



Village of New Minas
Beautification Committee
Thursday May 19, 2021 @ 10:30 AM
Online Video Conference
New Minas, Nova Scotia

Members Present:

- Mary Munroe, Chair
- Gerard Hamilton, Staff
- Cheryl Manzer, Commissioner
- John Ansara, Staff
- Ian Morrison, Minutes

Call to Order:

Chair Mary Munroe called the meeting to order at 10:32 am.

Approval of the Agenda:

The Agenda for the May 19 meeting of the Beautification Group was approved, as presented.

M/Cheryl Manzer

S/Gerard Hamilton

Motion Carried

Approval of the Minutes:

The Minutes for the May 4 meeting of the Beautification Group were approved, as presented.

M/Cheryl Manzer

S/Gerard Hamilton

Motion Carried

Business Arising from Minutes:

None

Budget Update

None

Project Updates:

Planter Boxes

- The plants have been planted in the planter boxes which are being stored at the Public Works building

- The plan would be to place the planter boxes at designated locations on or around May 26

Bench & Trash Receptacles

- The list for locations has been received by Public Works
- Some concern was expressed about placement of a trash can at the Wal-Mart location, due to dumping of garbage by random individuals
- It was suggested that Wal-Mart be contacted to see if they would like to place their own unit at this location

Founders Park

- Awaiting revised numbers from the Briar Patch for capital project purchase
- \$5000 was allotted in the Capital Budget for this project
- The Chair recommended that we acknowledge the contributions of the Rotary Foundation for the park and promote their contribution through social media

Roundabout

- The water line for the irrigation system has been installed
- Only one quote has been received for the floral install
- Gerard recommended that we engage Acacia Grove Horticulture Service to proceed with the floral install
- The funding would come from the Village's operating budget

THAT Acacia Grove Horticulture Service be engaged for the floral install at the Roundabout at a cost of \$9030 plus HST.

M/Cheryl Manzer

S/Gerard Hamilton

Motion Carried

Lockhart & Ryan Park

- The Committee discussed the prospect of the Lockhart & Ryan entrance signage
- The Chair and John will meet to discuss this item and bring a recommendation back to the Committee

New Business:

Capital Budget Implementation Timeline

The timeline for implementation of the Capital Budget was discussed.

- Trash/recycling Receptacles (2)
 - John will place the order for the new units before June 30
- Banner Fasteners (15)
 - These items have been ordered

- Irrigation System for Roundabout
 - Installation is complete
- Bench Relocation at Founders Park
 - Will be completed prior to September 1
- Entrance signage to Lockhart & Ryan Park
 - The Chair and John will meet to discuss a recommendation for next steps
- Plant installation at Founders Park
 - Planned for mid-June
- Solar Christmas Lights for Power Poles and Roundabout
 - Cheryl and Gerard will meet to discuss a recommendation for next steps

Planning Process for Long Term Capital Plan

The Chair discussed the plan for a long term capital plan for the Committee. The Committee discussed a process to engage in development of a three-year capital plan to identify priorities over that time period.

John circulated a document that could be amended to serve as a “live document” in which participants could add in comments and ideas. The document could then serve as the basis for discussion and engagement. In the interim, the Committee identified the following priorities:

- Development of East End of Founders Park
- Green space at corner of Prospect Road and Commercial Street
- Landscaping of West corner of Crescent Drive Pocket Park
- Seating area on Prospect Road
- Widening driveway for Founders Park
- Widening the entrance to Founders Park

Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday June 16 @ 10:30 am in the Commission Room or via online video conferencing if restrictions are still in place.

Prior to adjournment, Cheryl enquired about grant opportunities to which John responded he is researching.

The Chair has received information relevant to Communities in Bloom, which she will forward to Cheryl and John.

Gerard enquired about the deadline for Citizen Appointments, which is June 18. The Recording Secretary was advised to circulate the information on the appointment process to the members of the Committee.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 11:29 am.