

**VILLAGE OF NEW MINAS**  
**REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 8, 2008**  
**7:00 p.m.**

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Commission of New Minas was held on September 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. 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:**

Kirk Starratt, "The Advertiser"  
Earl Paynter, Resident  
Janet MacLeod, Valley Credit Union  
Ted Nicholson, former Commission Chair  
Bill Simpson, Resident  
Willard Goodwin, Kentville  
Sam Milne, Resident  
Ellen Clarke, Fritz's  
Geoff Clarke, Fritz's  
Frieda Burger, Fritz's  
Gerd Burger, Fritz's  
John Yuill, Coldbrook  
Glenda Bishop, Resident  
Jennifer Stirrat DeEll, Kialand, Resident  
Beth Turner, Resident  
Dave Turner, Resident  
Laurence Coldwell, Resident  
Peter Pothier, Superintendent of Public Works

**CALL TO ORDER – Dave Chaulk, Chair**

Chair Chaulk called the meeting to order. He welcomed everyone in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Sept 8, 2008**

**It was moved by Vice-Chair Pineo, seconded by Commissioner Hatt, that the Agenda of the regular Commission meeting of September 8, 2008 be approved with the following amendments: Under *OTHER ADDED ITEMS* (a) *Association of Nova Scotia Villages – Commissioner Stevens* and (b) *Letter from Laura Huntley, New Minas Fire Department Auxiliary*". **MOTION CARRIED****

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Regular Commission Meeting July 14, 2008

**It was moved by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Stevens that the minutes of the regular Commission meeting held July 14, 2008 be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Special Commission Meeting July 21, 2008

**It was approved by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Redmond, that the minutes of the Special Commission meeting held July 21, 2008 be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED**

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES – original New Minas Businesses**

Chair Chaulk and Commissioner Stevens presented Certificates of Appreciation to those businesses in operation in New Minas in 1968 and who are still in operation in 2008:

JOSEPH FRITZ ENTERPRISES LTD.	GREENSBORO INN
H. C. TURNER'S RADIATOR SERVICE INC.	ULTRAMAR LTD
KIA LAND	KEN WO GOLF CLUB
VAIL'S DRY CLEANERS AND LAUNDRY LTD	NEW MINAS A&W
SAUNDERS TARTAN AND GIFTS	VALLEY CREDIT UNION
NEW MINAS DAIRY QUEEN	MILNE COURT PETRO CANADA
FAIRLANE'S BOWLING CENTRE	A.C.A.

Many of these businesses had representatives present to accept the certificates.

Chair Chaulk thanked Commissioner Stevens for the excellent job he did on the research and preparation of the first Commission meeting Re-enactment and presentation of certificates. He said they have exceeded all expectations.

Chair Chaulk recognized former Commission Chairs Mr. Ken Baron and Mr. Ted Nicholson. Mr. Baron was one of the original Commissioners and Mr. Nicholson was a long-time serving Commissioner for the Village. The Commission thanked them for their many years of dedicated service.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**a) Letter of Support – Roundabout Commercial/Granite Drive (DOTIR Presentation at Transportation Advisory Committee)**

Chair Chaulk reported that representatives of the NS Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal made a presentation to the New Minas Transportation Advisory Committee at its September meeting on the proposed roundabout for Commercial Street/Granite Drive.

**It was moved by Commissioner Hatt, seconded by Commissioner Redmond, that the Village Commission support the construction of a roundabout at Commercial Street/Granite Drive as proposed at the September 2008 meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee. MOTION CARRIED**

**b) King Arthur Court – response from County of Kings**

A letter from Mr. Bob Suffron, Kings County Coordinator of Parks and Open Spaces in response to the Clerk's letter requesting the County to develop a park at King Arthur Court.

**It was moved by Vice-Chair Pineo, seconded by Commission Redmond that the letter from Mr. Bob Suffron re King Arthur Court park be referred to the New Minas Recreation Advisory Committee for discussion. MOTION CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS****a) Water Commission Report – Commissioner Maynard Stevens**

Commissioner Stevens gave the monthly report of the New Minas Water Commission (written copy 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 presented. MOTION CARRIED**

**b) Area Advisory Committee – Commissioner Dean Hatt**

Commissioner Hatt advised there was no AAC meeting in the past month; therefore there was no report.

**c) Recreation Advisory Committee – Vice-Chair Dale Pineo**

Vice-Chair Pineo gave a verbal report of the Recreation Advisory Committee. He highlighted the following items:

- Summer Camps
- Celebration Days – good feedback; lower participation
- Mobile canteen – reported successful summer
- Trail Development – met with staff and Committee chair
- Celebration of Lights meetings ongoing

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

**d) Transportation Advisory Committee – Commissioner Dean Hatt**

Commissioner Hatt gave the report of the Transportation Advisory Committee (written report attached to original minutes).

**It was moved by Commissioner Hatt, seconded by Commissioner Stevens that the report of the New Minas Transportation Advisory Committee be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED**

**e) 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee – Commissioner Maynard Stevens**

Commissioner Stevens gave the report of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee (written report attached to original minutes).

It was moved by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Redmond, that the report of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee be approved as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **a) Linda Lockhart Legal Settlement**

Chair Chaulk read the Joint Press Release with regard to the Linda Lockhart lawsuits against the Village of New Minas:

#### **“Joint Press Release**

*Ms. Linda Lockhart and the Village Commissioners of New Minas announce that the parties have reached a mutually satisfactory resolution of the Human Rights and Civil Court actions initiated by Ms. Lockhart against the Village of New Minas. This resolution, reached in good faith by the parties, includes a one-time payment of \$40,000.00 made to Ms. Lockhart by the Village of New Minas and a further contribution by their insurer and releases the Village and their insurer from any liability for the Human Rights complaint and the civil court action. This payment is made and received without any admission or acknowledgement of blame or fault on the part of any of the parties. The parties in reaching this settlement recognize the costs, financially and emotionally to all parties involved in on-going litigation.*

*In accordance with the agreed terms of the mediation attended by the parties, this release will be the only disclosure by either party of any of the negotiations, mediations and settlement terms now or anytime in the future.”*

##### **b) Fall 2008 Debenture Funding**

T. Silver presented the request from Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation offering debenture funding for the Fall 2008 issue. The Commission agreed that the Village of New Minas does not require debenture funding for this issue.

#### **OTHER ADDED ITEMS**

##### **a) Association of Nova Scotia Villages**

Commissioner Stevens advised that he would be attending the AGM for the Association of Nova Scotia Villages. He stated he has been requested to be on the Executive of the Association.

It was moved by Vice-Chair Pineo, seconded by Commissioner Hatt, that Commissioner Stevens be the Village of New Minas' voting representative for the Association of Nova Scotia Villages. **MOTION CARRIED**

##### **b) Letter from Laura Huntley, New Minas Volunteer Fire Department**

Chair Chaulk read a letter from Ms. Laura Huntley, New Minas Volunteer Fire Department, inviting everyone to the “40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Open House” scheduled for Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m..

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD**

Ms. Beth Turner – stated that some of the streets in New Minas are in very bad shape. She stated the area past 1019 Dow Road is particularly bad and wondering when the streets may be repaired.

TAC Chair Commissioner Hatt stated that there is ongoing discussion with Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (DOTIR) Regional Manager Fred Whynot at the TAC meetings, and they have been advised that they are working on them as far as their budgets will allow. He will add Dow Road to the list for Mr. Whynot to consider.

Mr. Peter Pothier – Peter Pothier suggested to Ms. Turner that they also call DOTIR and advise them directly. Ms. Turner thanked the Commission and Mr. Pothier for their assistance.

Mr. Gerald Giddens – asked if the potholes and dips & dives at the Superstore intersection could be repaired. He agreed to phone DOTIR directly himself as well.

Ms. Glenda Bishop – asked if there has been any public input regarding the proposed Roundabout. Chair Chaulk stated that DOTIR have held several public meetings. He stated that DOTIR did a presentation at the September meeting of the New Minas Transportation Advisory Committee, and they made the statement they would be holding a public meeting sometime in October.

Commissioner Redmond stated he felt the Roundabout would be a very good thing for the area, in particular for the Fire Department in times of emergencies. He said once people get used to the roundabout, traffic will continue to flow, unlike with traffic lights where the red light can hold up traffic.

Mr. Laurence Coldwell – stated he has a problem with his water bill. He said he has contacted staff and told them that his bill is excessively high, and his meter was checked but nothing showed up there. He said he hasn't heard anything since and his bill is still too high. Peter Pothier was asked by the Chair to respond. Peter stated he was not aware of Mr. Coldwell's issue, but recommended to him that he should turn everything off, check the meter and if it is still running, there would be a leak. Mr. Coldwell said he has checked everything and there are no leaks. Peter stated he will again have someone do a site visit.

Ms. Glenda Bishop – wished to congratulate the New Minas Volunteer Fire Department on their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. She said New Minas is very lucky to have a wonderful Chief and group of fire fighters who put their lives on the line every day for the residents of New Minas, and she wanted to tell them how much she appreciates them.

Commissioner Redmond thanked Ms. Bishop for the kind words and said he would pass them along to the fire fighters.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**On motion of Vice-Chair Pineo, the meeting adjourned.**

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Dave Chaulk, Chair

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Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer