

VILLAGE OF NEW MINAS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
April 25, 2005

The regular meeting of the Village of New Minas Committee of the Whole was held on April 25, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room in the Village Office.

In attendance: Vice-Chair Linda Lockhart, chairing the meeting
 Commissioner Marvin Messom
 Commissioner Sherry Swanburg
 Commissioner Ted Nicholson
 Clerk Treasurer Terry Silver

Guest Mr. Bill Denyar, Eastern Kings Chamber of Commerce

Regrets: Dave Chaulk, Commission Chair

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Lockhart called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m..

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 15, 2005

On motion of Commissioner Swanburg, seconded by Commissioner Messom, the minutes of the March 15, 2005 Committee of the Whole were approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- (a) **Goals and Objectives** – It was agreed that this item be moved to later in the meeting in order to facilitate the presentation by Mr. Bill Denyar, EKCC.

PRESENTATION – Eastern Kings Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Bill Denyar, President of the Eastern Kings Chambers of Commerce was welcomed to the meeting. He gave a very informative presentation, and the following are the highlights of his presentation:

- EKCC encompasses the entire portion of Kings County
- Proactive organization dedicated to promote and support businesses to effect and enhance the business environment to benefit the community as a whole
- Membership 270 and growing; 95% reside in Kings County
- 40 plus of this total reside and/or operate businesses in New Minas (14%)
- Board of 16 Directors

- One part-time staff – Executive Director
- Current issues include Twinning of 101, AgriBusiness; Kentville Bridge and traffic congestion in New Minas

Mr. Denyar answered several questions and was thanked for the presentation.

NEW BUSINESS

(a) Policy – Performance Evaluation

It was moved by Commissioner Swanburg, seconded by Commissioner Nicholson that the Performance Evaluation Policy be recommended to the Commission for approval. MOTION CARRIED

(b) Regional Sewer – Budget 2005/2006

The Clerk Treasurer presented the Regional Sewer Budget for 2005/2006, as well as Capital Expense projections. She explained the problems associated with the billing for 2005, and recommended that the formula for 2005/2006 Budget, as negotiated with the Committee be accepted, as reflected in the proposed budget.

It was the consensus of those present that this be referred to the Commission meeting of May 9, 2005.

(c) Skateboard Park – request from resident

An email was perused by the Commission from Mr. Aalders, who recommended that the Commission consider a different location for the skateboard park.

It was the consensus of those present that this be referred to the Commission meeting of May 9, 2005.

(d) Taxes – Water Utility

The Clerk advised that the County of Kings has granted the Water Commission a 40% reduction in the 2004 Water Utility taxes, and she suggested the Commission might want to consider doing the same for the Water Utility. No decision was made.

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES to March 31, 2005

The Statements of Revenue were presented to the Commissioners. No discussion ensued.

BUDGET MEETINGS – Tentative Dates

It was the consensus of those present that this be referred to the Commission meeting of May 9, 2005.

OTHER ITEMS

(a) **Bridge Funding – Skateboard Park**

It was the consensus of those present that this be referred to the Commission meeting of May 9, 2005.

(b) **Petty Traders Bylaw**

It was moved by Commissioner Swanburg, seconded by Commissioner Messom that it be recommended to the Commission to rescind the Petty Traders Bylaw.

MOTION CARRIED

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Commissioner Swanburg advised the following with regard to the Goals and Objectives for the Village:

- Chair Chaulk has spoken with the member of the Rotary Club regarding the Commission's Goals and Objectives
- Sidewalks are a priority
- The Skateboard Park project is a priority

It was the consensus of those present that this be referred to the Commission meeting of May 9, 2005.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Messom, the meeting adjourned.

Vice-Chair Linda Lockhart

Clerk Treasurer Terry Silver