

UNAPPROVED
VILLAGE OF NEW MINAS
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 14, 2016
7:00 p.m.,
Conference Room, Louis Millett Community Complex (LMCC)

The Regular monthly meeting of the Village Commission of New Minas was held on Monday, March 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the LMCC.

In Attendance

Dave Chaulk, Commission Chair
Maynard Stevens, Commission Vice-Chair
Mary Munroe, Commissioner
Kenneth Pineo, Commissioner
James Redmond, Commissioner
Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer

Also in Attendance:

Mr. Ross MacPherson, Property Owner
Ms. Lorraine MacPherson, Property Owner
Ms. Faye Keith, Resident
Mr. Harvey Nickerson, KenWo Golf Club
Mr. Rene MacKay, KenWo Golf Club
S/Sgt. Paul Coughlin, RCMP Kings Detachment
Mr. John Decoste, Reporter Advertiser/Register
Mr. Gerard Hamilton, Assist. Supt of Public Works
Mr. Mike Trinacty, Dept of Health & Wellness
Mr. Don Zwicker, Resident
Mr. Mark Redmond, Resident
Mr. Jim Winsor, Councillor District 11

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: March 14, 2016

It was moved by Vice-Chair Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Redmond that the Agenda for the Regular Commission meeting of March 14, 2016 be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 11, 2016

It was moved by Commissioner Pineo, seconded by Commissioner Munroe that the minutes of the regular Commission meeting held January 11, 2016 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

PRESENTATION – RCMP Yearly Update – S/Sgt Paul Coughlin

Chair Chaulk welcomed S/Sgt. Paul Coughlin. Sgt. Coughlin gave a comprehensive, detailed yearly update on the Kings Detachment of the RCMP (Power Point presentation attached to original minutes).

After the presentation, Commissioners asked S/Sgt. Coughlin questions, and Vice-Chair Stevens commended the Kings Detachment of the RCMP for the excellent job they are doing. Chair Chaulk thanked him for his excellent presentation and S/Sgt. Coughlin welcomed the Commission to call him any time if they would like more information.

PRESENTATION – Trails Coalition – Beth Patillo and Rick Jacques

Mr. Mike Trinacty from NS Department of Health and Wellness, in the absence of Ms. Patillo and Mr. Jacques, made the presentation on behalf of the Trails Coalition. He provided statistical information during his presentation (attached to original minutes), and answered questions from the Commissioners.

Chair Chaulk thanked Mr. Trinacty for his informative presentation.

PRESENTATION – Harvey Nickerson – 2016 Canadian Female Amateur Golf Championships

Chair Chaulk invited Mr. Harvey Nickerson from KenWo Golf Club to speak to the Commission about the 2016 Canadian Female Amateur Golf Championships. Mr. Nickerson and Mr. Rene MacKay gave a presentation and answered questions from the Commission.

Chair Chaulk thanked them for their informative presentation and advised that the Commission would attempt to have an answer for them in the very near future in response to their request to the Commission for funding for this event.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Sale of Civic Center - Update

T. Silver advised there is no update at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Recreation Director's Report – John Ansara

Chair Chaulk asked for questions/comments on the Recreation Director's report. Commissioner Redmond asked for an update on the "washout" area adjacent to the Village's Rail Trail, and

any plans to bypass this eroded area. John advised that there is a temporary solution to bypassing this area of the rail bed west of the end of the Village's leased portion and east of Kentville's leased portion of the trail. He said the Village is partnering with the province, the county and the town to conduct a study to come up with a more permanent solution, with the RFP being prepared. He will be speaking with Rick Jacques in the next little while and hopes to have a better update at that time.

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

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

Vice-Chair Stevens read the report of the New Minas Water Commission (attached to the original minutes).

It was moved by Vice-Chair Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Redmond that the report of the New Minas Water Commission be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED

Commissioner Stevens also gave an update on the Regional Sewer Committee (attached to the original minutes).

c) New Minas Area Advisory Committee – Commissioner Pineo

Commissioner Pineo advised there were no New Minas Area Advisory Committee meetings since the last report.

d) Sign Committee – Commissioner Munroe

Commissioner Munroe stated that The Committee continues to meet and are very close to making a recommendation to the Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Letter from Dave Fineberg, Apple Blossom Festival – Request to waive Rental Fees

It was moved by Vice-Chair Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Redmond that the rental fees for the Civic Center be waived for the Apple Blossom Festival April 9th fundraiser. MOTION CARRIED

b) Spring 2016 Debenture Funding

It was moved by Commissioner Pineo, seconded by Vice-Chair Stevens that the Clerk advised the Municipal Finance Corporation that no 2016 Spring Debenture is required. MOTION CARRIED

c) Volunteer of the Year Nominee – Jessica Coole (ratification)

**It was moved by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Pineo, that the Village Commission ratify its decision to appoint Ms. Jessica Coole as its Volunteer of the Year 2016.
MOTION CARRIED**

d) Request from Ross and Lorraine MacPherson

Chair Chaulk asked Mr. and/or Mrs. MacPherson to speak to the Commission regarding their letter to the Commission dated February 8, 2016, in which they requested the “*Village to work with our local MLA Mr. Keith Irving ...*” to have Thistle Crescent brought up to standards.

Mr. Ross MacPherson spoke to the Commission and asked permission to do a written presentation to the Commission in the future. The Commissioners stated they would entertain a presentation by the MacPhersons at a future Commission meeting, and for them to contact the Clerk Treasurer one week prior to the meeting date to be placed on the Agenda of their choice.

e) Request from M. Thorpe – farm Dykeland

The Commission considered a verbal request from Mr. M. Thorpe to plant and harvest hay on the Village-owned portion of the dykelands granted to the Commission from the Louis Millett Trust.

The Commission asked the Clerk Treasurer to determine any liability, assessment chance in use or zoning issues with the County’s Planning Department, and to report the findings to them.

CORRESPONDENCE

a) Letter from NS Dept of Transportation re Granite Drive Interchange project

T. Silver advised the letter from NS Department of Transportation (NSDTIR), in which the timelines for the Granite Drive interchange project timelines are cited is supplied for information.

Discussion took place with regard to the request from NSDTIR to cost-share in the construction of a sidewalk on the overpass of this new infrastructure. T. Silver advised she has spoken with the Village’s engineering consultant, and has plans to meet with Mr. Osborne of NSDTIR to continue to gather more information on this project. She will keep the Commission informed.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

Mr. Jim Winsor, Councillor District 11 – Councillor Winsor spoke on the 911 re-numbering Plan and stated it has been approved by Council. He stated there are 116 streets affected in the county, and he has some serious issues with this, stating there is the potential for a lot of problems. Commissioner Redmond stated that he had placed a statement in the local papers and challenged the report from the County that responders were requested to give input. Commissioner Redmond stated as the Fire Chief of New Minas Volunteer Fire Department, he never gave representation to Council.

Councillor Winsor stated he had asked (Kings County) if there were any confusing issues (with responders related to civic numbers) over the past ten years and was told there were none. He said he also asked about Towns and was told the County has no jurisdiction over Towns. Commissioner Pineo asked Councillor Winsor where the County is with the implementation plan and Councillor Winsor stated staff has been given the instruction to move forward. Councillor Winsor stated he has many concerns and has expressed these concerns. Commissioner Redmond stated he, too, has many concerns.

Councillor Winsor stated that the application for electoral boundaries has moved forward with the application having gone to the NSUARB. Councillor Winsor stated he contacted Elaine Wagner of NSUARB and has been told the hearing will be April or May, and he requested that the NSUARB move on it in a shorter timeline given the fact the application is eliminating 3 districts in Kings County, therefore potential Councillor candidates cannot begin campaign in the newly changed districts (eastern end of Kings County) until the boundaries are set. He stated he has also spoken with MLA Keith Irving, who is also interested in the process.

Councillor Winsor's final comments were with regard to the Water Airport. He said a bigger bit of the land has been designated as "light industry". He stated the process is underway and he is interested in this in a business community sense.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Redmond, the meeting adjourned.

Dave Chaulk, Chair

Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer