

**NEW MINAS WATER COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
March 28, 2007
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, March 28, 2007 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
Marvin Messom, Water Commission
Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer
Gerard Hamilton, Assistant Superintendent Public Works
Lynn Spencer, Recording Secretary
Doug Seamone, Engineer

Guests: Pierre Clouthier

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

Approval of Minutes: It was moved by, Robert Horne, seconded by Marvin Messom to approve the minutes of Feb 28, 2007 as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Agenda: It was moved by, Marvin Messom, seconded by Dave Chaulk to approve the agenda with one addition 4c. Water Rate Study Update. MOTION CARRIED

Business arising from minutes:
Busch Subdivision lots 1-10:

Clerk Terry Silver informed the Water Commission that the developer of this subdivision is no longer interest in Village Water.

Sewer Treatment Alternatives:

Doug Seamone reported that there has been no feedback from Port Williams or The Town of Kentville to date. The Town of Kentville is in the process of exploring their alternatives first before making any decisions.

Water Rate Study Update:

Clerk Terry Silver reported that as of the first of this week she has been working closely with Mr. Baker and is hoping to have a draft put together by the next months meeting.

**Superintendent's
Monthly Report:**

Gerard Hamilton presented this months Water report to the Water Commission (attached to original minutes).

Out of Gerard's report a discussion took place on the Monitoring Station at the D.O.T. property in Greenwich. The Water Commission would like to request from the Department of Transportation something in writing stating why this was turned down.

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

**Other Business:
Correspondence from
Chief Redmond:**

The first letter is regarding the Canaan Heights Fire Hydrant stating that the hydrant is not adequate for structural fire fighting and that it is his understanding that it was installed for flushing purposes only (attached to original minutes).

The Second letter is regarding the responsibility for maintenance. The fire department takes the position that operation, water flow, maintenance and hydrant freezing is the responsibility of the Village/Water Commission (attached to original minutes).

Gerard Hamilton requested that a letter be forwarded to the fire department requesting them to inform the Village of New Minas when they use any fire hydrants during the winter months, in order for the Village to perform the proper maintenance on the hydrant or hydrants used.

Discussion period:

Perrier Clouthier asked, if a hydrant is frozen and unable to use to put out a fire who is responsible?

Terry Silver said that Chief Redmond told her that if that should happen he would just proceed to the next hydrant for water.

Robert Horne asked do we have a method to Thaw?

Gerard Hamilton, Yes.

Linda Lockhart, aren't our hydrants regularly maintained?

Gerard Hamilton, Yes they are, maintenance is done twice a year.

Adjournment:

Marvin Messom moved for adjournment at 7:25 p.m.

Linda Lockhart, Chair

Lynn Spencer, Admin. Assistant