

**NEW MINAS WATER COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
BOARD ROOM, LMCC
NOVEMBER 25, 2015**

The regular monthly meeting of the New Minas Water Commission was held on Wednesday, November 25, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Louis Millett Community Complex.

In Attendance: Commissioner Maynard Stevens, Chair
Citizen Member Robert Horne, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Dave Chaulk
Citizen Member Scott Crowell
Commissioner James Redmond
Village Clerk Treasurer Terry Silver

Also in Attendance: Mr. Gerard Hamilton, Acting Supt of Public Works
Mr. Douglas Seamone, Village Engineer

Call to Order

Chair Stevens called the meeting to order.

Election of Chair

Commissioner Stevens called for nominations for Chair of the New Minas Water Commission. Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Chaulk nominated Maynard Stevens as Chair. After calling for nominations three more times and there being no further nominations, Commissioner Maynard Stevens was appointed and accepted Chair.

Election of Vice-Chair

Chair Stevens called for nominations for Vice-Chair of the New Minas Water Commission. Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Crowell nominated Commissioner Robert Horne as Vice-Chair. After calling for nominations three more times and there being no further nominations, Commissioner Robert Horne was appointed and accepted Vice-Chair.

Approval of Agenda

**It was moved by Commissioner Crowell, seconded by Commissioner Redmond that the Agenda be approved with the following addition: 8b. Wells – Commissioner Redmond.
MOTION CARRIED**

Approval of Minutes of the Regular Monthly meeting May 27, 2015

It was moved by Commissioner Chaulk, seconded by Commissioner Crowell that the minutes of the regular meeting held May 27, 2015 be approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Regional Sewer Update

Chair Stevens read his report for the Regional Sewer (attached to original minutes)

It was moved by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Horne that the report of the Regional Sewer be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED

SUPERINTENDENT'S MONTHLY REPORT

Acting Superintendent of Public Works Gerard Hamilton reviewed his Superintendent's Monthly Report (attached to original minutes).

It was moved by Commissioner Chaulk, seconded by Commissioner Redmond that Acting Supt of Public Works Gerard Hamilton's monthly Superintendent Report be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

a. PRV Report – Doug Seamon

The Commissioners viewed a report submitted by Doug Seamone with regard to an issue we are currently experiencing with the PRV Station on Perrier/Prospect Road. Doug and Gerard provided information on the functions of PRV stations, and also of the issues currently being experienced at the Perrier Station.

It was moved by Commissioner Chaulk, seconded by Commissioner Redmond to authorize the replacement of the PRV Chamber and equipment at the Perrier Drive location immediately. MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Commissioner Chaulk, seconded by Commissioner Redmond that the Clerk be directed to request funding from the Gas Tax program to assist with the emergency replacement of a new PVR Chamber and equipment at the Perrier Drive location. MOTION CARRIED

b. New Wells – Commissioner Redmond

Commissioner Redmond asked for a run-down on the wells in the Village. Gerard and Doug explained that the new Lockhart Ryan Well has received approval and has been operating for some time, and we drilled a test well in the Greenwich area this summer. Doug stated that the pump test did not produce the volumes we would require for a production well (only produced 50-60 gpm), plus zoning issues bringing the line by Dexter's, etc., made this location unacceptable and unaffordable. They are recommending that it would be better to seek another location in the Greenwich area to expand our recharge area, and in the meantime, to budget in 2016/2017 for a new bedrock well (in the Cornwallis Avenue area) to continue to maintain the integrity of the Village's water supply.

Doug apprised the Commission of the challenges he has encountered to start the "Floodplain" project, for which the Village has received a Build-Canada Fund Grant. He stated the County presented a report and plan to the Village several years and implied there is mandated floodplain mitigation for water and sewer infrastructure in its 2050 plan; however, after investigation, he has discovered the County does not have reliable or complete information to support this requirement, which leaves New Minas and likely other Villages searching on their own. Doug stated he has finally connected with the developer of the County's original plan, and he and Gerard have an appointment on Monday, November 30th to meet with him to try to ascertain necessary details to begin this project.

Commissioner Redmond stated he has concerns that our well head area (recharge area) will be too limited if we are not able to drill a well in the Greenwich area and Doug agreed with this. We are still actively searching for a suitable location, as has been the case for many years.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Redmond, the meeting adjourned.

Maynard Stevens, Chair

Terry Silver, Village Clerk Treasurer