

VILLAGE OF NEW MINAS
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2010, 7:00 p.m., Civic Center

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Commission of New Minas was held on February 8, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Civic Center, New Minas.

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: Don Zwicker, Resident
Gordon Silver, Resident
Michelle Morgan-Coole, Resident
Kaitlyn Coole, Resident
Jessica Coole, Resident

CALL TO ORDER – Commissioner Dave Chaulk, Chair

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: February 8, 2010

It was moved by Vice-Chair Pineo, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, that the Agenda for the February 8, 2010 regular Commission meeting be approved as presented with the following addition: *“Other Added Items – a) Kings Para Transit System – Vice-Chair Pineo”*. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 14, 2009

It was moved by Commissioner Stevens, seconded Commissioner Redmond that the minutes of the regular Commission meeting held December 14, 2009 be approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) Response, Community Services re development Castle Loma Dr

The letter from Community Services (attached to the original minutes) in response to the Commission’s request regarding housing development on Castle Loma Drive was reviewed by the Commission.

b) Response, Hon. Ramona Jennex re development Castle Loma Dr.

The letter from Hon. Ramona Jennex (attached to original minutes) in response to the Commission's request regarding housing development on Castle Loma Drive was reviewed by the Commission.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Water Commission Report – Commissioner Maynard Stevens

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

It was moved by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Redmond to accept the report of the New Minas Water Commission as presented. MOTION CARRIED

b) Area Advisory Committee – Commissioner Dean Hatt

Commissioner Hatt advised there was no Area Advisory Committee meeting to report.

c) Recreation Advisory Committee – Vice-Chair Dale Pineo

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

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

d) Transportation Advisory Committee – Commissioner Dean Hatt

Commissioner Hatt advised there was no Transportation Advisory Committee meeting to report.

e) Fire Services Task Force – Commissioner Redmond

Commissioner Redmond advised there was no Fire Services Task Force to report.

NEW BUSINESS

a) RV Dump Station – County Council Item – Commissioner Stevens

Commissioner Stevens read part of an article from the *Kings County Register* which stated: "*Councillor Smith brought forth an item requesting his colleagues to discuss the establishment of a dumping station for RVs in the New Minas or Kentville area*".

Commissioner Stevens stated that he has been advised that the dumping stations in New Minas have been decommissioned because the Village's Sewer Bylaw prohibits "Hauled Waste"; thereby making the dumping stations illegal (Commissioner Stevens' report attached to original minutes).

It was moved by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Vice-Chair Pineo that the Clerk write a letter to Councillor Smith with a copy to Kings County Council, advising that it would be in contravention of the Village's Sewer Bylaw to have a dumping station in New Minas.

Clerk Treasurer Terry Silver stated that she has discussed the closure of the Irving dumping station several times with Councillor Smith and explained to him that the Village was required to demand that all dumping stations be closed down due to contravention of the Sewer Bylaw, and that this was included in the Sewer Bylaw because the Regional Sewer facility prohibits hauled waste.

b) Thunder in the Valley Venue change – County Council item – Commissioner Stevens

Commissioner Stevens stated that he had read an article in the *King's County Register* regarding the Thunder in the Valley 4x4 rally fundraiser. It stated, "*Councillor Chris Parker... said the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal is selling the property where the event is now hosted, a gravel pit on Jones Road... it's important to find a new location for the event because it is an important community event and a vital fundraiser for the local fire department. He is requesting the support of his colleagues in forming a committee to assist the rally organizers find a new location.*"

It was moved by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Hatt, that a letter be written to Councillor Chris Parker and Kings County Council in support of any bid to keep this important fundraising event in New Minas. MOTION CARRIED

c) Proclamation – Purple Day Proclamation – Canadian Epilepsy Alliance

The Commission reviewed a letter from Mrs. Michelle Morgan-Coole, Purple Day Committee Epilepsy Association of Nova Scotia representative, requesting the Commission to proclaim March 26, 2010 as **Purple Day**.

It was moved by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Stevens that the Village Commission proclaims March 26, 2010 as Purple Day in support of the Canadian Epilepsy Alliance. MOTION CARRIED

d) Delegation of Signing Authority – Celebrate Canada

Clerk Treasurer Terry Silver advised the Commission that, as part of the Village's application for funding for Canada Day celebrations through *Celebrate Canada*, someone has to be given authority by the Village Commission to sign the application.

It was moved by Commissioner Hatt, seconded by Vice-Chair Pineo that Terry Silver be authorized to sign the application for funding through "*Celebrate Canada*". MOTION CARRIED

OTHER ADDED ITEMS

a) Kings Para Transit System

Vice-Chair Pineo advised he has recently been advised that Kings Para Transit is in jeopardy of being forced to reduce services and/or charge more for the service (report from Vice-Chair Pineo attached to original minutes).

It was moved by Vice-Chair Pineo, seconded by Commissioner Stevens that a letter be forwarded to the County of Kings encouraging them to provide adequate funding for Kings Para Transit system to insure affordability for all those required to use this service. MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

Michelle Morgan-Cooles – Ms. Morgan-Cooles thanked the Village Commission for its support and for proclaiming March 26, 2010 **Purple Day**. She asked if the Commission could do some type of advertising for this proclamation. Terry Silver advised that a Proclamation would be posted at the Village office, it would go on the Village’s website, a letter would be forwarded to the Canadian Epilepsy Alliance advising of the proclamation, and even though it would appear after March 26th, a notice will go in the Village’s newsletter as well. Ms. Morgan-Cooles thanked the Commission for their support and offered to bring materials to the Village office for public distribution at the counter.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Dave Chaulk, Chair

Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer