

**NEW MINAS WATER COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Nov 26, 2008
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, Nov 26, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Maynard Stevens, Chair, Water Commission
Dave Chaulk, Member, Water Commission
Marlene Dwyer, Member, Water Commission
James Redmond, Member, Water Commission
Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer
Peter Pothier, Superintendent of Public Works & Water
Lynn Spencer, Recording Secretary

Absent: Robert Horne, Vice-Chair, Water Commission

Call to Order: Chair Maynard Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Approval of Minutes: It was moved by, Dave Chaulk, seconded by James Redmond to approve the minutes of Oct 23, 2008 as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Agenda: It was moved by, James Redmond, seconded by Dave Chaulk to approve the agenda as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

Business Arising from the Minutes:

John's Trailer Court Update:

The Water Commission was presented with a package on the issue of John's Trailer Court. The information package outlined the issues that have been ongoing with this property for the past 11 years, and a lengthy discussion took place and it was decided to get a legal opinion on the matter. The Commission was informed that utility bill for this property has not been paid since it has come to the Commission. The owner has not paid the last bills water portion nor the most recent bill so it is not 6 months outstanding.

It was moved by, Dave Chaulk, seconded by James Redmond to proceed with collecting the delinquent water bill as we would any other delinquent account. MOTION CARRIED

Kings County Regional Sewer Update:

Terry Silver reported to the Water Commission of a meeting held with Kentville, New Minas, Doug Seamone and Kings County Technical people concerning the Regional Sewer Plant. A letter was written to the regional sewer committee outlining the concerns of New Minas and Kentville. Finally it seems our voice is being heard concerning the upgrades of the existing plant. CBCL the consultants who did the study had a number of questions for Doug Seamone about how the ponds worked.

Superintendent's Monthly Report:

Peter Pothier presented this month's Water report to the Water Commission (attached to original minutes).

It was moved by, Dave Chaulk, seconded by James Redmond to accept the Superintendent's report as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

Other Business: Sand and Grease Traps-Bylaw Amendment:

Terry Silver provided the Water Commission with proposed amendments to the Village of New Minas Sewer Bylaw. Peter Pothier told the Water Commission that in order for him to enforce the bylaw it has to have some teeth in order for people to take it seriously.

Irving Oil Dump Station – Legal follow up:

Terry provided the Water Commission with an information sheet outlining the problem. The Irving Big Stop has an illegal Dump Station on its property, which is running into our sanitary system. The Village's solicitor has contacted the lawyers for Irving and is awaiting a reply.

It was moved by, James Redmond, seconded by Dave Chaulk to recommend to the Village Commission to have our Solicitor look into the issue of the sand and grease traps and the Irving Big Stop. MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment:

James Redmond moved for adjournment at 8:35 P.M.

Approved

Maynard Stevens, Chair

Lynn Spencer, Recording Secretary