

**NEW MINAS WATER COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
March 25, 2009
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 25, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

In Attendance:

Maynard Stevens, Chair, Water Commission
James Redmond, Member, Water Commission
Robert Horne, Vice-Chair, Water Commission
Dave Chaulk, Member, Water Commission
Marlene Dwyer, Member, Water Commission
Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer
Lynn Spencer, Recording Secretary
Peter Pothier, Superintendent of Public Works & Water
Doug Seamone, Engineer

Call to Order:

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

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved by James Redmond, seconded by Robert Horne to approve the minutes of Feb 25, 2009 as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Agenda:

It was moved by, James Redmond, seconded by Robert Horne to approve the agenda with one addition to Other Business d. 220 Unit Development on South East Side of Home Depot. MOTION CARRIED

Business Arising from the Minutes:

No business

Peter Pothier's Monthly Report:

Superintendent of Public Works and Water Peter Pothier presented his report to the Water Commission. (attached to original minutes).

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

Other Business:

2009/2010 Budget-Sewage Treatment Facility Study(Pre-Approval):

Terry Silver informed the water commission that it has been approximately 1 ½ years since we have given the regional sewer committee our letter and it's time for us to find out what we will be up against should we have to build our own treatment plant. She would like to request a pre-approval for the 2009/2010 budget for the cost of a Sewage Treatment Facility Study. The reason for this request is to enable her to apply for funding in the Building Canada Fund.

It was moved by James Redmond, Seconded by Marlene Dwyer to pre approve the cost of a study up to 10,000.00. MOTION CARRIED

Resolution for application for BCF for New Sewer Upgrades:

Terry Silver informed the water commission, she is making application for the Economic Stimulus program and before she can submit her application a resolution has to be made by the Water Commission for both items.

It was Moved by James Redmond, seconded by Robert Horne that it be resolved that the Village of New Minas make application for Building Canada Fund for the following project: “NEW MINAS SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITY” And that the project be described as follows:

<u>Nature of Work</u>	<u>Estimated Total Cost</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Construct a new sewage facility for the Village of New Minas to guarantee Capacity for future growth and to Provide cost efficiency and Accountability for the expense of Collection and treatment of sewage	\$4,281,900

And that the commission agree to the terms and conditions of the Building Canada Fund-Communities Component.

And that the Village of New Minas will conduct and open tendering process, manage the construction of the project, fund its share of the construction costs, maintain and operate the facility and comply with all items of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act. MOTION CARRIED

Resolution for application for BCF Water & Sewer:

It was Moved by James Redmond, seconded by Robert Horne that it be resolved that the Village of New Minas make Application for Building Fund Canada Fund for the following project:

“NEW MINAS WATER AND SEWER UPGRADES PROJECT”

<u>Nature of Work</u>	<u>Estimated total Cost</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drill 3 new wells to protect The integrity of the Village’s Water supply and replace Gudi-Affected wells(Jones Road West, Jones Road East and Seniors’ well)	\$422,500

- **Install Ultraviolet Disinfection System on the Village's 2 water Tanks to protect the water supply** **\$465,000**
- **Extend Water to the border of New Minas/Kentville to provide for emergency water supply in a critical situation** **\$135,000**
- **Upgrade sewer lines on Commercial Street to replace prevent major sewer blockages** **\$191,000**

And that the commission agrees to the terms and conditions of the Building Canada Fund-Communities Component.

And that the Village of New Minas will conduct an open tendering process, manage the construction of the project, fund its share of the construction costs, carry out the maintenance and operation of the components of the project and comply with all items of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act. MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by James Redmond, seconded by Dave Chaulk to prioritize the resolutions in the following order: Water and Sewer upgrades as first priority and New Sewer upgrades as second. MOTION CARRIED

220 Unit Development on South East Side of Home Depot:

Commission Redmond has concerns that this development will not pass with our capacity in the regional sewer plant and feels that the Village should be making an effort to point out to the regional sewer committee that the Village has paid for reserves that is no longer there. The water commission would like to pursue this further and push for that capacity.

Adjournment:

James Redmond moved for adjournment at 7:35 P.M.

Approved