

VILLAGE OF NEW MINAS
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2009

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chair Dave Chaulk
Vice Chair Dale Pineo
Commissioner Dean Hatt
Commissioner James Redmond
Commissioner Maynard Stevens
Clerk Treasurer Terry Silver

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Gordon Silver, Resident
Peter Pothier, Superintendent of Public Works
Paula Howatt, Village Solicitor
Chris Parker, Councillor

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Chaulk called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: February 9, 2009

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Commission Meeting January 12, 2009

It was moved by Vice-Chair Pineo, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, that the Regular Commission Minutes of January 12, 2009 be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Sewer Bylaw Amendment – Update

T. Silver advised that the Sewer Bylaw has cleared the 3rd draft by staff and will be available for the February 25th meeting of the New Minas Water Commission for recommendation.

b) Funding Options for Civic Re-numbering Project – Update

T. Silver advised no response has been received from the County of Kings to date regarding the Village's request for summer staff or financial support for the civic re-numbering project.

c) No Smoking Policy Lockhart Ryan Park – Update

In accordance with the Municipal Government Act, Section 18 Villages, the Village does not have authority to prohibit or restrict smoking in Village-owned parks to protect the health of the users of the parks and Village employees; however, the Commissioners feel it is important to encourage persons using the parks to exercise good judgment.

It was moved by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Vice-Chair Pineo that the Clerk Treasurer be directed to draft a letter to the County of Kings inquiring if any County bylaw could be used within parks under the Village's jurisdiction to restrict or prohibit smoking. MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) **Water Commission Report – Commissioner Maynard Stevens**

It was moved by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Redmond that the report of the New Minas Water Commission (attached to the original minutes) be accepted as presented. MOTION CARRIED

b) **Area Advisory Committee – Commissioner Dean Hatt**

There was no Area Advisory Committee meeting; therefore, no report was available.

c) **Recreation Advisory Committee – Vice-Chair Dale Pineo**

The Recreation Advisory Committee meeting was postponed to February 10, 2009 due to inclement weather on February 3rd; therefore, no report was available.

d) **Transportation Advisory Committee – Commissioner Dean Hatt**

It was moved by Commissioner Hatt, seconded by Vice-Chair Pineo that the report of the New Minas Transportation Advisory Committee (attached to the original minutes) be accepted as presented. MOTION CARRIED

e) **Fire Services Task Force – Commissioner Redmond**

It was moved by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Hatt that the report of the Fire Services Task Force (attached to the original minutes) be approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

a) **Olympic Torch Run Ad Hoc Committee – Commissioner Stevens**

It was moved by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Vice-Chair Pineo that the Commission strike an Ad Hoc Committee for the Olympic Torch Run event to take place on November 20, 2009. MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

Councillor Chris Parker – Councillor Parker stated several meetings have taken place with regard to the Economic Stimulus Package funding program. He noted at this point it looks like Villages in Kings County would be allotted 30% of the total received by Kings County to be spent as they see fit. He also stated that allotments will be available, on a percentage basis, for sidewalks, municipal complexes, sewer and trails; these figures to be determined.

Councillor Parker stated that there is a survey on the County’s website, to be completed by February 27th to determine the public’s desires for this funding.

Chair Chaulk expressed his hope that the Village would qualify for funding under the other categories as well as the “village” category. Councillor Parker stated that is all to be discussed further at this point.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Dave Chaulk, Chair

Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer