

VILLAGE OF NEW MINAS
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 9, 2015
7:00 p.m.,
Conference Room, Louis Millett Community Complex (LMCC)

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Commission of New Minas was held on Monday, March 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Louis Millett Community Complex.

In attendance: Chair Dave Chaulk
Vice-Chair Maynard Stevens
Commissioner Ken Pineo
Commissioner James Redmond
Clerk Treasurer, Terry Silver

Regrets: Commissioner Mary Munroe

Also in Attendance: Mr. John Owen, Resident and Chair NMAAC
Mr. Gerard Hamilton, Resident, Assistant Supt of Public Works and member of NMAAC
Mr. Mark Redmond, Resident and member of NMAAC
Mr. Jim Winsor, Councillor District 11
Mr. John Decoste, Reporter

CALL TO ORDER, Chair Chaulk
Chair Chaulk called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: March 9, 2015
It was moved by Commissioner Pineo, seconded by Vice-Chair Stevens that the Agenda for the March 9, 2015 Agenda be approved as presented with the following additions: under NEW BUSINESS (b) Temporary Borrowing Resolution, and (c) Representation Apple Blossom Festival 2015. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Commission Meeting February 9, 2015
It was moved by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Vice-Chair Stevens that the minutes for the regular Commission held February 9, 2015 be approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

Special Commission Meeting March 3, 2015

It was moved by Vice-Chair Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Redmond that the minutes of the Special Commission meeting held March 3, 2015 be approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Sale of Civic Center – Update

There was no update reported on the sale of the old Civic Center property.

b) Village Status Process – Study Update

T. Silver advised that the study has begun and there have been several meetings with the consultants – one with her and one with the Commission.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Recreation Director’s Report – John Ansara

The Chair asked if there were any questions with regard to the Rec Director’s report. The Chair permitted John Ansara to speak from the audience. He stated that he had received only one submission for Volunteer of the Year – Mr. Francis Brown. He stated he is very worthy of the appointment and Vice-Chair Stevens read some background information on Mr. Brown. He then left the Commission table claiming a conflict of interest.

It was moved by Commissioner Pineo, seconded by Commissioner Redmond to accept Mr. Frances Brown as New Minas’ Volunteer of the Year. MOTION CARRIED

Vice-Chair Stevens asked when the Splash Park will be ready to go. John stated that things still look good for substantial completion mid-to-late May. The Grand Opening will take place at the Canada Day Celebrations on July 1st.

It was moved by Vice-Chair Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Redmond to accept the Recreation Director’s Report as presented. MOTION CARRIED

b) New Minas Water Commission Report – Vice-Chair Stevens

➤ Inter-Municipal Agreement Regional Sewer

Vice-Chair Stevens stated there was not Water Commission meeting, but advised there will be a Regional Sewer Committee meeting on Thursday, March 12th.

c) New Minas Area Advisory Committee – Commissioner Pineo

Commissioner Pineo referred to the report of the New Minas Area Advisory Committee included in the Commission packages and attached to these minutes.

It was moved by Commissioner Pineo, seconded by Commissioner Redmond that the report of the New Minas Area Advisory Committee be approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

Chair Chaulk inquired about the process for development outside the Village's boundaries. He stated the application was dealt with by the New Minas AAC, but it was not forwarded to the New Minas Water Commission, even though the watershed area for New Minas' water is in the same area. Gerard Hamilton, who was in the audience, stated that Public Works had been contacted by the County for a report, and the Village's hydrologist was requested to respond, which he did. In this instance, there were no issues with the proposed development in the White Rock area.

The Commission requested the Clerk to contact County Planning to request that any development applications within the Village's wellfield zones also come before the New Minas Water Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Performance Appraisal Policy - Revision

T. Silver advised the Commissioners that staff have started to review Policies, and the Performance Appraisal Policy has a small revision that requires the Commission's approval.

It was moved by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Vice-Chair Stevens that the revisions to the Performance Appraisal Policy be approved as recommended. MOTION CARRIED

b) Temporary Borrowing Resolution

It was moved by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Pineo, that the following resolution be passed:

WHEREAS Section 438 (1) of the Municipal Government Act provides that a village, subject to the approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, may borrow to expend funds for a capital purpose authorized by statute;

AND WHEREAS under Section 423(u) the village has the authority to expend funds for the capital purpose of land and buildings required for any purpose of the Village, namely for the Louis Millett Community Complex;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Government Act provides that no money shall be borrowed until the Village Commissioners have obtained the approval of the electors to the proposed borrowing at a public meeting;

AND WHEREAS the electors of the Village of New Minas present at a duly called public meeting on the 7th day of April, 2011 approved of the proposed borrowing by the Village Commissioners of a sum not exceeding Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000);

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

THAT under the authority of Section 438 (1) of the Municipal Government Act, the Village borrow a sum or sums not exceeding Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) in total for the purpose set out above, subject the approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations;

THAT the sum be borrowed by the issue and sale of debentures of the Village to such an amount as the Council deems necessary;

THAT the issue of debentures be postponed pursuant to Section 92 of the Municipal Government Act and that the Village borrow from time to time a sum or sums not exceeding Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) in total from any chartered bank or trust company doing business in Nova Scotia;

THAT the sum be borrowed for a period not exceeding Twelve (12) Months from the date of the approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations of this resolution;

THAT the interest payable on the borrowing be paid at a rate to be agreed upon; and

THAT the amount borrowed be repaid from the proceeds of the debentures when sold.

MOTION CARRIED

c) Representation Apple Blossom Festival Events

Vice-Chair Stevens offered to represent the Village at the 2015 events for the Apple Blossom Festival, and the Commission thanked him for his willingness to do so.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Redmond, the meeting adjourned.

Dave Chaulk, Chair

Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer