

VILLAGE COMMISSION OF NEW MINAS
REGULAR MEETING

April 11, 2005

7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Village Commission of New Minas was held on Monday, April 11, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Civic Centre.

In Attendance:	Dave Chaulk	Chair
	Linda Lockhart	Vice-Chair
	Marvin Messom	Commissioner
	Sherry Swanburg	Commissioner
	Ted Nicholson	Commissioner
	Terry Silver	Clerk Treasurer
Also in Attendance	Peter Pothier	Superintendent of Public Works
	Les Barrett	Resident

Chair Chaulk recognized former Commissioner Les Barrett in the audience.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting March 14, 2005

It was moved by Commissioner Messom, seconded by Commissioner Swanburg that the minutes of the regular Commission meeting of March 14, 2005 be approved as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED

Committee of the Whole April 4, 2005

It was moved by Commissioner Messom, seconded by Commissioner Swanburg that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of April 4, 2005 be approved as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: April 11, 2005

It was moved by Commissioner Nicholson, seconded by Commissioner Swanburg, that the Agenda for the Commission meeting of April 11, 2005 be approved with the following additions:

New Business: Email from Jim Retallack – Commissioner Swanburg
 Squash Courts – Commissioner Swanburg
 ATVs on the Dyke – Commissioner Messom
 Leadership Seminar – Commissioner Nicholson
 Parking – Commissioner Nicholson

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

(a) **Safe Grad Donation – Recommendation from Committee of the Whole**

It was moved by Commissioner Nicholson, seconded by Commissioner Messom that, on recommended by the Committee of the Whole, a donation of \$200 be made to the Safe Grad Committee. MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) **Water Commission – Commissioner Messom**

Commissioner Messom advised that there was no Water Commission meeting held in March, and that the next meeting will be held on April 28th.

(b) **Area Advisory Committee – Vice-Chair Lockhart**

Vice Chair Lockhart gave a verbal report of the Area Advisory Committee, which highlighted the following:

- Public Participation meeting will be held at the Civic Centre New Minas on April 21, 2005 at 7:00 to receive public input on the application for a Development Agreement for a Wellness Centre
- The Area Advisory Committee will be meeting on April 21st, 2005 at 6:00 p.m..

It was moved by Vice-Chair Lockhart, seconded by Commissioner Swanburg that the report of the Area Advisory Committee be adopted as reported. MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

(a) **Recreation Director's Report**

The Commissioners perused the report of the Recreation Director.

Vice-Chair Lockhart commended Jennifer Coolen on a job well done in organizing and carrying out the volunteer banquet. She stated that everything went very smoothly. She stated that Ms. Marie Bishop was honoured for all her hard work and dedication in the Community. Vice Chair Lockhart stated that, although attendance was down from the responses to the invitations, it was a lovely evening and enjoyed by all. The Clerk was requested to write a letter to Jennifer Coolen commending her for a good job.

Commissioner Swanburg noted that in the Recreation Director's report, Jennifer Coolen is suggesting that New Minas partner with other municipal units in 2005 for the Terry Fox Fun Run, and she feels that is an excellent idea.

It was moved by Commissioner Nicholson, seconded by Vice-Chair Lockhart that the report of the Recreation Director be adopted as presented. MOTION CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Squash Courts – Commissioner Swanburg

Commissioner Swanburg advised she has received an email from Jim Retallack, in which he requested a copy of the Burke Oliver Report – Squash Court section. The Clerk was requested to forward this along to Mr. Retallack.

(b) ATVs on the Dyke – Commissioner Messom

Commissioner Messom stated he has received complaints about disruptions to the community with ATVs on the dyke adjacent to the Village boundaries (north). Commissioner Swanburg stated that this should be reported to the RCMP. The Clerk was requested to contact Mr. Mike Ennis from the County of Kings, and advise him of the complaint. Peter Pothier stated that he was made aware that there is a problem, and if the local citizens feel that these vehicles are trespassing, they should report this to the RCMP.

Commissioner Messom stated that the Noise Bylaw for the Village would not be effective in this matter due to the fact that it is impossible for the RCMP, who enforce the Village's bylaws, to measure the noise.

(c) The Influential Leader Seminar – Commissioner Nicholson

Commissioner Nicholson stated "The Influential Leader Seminar" is being held in New Minas in April 2005. The organizers from the New Minas Baptist Church for this function have asked Commissioner Nicholson to pass along information to interested individuals. He stated he would be providing this information to the Commissioners in their boxes.

(d) Parking – Commissioner Nicholson

Commissioner Nicholson also passed along a request from the New Minas Baptist Church to partner with them in converting a parcel of Village-owned land to accommodate a parking area near the Baptist Church. Commissioner Nicholson stated that the Church has agreed to pay for any landscaping which will be necessary to accommodate this. They would like to make a formal presentation to the Commission, and the Commissioners agreed to this.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

Mr. Les Barrett – Spoke with reference to the motorcycles on the dyke. He stated that he has spoken with his friend on Aalders Avenue, and the area used by the Fire Department for their annual rally may belong to the Department of Transportation. He suggested that contact be made with them to confirm ownership and a request for their intervention.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Messom, the meeting adjourned at 7:30.

Dave Chaulk, Chair

Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer