

**NEW MINAS WATER COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2003
7:00 PM**

In Attendance

Marvin Messom	Chairman
Wayne Merrill	
Ted Nicholson	
Robert Horne	Vice-Chairman
Rod MacInnis	
Doug Seamone	Engineer
Gerard Hamilton	Assistant Water Operator
Dan Watters	Councilor
Jeanien Carmody Fallows	Hydrologist
Jennifer Lonergan	Inspector Specialist
Greg Clarke	Adjuster (Marsh Adjustment)
Jeff Davies	Chairperson of Avon Lane Water Society

Absent

Heidi Foshay Kimball	Solicitor
Peter Pothier	Superintendent Public Works

Call to Order

Chairman Messom called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Approval of Minutes

On Motion of Ted Nicholson seconded by Robert Horne to approve the minutes of October 22, 2003 as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Agenda

On Motion of Ted Nicholson seconded by Robert Horne to approve the agenda with one change. Have items 6b, 6c and 6d moved to the beginning of the meeting. MOTION CARRIED

Jeanien Carmody Fallows

Jeanien Carmody Fallows is a Hydrologist with the Department of Environment and Labour and was invited to the meeting to discuss Water Extraction Rates for New Minas. She stated that right now they are in the stage of writing the guidelines for those extraction rates. She stated that they are hoping to have that document done by the end of January. Until then as a region or a province as a whole will hold off on issuing any approvals until they have those guidelines available. Jeanien Carmody Fallows will be available to attend any future meeting when our extraction rates have been set.

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Greg Clarke

Greg Clarke was invited to the meeting to discuss the possibility of acquiring his services as a personal adjuster for the Village of New Minas. A discussion took place and he was requested to submit a proposal to the commission for the next meeting.

Jeff Davies

Mr. Davies Chairperson for the Avon Lane Water Society bought forth a request, for the Village of New Minas Water Commission to extend their system the short distance to supply them with water as well to help them apply for the funding (new infrastructure money) it will take for the venture. The Commission with the help of Doug Seamone will do up a proposal and get back to Mr. Davies.

Business arising from
the minutes
Water Billing
Estimations

The Secretary informed the Commission of the problems that had risen from the estimations done in June. The Clerk Treasurer requested the public works department to do a reading in December instead of estimating. The Commission requested us to look further into the options available for estimating water usage.

Aldershot Sewer
Extension

As requested at the October 22 meeting, a letter was sent to the Municipality of the County of Kings requesting clarification on how the cost associated with the improvement to the North Kentville Treatment plant will be distributed. A reply has been received and it states that there will be no extra cost to the users of the New Minas sewer.

Follow-up on Letter
to Judy MacDonald

A letter was sent to Judy MacDonald as requested and a reply was received. After reading the reply it was decided that another letter should be sent to Judy MacDonald and cc to Adrian Fuller.

Follow-up on Letter
to URB

The letter has not been sent to date. Doug Seamone will consult with Terry Silver and have one sent requesting a meeting.

DOT Storm water
Drainage

Wayne Merrill gave a report on the meeting with DOT concerning drainage problems. It was the opinion of the Commission to draft another letter to Bob Bieren cc to Roger Larken suggesting Curb and Gutter in order to rectify the problem, Doug Seamone will assist.

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Peter Pothier's
Report

Gerard Hamilton presented Mr. Pothier's report in his absence. Mr. Pothier's report was accepted as circulated. Out of Mr. Pothier's report it was suggested that he have Atlantic Purifications from Halifax come and flush out the system.

At this time the Secretary presented a letter to the Commission from a resident Mr. Dean Hatt commending Peter Pothier for a job well done.

Other Business
Valve Chamber
Woodvale Tank

Mr. Seamone discussed repairs that need to be made to the Woodvale Tank and a motion was made.

On Motion of Rod MacInnis seconded by Wayne Merrill to schedule for the changes to be put to tender for replacing filler pipe and expand manhole. MOTION CARRIED

Extension of Water
Service for Proposed
Subdivision

A discussion took place on the extension of services for the proposed subdivision. It was decided that Doug Seamone would get back to Marvin Messom with a proposal.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm

Approval

Chairman

Secretary