

VILLAGE COMMISSION OF NEW MINAS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2015
LOUIS MILLETT COMMUNITY COMPLEX BOARD ROOM
7:00 p.m.

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Commission of New Minas was held on January 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Louis Millett Community Complex.

<u>In attendance:</u>	Dave Chaulk, Chair Maynard Stevens, Vice-Chair Mary Munroe, Commissioner Ken Pineo, Commissioner James Redmond, Commissioner Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer
<u>Also in attendance:</u>	Mark Redmond, Resident Don Zwicker, Resident Gerard Hamilton, Assistant Superintendent of Public Works Peter Pothier, Superintendent of Public Works Jim Winsor, Councillor District 11 John Ansara, Recreation Director

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: January 12, 2015

It was moved by Vice-Chair Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Pineo that the Agenda of the Regular Commission meeting of January 12, 2015 be approved as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Commission meeting December 8, 2014

It was moved by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Pineo that the Minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of December 8, 2014 be approved as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) Sale of the Civic Center – Update

T. Silver stated there is no update on potential buyers for the former Civic Center.

(b) Village Status Process – Update

Chair Chaulk stated that the proposals have been received and Clerk Treasurer Silver has prepared a comparison chart for the Commissioners to consider.

The Commission requested the Clerk Treasurer to provide an opinion on the proposals and they would discuss again at an informal meeting on January 21st.

(c) Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Review – Update

T. Silver stated that the deadline for all responses to the Provincial Municipal Fiscal Review was December 15th, and New Minas' submission was forwarded well before that date. She stated that New Minas' document also went to the Association of Nova Scotia Villages for inclusion with their response, and to each of our MLAs, the UNSM, to all party leaders and the Premier to name a few.

(d) Resolution supporting the Small Communities Building Canada Fund Projects.

It was moved by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Vice-Chair Stevens, that it be resolved that the Village Commission of New Minas approve the list for the *NEW MINAS WATER AND SEWER UPGRADES project* for the Small Community Building Canada Fund submitted December, 2014. This is a five year capital plan with the total amount of the projects being \$7,385,268.66. MOTION CARRIED

(e) Sidewalk Snow Clearing – Options

The Commissioners reviewed a report prepared by Peter Pothier, Superintendent of Public Works and the Clerk Treasurer to provide estimated costs for the Village doing sidewalk and Village property snow clearing in-house. Further discussion will take place and staff will check on the tender call process as well as further considerations for comparisons.

(f) Village Food Drive Campaign – Report

Chair Chaulk stated all reports indicated that the Village staff food drive before Christmas was very successful, and he commended the staff for stepping up to the plate with this project. T. Silver stated that staff collected over 2,000 pounds of food, \$200 in cash and purchased 6 turkeys - all delivered to the local Food Bank. Chair Chaulk thanked Gerard Hamilton for his initiative and asked him to pass along the Commission's thanks to all staff for working so hard to make the project so successful. Gerard thanked the Commission for supporting the project and hoped next year's event will be even bigger and better.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Recreation Director's Report – John Ansara

Chair Chaulk asked if there were any questions regarding the Rec Director's report. Commissioner Munroe asked if there was an update on the undeveloped area of Rail Trail between New Minas and Kentville. J. Ansara stated there has not yet been a meeting; however, he expects one will be taking place fairly early in the New Year. He will keep the Commission apprised of the progress.

It was moved by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Munroe to accept the Recreation Director's report. MOTION CARRIED

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

Vice-Chair Stevens read the New Minas Water Commission Report from November (attached to original minutes).

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

Vice-Chair Stevens advised that the New Minas Water Commission is reviewing a report from the Regional Sewer Committee respecting Inter-Municipal Agreements. He stated the Regional Sewer Committee asked the partners to review the document and will be meeting tomorrow to get their responses. He will bring the Water Commission's recommendation forward to the Village Commission for approval.

(c) New Minas Area Advisory Committee – Commissioner Pineo

Commissioner Pineo stated there was no AAC meeting and therefore no report is made.

NEW BUSINESS

(a) Motion to approve Grant Applications to County of Kings (for fourth installment of 2012/2013 LMCC approved Grant), and the second installment of the Splash Park

T. Silver advised she received a letter from County CAO requesting the Village to do an application and subsequent presentation in order to receive the fourth installment of the 10-year Grant approved by the County in 2012. Likewise, the Village must apply for the second installment of the County's Splash Park Grant, and John Ansara has prepared and will present this application.

The Commission questioned why there is a requirement to re-submit applications for County Grants that have already been approved by Council. T. Silver stated that Council has developed a new process for all grants. With respect to the grant for the LMCC, she referred to her report which will be presented to the Council, and stated the original application was presented to Council in 2012, and although it was a bit difficult to incorporate this past information into the generic application form, her report to Council, along with all the required documentation has gone to the County for consideration. She noted there are three options for payment: 1) that Council pay the remaining \$350,000 balance (of the \$500,000 committed in 2012); 2) that Council pay the balance in two \$175,000 installments over 2 years; and 3) that Council pay in \$50,000 installments for the next 7 years, requiring Council to hear the Village's presentation each of these years. Except for the current financial statements each year, which Council receives anyway, nothing would change in the subsequent applications because the Capital project was completed in 2012.

It was moved by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Pineo that an application be submitted to the County of Kings for the Grant for the Louis Millett Community Complex as approved by Council in 2012/2013. MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Pineo that an application for the remainder of the County's commitment for the Splash Park as outlined in the Recreation Director's report. MOTION CARRIED

(b) Authorization to request the County of Kings to Release the Borrowing Guarantee
It was moved by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Munroe that the County of Kings be requested to release the Borrowing Guarantee issued for the Louis Millett Community Complex project in 2011. MOTION CARRIED

(c) Holidays Policy – Revised to include new Provincially-set Family Day
It was moved by Vice-Chair Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Pineo that the Holidays Policy be adopted as presented. MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

Jim Winsor, Councillor District 11 stated that County staff will be presenting a draft of the revised MPS/LUB and noted that the Commission should pay close attention to the new plan and bylaw. He suggested that, in particular, lands south of Highway 101 in New Minas may have limited development opportunities.

Councillor Winsor stated that he was glad to see the resolution to the New Minas/Greenwich Fire boundary.

Vice-Chair Stevens - thanked the Village Commission and staff for their support and kindness during Mrs. Stevens' recent injury.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Redmond, the meeting adjourned.

Dave Chaulk, Chair

Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer