

VILLAGE OF NEW MINAS
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
MAY 11, 2009

The regular meeting of the Village Commission of New Minas was held on Monday, May 11, 2009 at 7:00 in the Civic Center.

In Attendance:

Chair Dave Chaulk
Vice-Chair Dale Pineo
Commissioner Dean Hatt
Commissioner James Redmond
Commissioner Maynard Stevens
Clerk Treasurer Terry Silver

Also in Attendance:

Gordon Silver, Resident
Vince Forrestall, Director of Recreation
Peter Pothier, Superintendent of Public Works
Chris Parker, Councillor District 10

CALL TO ORDER – Commissioner Dave Chaulk, current Chair

Chair Dave Chaulk called the meeting to order, and welcomed all those in attendance

**REPORT OF THE VILLAGE NOMINATION DAY APRIL 24, 2009 –
Commissioner Dave Chaulk, current Chair**

Chair Dave Chaulk reported on the results of Nomination Day, April 24, 2009:

Two seats were filled by acclamation: Dave Chaulk and Dean Hatt.

ELECTION OF CHAIR – called by Commissioner Dave Chaulk, current Chair

Chair Chaulk called for nominations for Village Commission Chair.

**Commissioner Dale Pineo nominated Dave Chaulk for Village Commission Chair.
There being no other nominations, Dave Chaulk was declared Commission Chair.**

Chair Chaulk accepted the nomination and thanked the Commission for their confidence and expressed appreciation for their support.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR - Called by Chair Chaulk

Chair Chaulk called for nominations for Village Commission Vice-Chair.

Commissioner Dean Hatt nominated Dale Pineo for Village Commission Vice-Chair. There being no other nominations, Dale Pineo was declared Commission Vice-Chair.

Vice-Chair Pineo thanked the Commission for their support.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: May 11, 2009

It was moved by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Hatt, that the Agenda for the Regular Commission meeting of May 11, 2009 be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Commission Meeting April 13, 2009

It was moved by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Vice-Chair Pineo that the minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting held April 13, 2009 be approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Civic Re-Numbering Project – Update

T. Silver advised she has not received a response to date on the Village's request to the County of Kings for funding assistance for the civic re-numbering project, as recommended by Councillor Chris Parker. Terry stated that staff has worked very closely with Marlene Clements of the County of Kings to have this project implemented. She stated that Lynn Spencer in particular has done an amazing job managing the project.

T. Silver stated that the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal have refused to allow the re-naming of Garden Court to *Harvest Court* without a petition of the residents. This petition has been forwarded to the residents and the results will be forthcoming to the next Commission meeting.

b) Update - No Smoking Policy Lockhart Ryan Park

T. Silver advised she has not received a response to date on the Village's letter to the County requesting if there is a No Smoking Bylaw or Policy that would apply to the Village's parks.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Water Commission Report – Commissioner Maynard Stevens

Commissioner Stevens read the report of the New Minas Water Commission (attached to original minutes).

It was moved by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Redmond that the report of the New Minas Water Commission be adopted as read. MOTION CARRIED.

b) Area Advisory Committee – Commissioner Dean Hatt

Commissioner Hatt read the report of the New Minas Area Advisory Committee (attached to original minutes)

It was moved by Commissioner Hatt, seconded by Commissioner Redmond, that the report of the New Minas Area Advisory Committee be adopted as read. MOTION CARRIED

c) Recreation Advisory Committee – Vice-Chair Dale Pineo

Vice-Chair Pineo read the report of the New Minas Recreation Advisory Committee (attached to original minutes).

It was moved by Vice-Chair Pineo, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, that the report of the New Minas Recreation Advisory Committee be adopted as read. MOTION CARRIED

d) Transportation Advisory Committee – Commissioner Dean Hatt

Commissioner Hatt read the report of the New Minas Transportation Advisory Committee (attached to original minutes)

It was moved by Commissioner Hatt, seconded by Vice-Chair Pineo, that the report of the New Minas Transportation Advisory Committee be adopted as read. MOTION CARRIED

Chair Chaulk expressed great sadness on behalf of the Commission and staff on the untimely passing of Don Hardy. He acknowledged the contribution made by Don as a member of the Transportation Advisory Committee and stated Don was very dedicated to the TAC, and brought a wealth of information and experience to the Committee. The Village Commission and the community will be worse off without Don. Chair Chaulk extended condolences to Don's family and friends.

e) Fire Services Task Force – Commissioner Redmond

Commissioner Redmond advised there was no meeting of the Fire Services Task Force, therefore there is no report.

f) Olympic Torch Run Ad Hoc Committee – Commissioner Stevens

Commissioner Stevens advised that after meeting with the Village Clerk Treasurer, the Rec Director the RAC Chair and himself as the Committee Chair, it was agreed that the Village's part in the November 20, 2009 Olympic Torch Run can and should be handled by the Rec Director, and that the Ad Hoc Committee is unnecessary.

It was moved by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Vice-Chair Pineo that the Olympic Torch Run Ad Hoc Committee be dissolved. MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS**a) Engineering Services RFP – Consultant’s Recommendation**

Chair Chaulk advised that the Village called for proposals for Engineering Services for the next five years. He stated that Henderson Consulting was hired to review and score the proposals.

It was moved by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Vice-Chair Pineo to accept the proposal of Hiltz and Seamone Company Limited for General and Project Engineering services for five years, pursuant to the evaluation scores determined by Henderson Consulting. MOTION CARRIED

b) Attendance at Meetings – Commissioner Dave Chaulk

Chaulk asked the Commissioners to be aware of the importance of contacting the Clerk Treasurer or the respective Committee Chair if they are unable to attend a meeting. The Clerk Treasurer will send a reminder to all Committee and Commission members to this effect.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

Vice Chair Dale Pineo - reminded those present that the Valley Youth Run will be held on May 24, and is for youth from 9 – 14.

Councillor Chris Parker – stated he will look into the County’s response to the Civic Numbering request from the Village.

He stated he is not aware of the Village’s request for sidewalk funding, and Chair Chaulk explained that the Village is not convinced the Village receives an equitable amount of funding for the Village compared to the revenue generated for the County by Village ratepayers.

T. Silver asked Councillor Parker if he knew whether a response to the Village’s letter regarding fire grants would be forthcoming from the County (either staff or Council). T. Silver said the gist of the letter stated there are items included in non-County grant applications that are not included in the county-based fire department applications, and many items for county-based fire departments are capped. The Village Commission feels that the New Minas Fire Department should receive the same funding opportunities as those fire departments located within the Towns.

Councillor Parker asked to have a copy of the letter forwarded to him. Councillor Parker stated that items in the Fire Services Grant applications for County-based Fire Departments have been increased, and he cited some of these increases.

Councillor Parker also inquired about the No Smoking Bylaw item and T. Silver explained that the letter from the Village simply asked if there was a County Bylaw covering smoking on Village-owned property, but to date no response has been received. Chair Chaulk stated he understands that the County has decided it could be too costly to

enforce such a bylaw and is opting to go with signage and education. Councillor Parker suggested that Commissioners should come to the Committee of the Whole meeting which is scheduled for a week from Tuesday. He stated anyone can be asked to be placed on the Agenda, and explained the process for this.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Redmond, the meeting adjourned.

Dave Chaulk, Chair

Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer