efforts serving their electorate. The motion died for lack of a seconder.

MOTION – MARVIN MESSOM

MARVIN MESSOM MOVED THE COMMISSION HIRE A CONSULTANT TO EVALUATE STAFF AND SUGGEST SALARY RANGES. SECONDED BY JAMES REDMOND. ON THE QUESTION BEING CALLED FOR LES BARRETT VOTED NAY. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter of Thanks – Ontario Provincial Police Golden Helmets Precision Team

A letter of thanks was received from John Mason, thanking the Village for their hospitality while their motorcycle team performed on Commercial Street May 31, 2002.

Card of Thanks –Patricia Hamm

A card of thanks was received from Princess Port Williams, Patricia Hamm, thanking the Village for the gift received as part of the 70th Annapolis Valley Apple Blossom Festival.

Letter of Thanks – Nova Scotia Environment & Labour

A letter of thanks was received from Nova Scotia Environment & Labour thanking the Commission for attending the Kings County Council Meeting September 23, 2002.

PAYABLES:

ON MOTION OF JAMES REDMOND AND LES BARRETT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BE ACCEPTED AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE BE APPROVED AS FOLLOWS:

VILLAGE	\$102, 940.16
TRUST FUND	266.05
FIRE DEPARTMENT	10,724.04
RECREATION	<u>22,519.25</u>
	\$136,449.50

MOTION CARRIED.

Date of Next Regular Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, November 12, 2002 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

CHAIRMAN

CLERK-TREASURER