

**VILLAGE COMMISSION OF NEW MINAS**  
**REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING**  
**DECEMBER 10, 2007**  
**7:00 p.m.**

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Commission of New Minas was held on December 10, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Civic Centre

**In Attendance:** Vice-Chair Dale Pineo, in the Chair  
 Commissioner Dean Hatt  
 Commissioner Maynard Stevens  
 Clerk Treasurer Terry Silver

**Regrets** Chair Dave Chaulk  
 Commissioner Les Barrett

**Also in Attendance:** Gordon Silver, Resident  
 Karen Wilder, Resident  
 Peter Cornu, Resident  
 Peter Pothier, Superintendent of Public Works  
 Gerard Hamilton, Assist Superintendent of Public Works  
 Pierre Cloutier, Resident  
 Vince Forrestall, Director of Recreation

**CALL TO ORDER – Vice-Chair Dale Pineo, Chairing the meeting**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** December 10, 2007

**It was moved by Commissioner Hatt, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, that the Agenda for the regular meeting of December 10, 2007 be approved with the following addition: *Correspondence – Letter from Lloyd Smith* MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** November 19, 2007

**It was moved by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Hatt, that the minutes of the regular Commission meeting held November 19, 2007 be approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED**

(a) New Minas Water Commission – Commissioner Stevens

Commissioner Stevens Commissioner Stevens read his written report of the Water Commission (attached to original minutes).

**It was moved by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Hatt that the New Minas Water Commission report be accepted as presented. MOTION CARRIED**

(b) Area Advisory Committee Report – Commissioner Dean Hatt

Commissioner Hatt advised that there was no meeting of the Area Advisory Committee since the last Commission meeting, therefore, he did not have a report.

(c) Recreation Advisory Committee Report – Vice-Chair Dale Pineo

Vice-Chair Pineo read his written report of the Recreation Advisory Committee (attached to original minutes).

**It was moved by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Hatt, that the report of the Recreation Advisory Committee be accepted as presented. MOTION CARRIED**

(d) Transportation Advisory Committee Report – Commissioner Dean Hatt

Commissioner Hatt advised that there was no meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee since the last Commission meeting, therefore, he did not have a report.

(e) Village of New Minas 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee – Commissioner Stevens

Commissioner Stevens read his written report of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee.

**It was moved by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Hatt, that the report of the Village of New Minas 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee be accepted as presented. MOTION CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS**(a) Civic Numbering Program

Terry Silver advised she has been contacted by Marlene Clements and Chrystal Fuller of Kings County Planning, and they have advised her that the County is carrying out a major Civic Numbering Program. She stated that Ms. Clements and Ms. Fuller were asking for input from the Village Commission because there could be re-numbering in the Village when this part of the project takes place.

It was the consensus of the members that they are aware of deficiencies in civic numbering in New Minas, with areas in dire need of improvement especially for safety reasons. They supported the project.

**CORRESPONDENCE**(a) Letter from Lloyd Smith, Town Crier

A letter from Mr. Lloyd Smith, Town Crier, was read by Commissioner Stevens. Mr. Smith thanked the Commission for its support throughout the years, and advised the Commission he is celebrating 30 years as Crier in surrounding communities.

**It was moved by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Hatt, that a letter be written to Mr. Lloyd Smith congratulating him on his 30 years as local Town Crier, and extending appreciation for his dedication to the Village in this capacity. MOTION CARRIED**

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **(a) Happy Holidays from the Commission and Staff**

On behalf of the Commission and Staff for the Village of New Minas, Vice-Chair Pineo extended a very joyous Christmas and prosperous New Year.

## **PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD**

Mr. Peter Cornu – Mr. Cornu asked when the Greenwich Water line, which is part of the Village's water system, was constructed. Terry Silver advised that there was an original section in Greenwich which has been in place for a number of years, consisting of 25 to 30 customers. Then in 2004, another extension was funded by the County of Kings, the new customers in Greenwich, and the Canada/Nova Scotia Infrastructure Program, for an additional 135 customers.

Ms. Karen Wilder – Ms. Wilder stated she had forwarded information requests to the UARB, which were subsequently forwarded to the Village, regarding the recent Water Rate Study. She asked how many undertakings the Village was required to respond to, and T. Silver advised there were 57, which is near the norm. She asked about the deficit in the utility, and T. Silver explained it was a combination of things ranging from a heavy debt being paid off over a short period of time, to repairs/replacement of old infrastructure and equipment to occupational health and safety and provincial regulatory compliance items.

Ms. Wilder also asked about the statement in the Water Rate Study with regard to the water loss calculations, and Peter Pothier stated that this issue is being dealt with on an on-going basis and the figures are not accurate because, until this year, the meters were mal-functioning.

Mr. Pierre Cloutier – asked for clarification on the water loss as well, and Peter Pothier elaborated.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**On motion of Commissioner Hatt, the meeting adjourned.**

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**Dale Pineo, Vice-Chair, chairing meeting**

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**Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer**