

**NEW MINAS WATER COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Oct 25, 2006
7:00 p.m.**

The regular monthly meeting of the New Minas Water Commission was held in the Conference Room at the Civic Centre in New Minas on Wednesday, Oct 25, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

In Attendance:

Linda Lockhart, Chair, Water Commission
Les Barrett, Member, Water Commission
Dave Chaulk, Member, Water Commission
Bob Horne, Water Commission
Lynn Spencer, Recording Secretary
Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer
Peter Pothier, Superintendent Public Works
Ben Sivak, Planner, Municipality of the County of Kings

Guests:

Bob Rowe, Department of Environment and Labour
Scott Lister, Department of Environment and Labour

Regrets:

Marvin Messom, Water Commission

Call to Order:

Chair Lockhart called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved by Dave Chaulk, seconded by Bob Horne to approve the minutes of July 26, 2006 as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Agenda:

It was moved by, Dave Chaulk, seconded by Bob Horne to approve the agenda with the following change. 6b. Presentation (Scott Lister DOE) move to 4b following Jerry's RV Development Agreement. MOTION CARRIED

**Business arising from
minutes
Jerry's RV Development
Agreement:**

Ben Sivak presented to the Water Commission his Draft development agreement report for Jerry's RV.

Robert Horne asked for information on the issue of the sewer dumpsite.

Peter Pothier informed the water commission that he and Doug Seamone went to visit Jerry's RV on the matter and they were unaware that it was not legal to use the dumping station and agreed to not use it and close it down.

Chair Lockhart referred to the previous minutes and asked

if there are any provisions or conditions in the agreement for the abandoned well?

Peter Pothier informed the water commission that there was no evidence of an abandoned well and the owners were not aware of any such well.

Terry Silver asked there were any provisions in the agreement concerning the washing of vehicles.

It was then that it was suggested that we have Doug Seamone contact Ben Sivak and to discuss his concerns and have Ben make the necessary changes and email back for the commission to review.

Ben left the meeting at 7:18

Presentation (Scott Lister DOE):

Scott Lister spoke to the water commission about new regulations for protection of drinking water.

Mr. Lister informed us that we need a strategic plan in place for the future and the first step would be to set up a Source water protection plan committee to evaluate the plan.

Mr. Lister will come and help up put everything together once we have a committee in place.

Update on water rate study:

The water rate study is going very slowly, and if the person is unable to do it, then we should have someone else do it.

Doug Seamone informed the committee that he will still do it, but is uninterested in attending the hearings. Doug Seamone stated that he would be doing it for him.

Amendment to Water Bylaw-Update:

The amendments are heading to Legislative Council for final approval as soon as council meets.

Peter Pothier's Monthly Report:

Peter Pothier presented his monthly report (attached to original minutes)

It was moved by, Les Barrett, seconded by Robert Horne to accept the Superintendent's report as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

Hydrant Tax Facts:

Terry Silver informed the commission that she felt that an explanation of the recent article in the Advertiser from the County Council meeting should be addressed, so she wrote a letter explaining the facts of what happened as will distribute it in the next water and sewer billing if the Commission chose to do so.

It was moved by, Les Barrett, seconded by Robert Horne to include the Hydrant tax facts in the next water and sewer billing. MOTION CARRIED

Account for collection in small claims court:

A local business in New Minas called out the public works department for a sewer blockage. The business owner was informed that the blockage was on their property and was their responsibility to have it removed. Someone was called in to clear the plugged sewer line and this pushed the grease into the main sewer line and plugged that line. The superintendent of public works and water informed the owner that the cost of clearing the main line would be sent to her and she agreed. Since that time the bill still has not been paid and staff are looking for direction.

It was moved by, Les Barrett, seconded by Dave Chaulk to take the claim to small claims court. MOTION CARRIED

Striking a Committee for Source Water Protection Plan:

The Commission discussed the idea of striking a committee as recommended by the Department of transportation in their presentation.

It was moved by, Robert Horne, seconded by Les Barrett to run an ad for committee members for the new committee. MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment:

Les Barrett moved for adjournment at 8:00 p.m.

Linda Lockhart, Chair

Lynn Spencer, Admin. Assistant