



Village of New Minas
Minutes of a Regular Commission Meeting
Monday, March 13th, 2017
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
Gerard Hamilton, Municipal Operations Manager

Others Present:

Jason Ripley
Tristen Redden
Jim Winsor, County of Kings Councillor

Call to Order:

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

Approval of the Agenda

Redmond - Pineo

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Village of New Minas Commission of March 13th, 2017 be approved as amended with the amendments being the addition of an item between Committee Reports and New Business – Delegation from Ashley Perry, Valley Search and Rescue.

CARRIED

Approval of the Minutes

Stevens - Pineo

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of New Minas Commission on February 14th, 2017; the minutes of the Special Meetings on February 2nd and March 2nd, 2017 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Business arising from Minutes:

- a) **Erosion Update** – Brenda Stimpson reported that interim work had been completed and the photos circulated to the Commissioners.

Committee Reports:

- a) **Water Commission Report** – Commissioner Stevens, Chair, New Minas Water Commission provided the report attached as Appendix “A”.

Stevens – Redmond

THAT the report provided by Water Commission Chair Stevens and attached as Appendix “A” to the minutes be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

- b) **Regional Sewer Committee** – Commissioner Stevens reported that the updated budget document presented at the Water Commission Meeting had been reviewed at the last Regional Sewer Meeting. A formal report was not required as all members of the Commission were in attendance at the Water Commission Meeting.
- c) **Area Advisory** – Commissioner Pineo reported that there had been no meetings since the last report.
- d) **MGA Review** – Brenda Stimpson reported that there has been no updates since the list of proposals that was previously reviewed by the Commission at a regular meeting.
- e) **New Minas 50th Birthday Celebration Committee** – Vice-Chair Stevens reported that he, Commissioner Redmond and the Recreation Manager had one meeting to brainstorm and were going to invite some community members to join the committee.
- f) **Recreation & Community Development Report** – Department Head report circulated with Meeting Package for review.
- g) **Facility Report** – Department Head report circulated with Meeting Package for review.
- h) **Finance, Administration and Clerk Treasurer Report** – Department Head report circulated with Meeting Package for review.
- i) **Public Works Report** – Department Head report circulated with Meeting Package for review.

Stevens – Munroe

THAT the Regional Sewer Committee Report, the Area Advisory Committee Report, the MGA Review Committee Report, the New Minas 50th Birthday Celebration Committee, the Recreation & Community Development Report, the Facility Report, the Finance, Administration and Clerk Treasurer Report and Public Works Department Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Delegation – Valley Search & Rescue

Mr. Ashley Perry introduced himself as the President of Valley Search & Rescue and indicated that he has presented to the County of Kings Council on several occasions in the past, however, had neglected to visit the Towns and Villages within the County. He was attending to provide information and awareness about the organization and confirmed that they were requesting the addition of an area rate from the County or an alternate source of funding to enable Capital Purchases.

The group is a not-for-profit, 100% volunteer based organization that is available on a 24-7. In order to become involved in a search, they must be dispatched by the RCMP. The Valley Search & Rescue has approximately 80 members and they usually have 30-40 respond for any search; this turnout is in the top 5 of the province.

They are funded by the County of Kings and in 2016 they received \$42,000.00 from the County and an additional \$3,000.00 from Emergency Management. This organization receives no direct Federal Funding. They actively fundraise and raised approximately \$70,000.00 per year. The members train about three hours every Monday night as well as complete a series of modules for more specific training.

The types of events that they respond to include lost person events, evidence searches, prevention activities (hug-a-tree) and Project Life-Saver, civic emergencies, and natural disasters. Many of the searches when they participate are to find autistic, alzheimer, etc. people that have lost their way. They normally participate in 8 – 14 events in a year including those within the County and in other Counties throughout the province.

Equipment at the group's disposal includes generators, radios, amphibious vehicles, and an array of other equipment. They would like to receive funding for a garage to get their equipment out of the weather as well as increase response time.

Valley Search & Rescue is now located at the Waterville Airport and they are actively seeking capital funding through the County to build a garage for their equipment as well as acquire higher quality vehicles.

Chair Chaulk thanked Mr. Perry for his presentation and indicated it had been very informative.

New Business:

- a) **Annual Salary Grid Increases** - Brenda Stimpson review the report she had provided with the meeting package and there was a discussion regarding the concepts outlined in the report. Commissioner Stevens recommended that further consideration of the recommendations be made in conjunction with the budget deliberations.

- b) **Municipal Planning Strategy** – Brenda Stimpson suggested that the Commission consider sending a letter that specifically documents their requirements within the County’s Master Planning Study. She further indicated that she and Trish Javorek had reviewed the recommendations and these had been documented in an email circulated.

Doug Seamone provided some further suggestions that the Village seek clarification and commitment for a road in New Minas South Expansion Area and that zoning be changed. He further indicated that this process needs to continue to move forward as there is a lot of work and we don’t want to be slowed down. Doug also confirmed that the Village has already made significant commitments to the development of this area in the form of the sidewalk on the interchange for \$300,000.00 and an additional \$200,000.00 for the utility service sleeves to the area. He reviewed some of the other costs estimates that he has developed and indicated previous documentation that the Province had committed to share on the cost of the connector roads required.

There was consensus that it would be prudent to provide documentation to the County and that the Clerk Treasurer should draft some documentation for consideration at the next Commission meeting. This would be soon enough as the County would not be taking any additional steps until at least June, 2017.

- c) **Secondary – Community Planning Process** - Brenda Stimpson advised that she and Trish Javorek had discussed the template to get the Community Planning Process started. She thought that it would be prudent to form a sub-committee that would undertake this process and bring their proposal back to the Village Commission for consideration and approval, thus providing a concrete start and being in a position to move the plan forward.

Public Discussion Period

Councillor Jim Winsor commented on the Naming Process for the new interchange road which had been the topic of recent discussions. He indicated that he had been in contact with Richard Lloyd of the Department of Transportation and had learned that there was a process for this to take place; that he had indicated to Richard that it was critical for the Village to be included in this process.

Relative to the Municipal Planning Strategy and the Secondary Community Plan, Mr. Winsor indicated that he was in agreement with the documentation approach that the Village was going to embark upon. He further indicated that there may be more time available than indicated by the County because the first time this new Council would be exposed to this strategy was to be at a workshop on March 14th, 2017. It might be that they would not be willing to push such a strategy forward without further consultation, information, etc. He further indicated that there were more Growth areas than secondary plans currently in existence within the plan and he would delve deeper into this issue. The Village secondary plan is the issue which has not been addressed, so is it reasonable for the County to pass a plan that they know from the start has outstanding problems after waiting five years – this will be for their consideration.

Chair Chaulk invited the guests to leave the room as the group would move to an In-Camera session.

The room was cleared.

Stevens – Munroe

THAT the Village of New Minas Commission move to an in-camera session to consider an issue relative to Labour Relations/Negotiations.

CARRIED

Stevens – Pineo

THAT the Village of New Minas Commission move out of the in-camera session without any report or motion to be considered.

CARRIED

Stevens

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Dave Chaulk, Chair

Brenda Stimpson, Clerk Treasurer

Appendix "A"

Water Commission report to New Minas Village Commission
Monday March 13th 2017

A special meeting of the New Minas Water Commission was held on Monday March 6th at the LMCC. All members of the Water Commission were present, the meeting was called to order by the Chair.

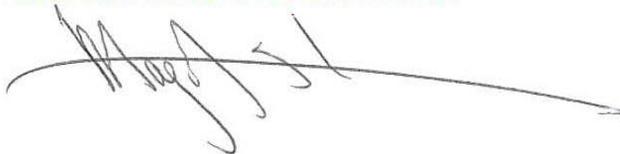
the Regional sewer budget for 2017/2018 was discussed and a motion was made to have the voting delegate vote in favour of approving the budget. The total for New Minas under the proposed budget is \$331, 300 which is an increase over last year. Motion carried.

Gerard Hamilton presented the monthly report noting a water leak at the Irving Big Stop. He gave an update on the Pole Line project at LRP. Water samples continue to take place at regular intervals. And also that staff continues to take training, this time in traffic control.

There was a discussion on the Ultra Violet Water Treatment equipment that is no longer being used as part of our water treatment system. There has been a request to sell some of the equipment, it was moved to proceed with the potential sale once there has been an investigation into the selling price of the unit in question.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

Report submitted by Maynard Stevens
Chair New Minas Water Commission

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