



**Village of New Minas**  
Minutes of a Regular Commission Meeting  
Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
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:** Brenda Stimpson, Clerk Treasurer  
John Ansara, Recreation  
Gerard Hamilton, Public Works

**Others Present:** Ross MacPherson, Resident  
Lorraine MacPherson, Resident  
Don Zwicker, Resident  
Jim Winsor, Councillor, District 11

**Call to Order:**

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

**Approval of the Agenda**  
**Stevens-Redmond**

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Village of New Minas Commission of June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 be approved as amended. The amendment was to add an item under Section 6, New Business, Item d. Property Taxes for Flower Cart motion.

**CARRIED**

**Approval of the Minutes:**  
**Redmond-Pineo**

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of New Minas Commission on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**Business arising from Minutes:**

- a) **Sale of Civic Center** – Brenda Stimpson advised that the current offer would be terminated as the Village will not remove the underground piping.
- b) **Ross & Lorraine MacPherson Request** – Chair Chaulk advised that he had been in contact with Keith Irving, MLA. He indicated that Mr. Irving advised that funding for Class “J” Roads was allocated to the County of Kings. The County of Kings is responsible for making the determination as to how the money is spent and which roads will be priority in a given year.

There was a discussion regarding the issue and the general consensus amongst the Commissioners is that although they would like to help, paying for a portion of this road would be a dangerous precedent to set as the Village should not be assuming responsibility for roads – roads are the responsibility of other levels of government.

Councillor Jim Winsor advised that there is a total of 37 or 38 kilometers of Class “J” roads waiting to be paved and the best chance to get Thistle Crescent done would be to piggy-back on another project when it is being completed in the area, ie. Granite Drive interchange. He further advised that with the budget provided this year, they were only able to complete about 1 kilometer of road, and, the County actually budgeted to spend more for their 50% than the Province was able to provide.

The MacPhersons expressed their frustration with the current situation and asked for assistance in getting this road considered.

**Redmond - Pineo**

THAT the Village write a letter to the County of Kings reiterating the need to have Thistle Crescent paved and requesting that they reconsider the placement of Thistle Crescent on their priority listing.

**CARRIED**

- c) **Draft MPS – Village Growth Center Update** - Brenda Stimpson advised that there had been no public meetings scheduled to date, however, the draft MPS was on the website and we had not confirmed if anything had changed. When public meetings were announced, the information would be shared and we need to go and be heard.
- d) **Granite Drive Overpass/Trail Update** – Brenda Stimpson provided a copy of the letter from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal confirming that they will construct the 3 metre wide trail with the raised barrier and will accept responsibility for costs exceeding three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00).

### **Committee Reports:**

- a) **Recreation Director's Report** – Commissioners reviewed the report and John was available for questions. There was a brief discussion and John received a reminder that some residents had inquired about Lawn Bowling. In addition, there was clarification provided about the Connect 2 Funding – Staff agreed to clarify if the Connect 2 Funding would still be available if the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal was picking up a portion of the overall costs of the project; or if the change to a Sustainable Trail would make the funding even more attainable.

### **Stevens-Redmond**

THAT the report of the Recreation Director be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

- b) **New Minas Water Commission Report** – Vice Chair Stevens provided a report attached as Appendix "A" and a subsequent sewer meeting report provided as Appendix "B" to these minutes.

### **Stevens – Redmond**

THAT the reports for the New Minas Water Commission and the Regional Sewer Committee be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

- c) **New Minas Area Advisory Committee** – Commissioner Pineo indicated that there had not been a meeting since his last report, however, there was a meeting scheduled for July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- d) **Sign Committee** – Signs are up and complete and look very good. There was a brief update regarding the movement of the post in front of the sign nearest Kentville. Chair Chaulk commented that he had received a number of very positive comments.

### **New Business:**

- a) **2016 Nova Scotia Heritage Conference Committee Request** – The Commissioners reviewed the letter regarding the conference and there was general agreement that the item would be deferred to a subsequent meeting and Vice-Chair Stevens would like to review other opportunities for attending the conference.
- b) **Canadian Red Cross Motion** – motion to confirm the \$1,000 donation.

### **Stevens - Munroe**

THAT the Village of New Minas provide a donation in the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to the people impacted by the Fort McMurray Forest Fires;

AND THAT our donation be provided directly to the Canadian Red Cross.

**CARRIED**

- c) **Funding Announcement** – Brenda Stimpson advised that she had received a visit from a Provincial Representative and a subsequent e-mail outlining funding that was currently available and additional funding that would become available. The current offering is for Clean Water, Waste Water and Storm Water projects that can be completed by March, 2018. There will be a Phase 2 in subsequent years that will include the potential for projects lasting up to eight years.
- d) **Flower Care Property Tax Exemption**

**Redmond-Munroe**

WHEREAS the Commission of the Village of New Minas supports the provision of non-profit Community Services such as the Flower Cart;

AND WHEREAS the Commission of the Village of New Minas has agreed to cancel the property taxes assessed against the property located at 9412 Commercial Street in New Minas for many previous years;

NOW THEREFORE moves that the assessed property taxes for 9412 Commercial Street in New Minas be cancelled in 2016/17 fiscal year and each subsequent fiscal year as long as the property continues to be occupied by the non-profit known as the Flower Cart or the motion is rescinded.

**CARRIED**

**Public Discussion Period:**

County Councillor Winsor provided an update indicating that the public meetings regarding the Municipal Complex had been scheduled and provided dates.

**REDMOND**

THAT the June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting of the Village of New Minas Commission be adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Dave Chaulk, Chair

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Brenda Stimpson, Clerk Treasurer

## Appendix "A"

New Mins Water Commission report to New Minas Village Commission June 13<sup>th</sup> 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the New Minas Water Commission was held at the Conference room of the LMCC on Wednesday June 1<sup>st</sup> 2016.

The minutes of the Feb 17<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as circulated.

Chair Maynard Stevens presented a verbal report on the Regional Sewer Committee, stating that the budget had been passed along with the motion regarding the agreement between the Town of Kentville and the Partners regarding capacity used over the past year. This agreement has yet to be signed by the partners.

Budget Discussion: Gerard Hamilton presented the 2016/2017 Water Commission budget and went over it line by line with the Commission. The commission then examined the Capital budget. A motion was passed to approve the Revenue Budget of \$927,310.00, along with the Expenditures of \$927,310.00 and also to pass the Capital budget of \$570,600.00. Motion carried. In regards to the Capital budget of the \$570,600 amount \$305,600 will come from the depreciation fund, \$255,000.00 from Gas Tax Funding and the remaining amount of \$10,000.00 from the operating budget.

Gerard Hamilton gave his monthly report, noting that there had been two service breaks in March. Flushing of wells had been completed. Members of the public works crew attended conferences related to water and sewer issues.

Report submitted by Water Commission Chair Maynard Stevens

Handwritten signature of Maynard Stevens in blue ink.

## Appendix "B"

Highlights of regional sewer committee:

At the June 9<sup>th</sup> regional sewer meeting the committee awarded a contract to Motion Industries Inc., for \$83,457.32 + HST, this contract is for a regional STP screenings conveyer System. The existing system is worn out.

I brought up an issue on Plant Safety that had been pointed out to me by Gerald Hamilton and Doug Seamone, over the past few weeks there had been work refusals at the regional treatment plant due to high levels of Hydrogen Sulfide at the plant. I asked at the meeting if tests were being done, which staff said that there were, and requested that the results be sent out to the committee members once they were available. This is an important issue for the safety of the workers at the plant.

These were no updates on governance issues such as terms of reference or capacity.

Next regular meeting October, I asked for a governance meeting to be held by September

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