

VILLAGE OF NEW MINAS
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 9, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Commission of New Minas was held on March 9, 2009 in the Civic Center at 7:00 p.m..

In Attendance: Dave Chaulk, Chair
Dale Pineo, Vice-Chair
Dean Hatt, Commissioner
James Redmond, Commissioner
Maynard Stevens, Commissioner
Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer

Also in Attendance: Gordon Silver, Resident
Don Zwicker, Resident
Vince Forrestall, Rec Director Village of New Minas
Eric Smith, Councillor District 10

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Chaulk called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.. He welcomed everyone in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: March 9, 2009

It was moved by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Hatt, that the Agenda for the regular Commission meeting of March 9, 2009 be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Commission Meeting February 9, 2009

It was moved by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Redmond, that the minutes of the regular Commission meeting held February 9, 2009 be approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Funding Options for Civic Re-numbering Project - Update - letter to Kings County

Terry Silver stated there has been no response from the County of Kings to her letter requesting assistance in funding the Civic re-number project for New Minas.

b) No Smoking Policy Lockhart Ryan Park – Update – letter to Kings County

Terry Silver stated there has been no response from the County of Kings to her letter inquiring if any County bylaw could be used within parks under the Village's jurisdiction to restrict or prohibit smoking.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Water Commission Report – Commissioner Maynard Stevens

Commissioner Stevens read his monthly report of the New Minas Water Commission (copy attached to original minutes).

It was moved by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Redmond, that the report of the New Minas Water Commission be adopted as read.

MOTION CARRIED

Commissioner Stevens advised that Premier Rodney MacDonald and Hon. David Morse, MLA announced recently that the Village's application for funding to extend water and sewer services to the Village's west boundary on Prospect Road has received approval. The project estimated cost is \$783,600, and Building Canada Funding has been approved for \$522,000. The Village's share will be \$261,600 for this project. Commissioner Stevens stated he attended the announcement ceremony as the Chair of the New Minas Water Commission.

b) Area Advisory Committee – Commissioner Dean Hatt

Commissioner Hatt read his monthly report of the New Minas Area Advisory Committee (copy attached to original minutes).

It was moved by Commissioner Hatt, seconded by Vice-Chair Pineo, that the report of the New Minas Area Advisory Committee be adopted as read.

MOTION CARRIED

c) Recreation Advisory Committee – Vice-Chair Dale Pineo

Vice-Chair Pineo read his monthly reports of the New Minas Recreation Advisory Committee.

It was moved by Vice-Chair Pineo, seconded by Commissioner Stevens that Mr. John Owen be appointed the Village's representative on the Active Transportation Committee. MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Vice-Chair Pineo, seconded by Commissioner Hatt, that the Terms of Reference for the New Minas Recreation Advisory Committee be changed to reflect that each citizen member will serve a 2 year term. MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Vice-Chair Pineo, seconded by Commissioner Hatt, that the Village Commission appoints Mr. Mike Dauphinee as its representative for Volunteer of the Year. MOTION CARRIED

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

d) Transportation Advisory Committee – Commissioner Dean Hatt

Commissioner Hatt advised there was no meeting of the New Minas Transportation Advisory Committee in March; therefore, no report was available.

e) Fire Services Task Force – Commissioner Redmond

Commissioner Redmond read the report of the Kings County Fire Services Task Force (report attached to original minutes).

It was moved by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Vice-Chair Pineo that the report of the Kings County Fire Services Task Force for the Village be adopted as presented. MOTION CARRIED

f) Olympic Torch Run Ad Hoc Committee – Commissioner Stevens

Commissioner Stevens read the report of the Olympic Torch Run Ad Hoc Committee. He stated there were no responses to the Village's advertisement for membership on the Olympic Torch Run Ad Hoc Committee. He noted there was one expression of interest submitted by email prior to the posting of the ad. He also stated that information is vague on the Village's participation at this point, and he will advise the Commission as information becomes available.

Vice-Chair Pineo stated he is not sure of the function of the Committee, which could explain the lack of interest at this point.

It was moved by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Redmond that the report of the Olympic Torch Run Ad Hoc Committee be adopted as presented. MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

a) Spring Debenture Funding – NS Municipal Finance Corp

It was moved by Vice-Chair Pineo, seconded by Commissioner Hatt that the Village not take part in the Spring Debenture Funding program. MOTION CARRIED

OTHER ADDED ITEMS

a) Twining – Letter to Minister

It was moved by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Hatt that a letter be written to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal requesting the interchange for Exit 12A be constructed in the early stages of the project. MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

Councillor Eric Smith

Councillor Smith advised he couldn't understand why there has not been a response from the County regarding the funding for the Civic Numbering Project. He stated that Council has actually received the letter and have supported funding. He will follow up on this and advise the Clerk.

Councillor Smith stated he will investigate the No Smoking Bylaw inquiry as well and advise the Clerk.

He advised the Commission that the Municipality of the County of Kings also received word of Building Canada Fund funding of over \$2M for upgrades to the Regional Sewer.

Councillor Smith advised that the twinning project for the 101 will run from Hortonville to Coldbrook and 18 acres of land and 3 homes will be expropriated.

He apologized for not making many Commission meetings. He is on many committees of Council and they often conflict with the Village Commission meeting. He thanked the Commission for constantly keeping him informed of meetings.

Gordon Silver

Gordon Silver suggested that the Village carry out a civic number sign swap at the open house. The Clerk will follow up on this idea.

Gordon also suggested that the interchange for Exit 12A would only be a "drop in the bucket" as far as the twinning project is concerned, and he suggested that it be recommended that all the ramps be put in at that time. This information will be suggested to NSDOTIR.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Dave Chaulk, Chair

Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer