

**VILLAGE OF NEW MINAS**  
**REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING**

**MAY 12, 2014**

**7:00 p.m.,**

**Board Room, Louis Millett Community Complex (LMCC)**

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Commission of New Minas was held on Monday, May 12, 2014 in the Board Room of the Louis Millett Community Complex at 7:00 p.m..

**In Attendance:** Chair Dave Chaulk  
Vice-Chair Maynard Stevens  
Commissioner Mary Munroe  
Commissioner Ken Pineo  
Commissioner James Redmond  
Clerk Treasurer Terry Silver

**Also in Attendance:** John Ansara, Recreation Director  
Jim Winsor, Councillor District 11  
Dave Poole, Municipality of the County of Kings

**CALL TO ORDER,** Chair Chaulk

Chair Chaulk called the meeting to order and welcomed all those in attendance.

**ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Dave Chaulk called for nominations for Village Chair. Commissioner Redmond nominated Dave Chaulk to continue as Chair. There being no further nominations, Dave Chaulk accepted the appointment as Chair. He expressed gratitude to the Commission for their confidence and said he will do his best to fulfill his duties.

**ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR**

Chair Chaulk called for nominations of Village Vice-Chair. Commissioner Redmond nominated Commissioner Maynard Stevens as Vice-Chair. There being no further nominations, Commissioner Stevens accepted the appointment and Chair Chaulk declared him the Vice-Chair of the Village Commission.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** May 12, 2014

**It was moved by Vice-Chair Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Pineo, that the Agenda for the regular Commission meeting of May 12, 2014 be approved with the following additions under ADDED ITEMS: "Bylaw 63". MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Regular Commission Meeting April 15, 2014

**It was moved by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Munroe that the minutes of the regular Commission meeting held April 14, 2014 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

a) Sale of Civic Center – Update

T. Silver advised she received a call this morning from the Village's Realtor who stated he had someone viewing the old Civic Center.

b) LED Lighting Program – Update

T. Silver advised that the contractors are ready to go with the project, and she is waiting for the Agreements from NSP and Aliant. She stated that NSP have agreed to have a draft by May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

c) Fire Department Capital - Update

Commissioner Redmond stated the New Minas Volunteer Fire Department had two choices for Kings County funding: (1) the new formula where the County funds NMVFD based on the new formula, and (2) status quo, where the NMVFD provides a claim to the County. He said County Council has to approve New Minas FD's choice.

Chair Chaulk asked if Council could force NMVFD to go with Option 1, and Vice-Chair Stevens asked when Council would be making the decision.

Councillor Winsor was invited to speak to this: he stated that he had called Brian Desloges who advised him that Council should be making the decision within the next 2 to 3 weeks. He asked Mr. Desloges what he felt Option 1 would mean to New Minas and he stated he felt that a reasonable rate would be 5¢ would appear to be a fair guess (this meaning the total rate throughout the entire County).

Chair Chaulk asked if Council approves this, would NMVFD and the Village have an opportunity to make a choice before Council makes a decision. Councillor Winsor said when the meeting took place at the Fire Hall (in New Minas), NMVFD made a decision on their option.

The Commissioners expressed concerns that the ramifications of going with Option 1 or 2 are not clear and are not being offered. Councillor Winsor stated that when the meeting was held at the fire hall, no other option was discussed. He stated the idea is to "flush it out" and Council is now asked to make a decision. He also stated that Council has no problems with NMVFD's decision to continue with the status quo.

Vice-Chair Stevens excused himself from the Commission table and sat in the audience.

d) LMCC Civic Center Events, License Alternative Adjustments

T. Silver stated that the Village Commission, at the April, 2014 meeting, asked staff to compile a list of events that could take place at the LMCC Civic Center (the only place where liquor is allowed to be dispensed and consumed), that would require the Village to revoke its Liquor License for a period of time to allow for alternative liquor licenses.

**On motion of Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commission Pineo, the Commissioners approve special events as shown on the list provided by the Clerk at this meeting, to be permitted special liquor license. MOTION CARRIED**

Vice-Chair Stevens returned to the Commission table.

The Commissioners agreed to discuss Item a) under **NEW BUSINESS: Request for Fire Works at a booked Event:**

T. Silver advised that staff receives requests all the time for certain things for their events, and if they fall within the Agreement and the Village's policy, judgment calls are made by staff. She stated there has been a request by a wedding event for fireworks. This is not covered either in the Agreement or the Policy, and she asked if the Commission wanted to consider this as a one-time consideration. She stated the renters will be hiring a certified Fire Works company and have requested the New Minas Fire Department to be present. Commissioner Redmond stated the Fire Department would not permit the fireworks to be set off if conditions aren't suitable.

The Commission agreed that permission can be given to the renters to set off their fireworks provided all documents are in order and all safeguards are in place.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) Recreation Director's Report – John Ansara

Chair Chaulk asked the Commissioners if they had any questions coming out of the Recreation Director's Report (attached to original minutes).

John was asked questions on the programs. Vice-Chair Stevens noted that people have complained about where they should park when using the "rail trail". John advised that the most convenient place would be to start at the Jones Road point (for parking) and go either east or west from there. He stated the signs will be in the upcoming budget for discussion.

**It was moved by Commissioner Munroe, seconded by Commissioner Redmond that the report of the Recreation Director be adopted as presented. MOTION CARRIED**

b) New Minas Water Commission Report – Vice-Chair Stevens

Vice-Chair Stevens advised there was no meeting of the Water Commission.

New Minas Planning Advisory Committee

There was no meeting of the New Minas Planning Advisory Committee

**NEW BUSINESS**

a) Request – Valley District Soccer Association

A letter was received from the Valley District Soccer Association requesting waiving of field fees for the *New Minas Invitational Soccer Tournament*. A similar event took place for years, and several years, due to internal issues with the organizers of that time, the tournament was cancelled.

**It was moved by Vice-Chair Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Redmond that the fees for the New Minas Invitational Soccer Tournament be waived for this year only. MOTION CARRIED**

b) Bylaw 63 – Open Burning

Commissioner Redmond stated he has been involved in meetings about the Revised Bylaw 63 – Open Burning, and is concerned about the implications of some of the clauses. As an example, he stated, campgrounds all have campfire sites, and this bylaw would essentially make that illegal. He also stated that to restrict large open burns to 1000 feet within buildings or wooded area causes him concern as well.

Commissioner Redmond suggested that he and Councillor Winsor and the Clerk Treasurer should meet to discuss the clauses in the Bylaw.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD**

Councillor Winsor stated he has received a noise complaint from Anne Harris from the eastern end of the Village in her Subdivision. He spoke about the “plant” suspected of making the excessive noise. He suggested that perhaps the Company could be required to change the way the plant works.

Councillor Winsor stated that he has received complaints from residents about the rock crushing causing from the Dexter’s plant causing odor and noise.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**On Motion of Commissioner Redmond, the meeting adjourned.**

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Dave Chaulk, Chair

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Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer