



Village of New Minas
Beautification Committee
Wednesday September 15, 2021 @ 10:30 AM
Online Video Conference
New Minas, Nova Scotia

Members Present:

- Mary Munroe, Chair
- Agnes Wojt, Citizen Member
- Cheryl Manzer, Commissioner
- Donna Randell, Citizen Member
- John Ansara, Staff

Members Absent:

- Gerard Hamilton, Staff (with regrets)

Others Present:

- Ian Morrison, Minutes

Call to Order:

Chair Mary Munroe called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

Approval of the Agenda:

The Agenda for the September 15 meeting of the Beautification Committee was approved, as presented.

M/Cheryl Manzer

S/Donna Randell

Motion Carried

Approval of the Minutes:

The Minutes for the August 25 meeting of the Beautification Committee were approved, as presented.

M/Cheryl Manzer

S/John Ansara

Motion Carried

Business Arising from Minutes:

The Chair commented that the following four items, raised at the previous meeting, are outstanding:

- Expressing interest in a branding exercise in the report to Village Commission
- Meeting to determine a winter location for the cana lilies
- Meeting to determine requirements for a landscape designer
- Researching self-watering planters

Budget Update

The Clerk Treasurer/CAO provided the following budget update:

- \$3140.01 in expenses incurred to date as part of Trash/Recycling Receptacles
- \$115.37 in expenses incurred to date as part of Trash/Recycling Receptacles
- \$312.86 in expenses incurred to date as part of Plant Installation @ Founders Park
- \$1045.00 in expenses incurred to date as part of Plant Installation @ Founder Park
- \$4613.24 expensed, year to date

Project Updates:

Banner Fasteners

- Awaiting arrival of five remaining fastener kits

Crescent Park (West)

- The Chair shared the visual plan for this location
- Planting will take place tomorrow and Friday
- Bark mulch will be applied after that
- The Committee discussed placement of signage in this area decided to develop a signage concept and then approach relevant businesses for their input and participation

Entrance Signage to Lockhart & Ryan Park

- John will follow-up with a vendor to obtain a proof of a large sign and a small sign for placement at this location

Roundabout

- Trees will be planted next week

Solar Christmas Lights

- Cheryl will arrange an appointment with the manager for Canadian Tire in which representatives from the Committee (Agnes, Cheryl, and Donna) will attend to obtain pricing and procurement options
- At this stage, the locations for the lights include Crescent Park (East), Entryway to Lockhart & Ryan Park, Founders Park, and the Roundabout
- The Festival of Lights is planned for November 27, therefore, the Village will need to plan to begin to place lights on or about November 8

New Business:

Planning Process for Long Term Capital Plan

The Committee members were again encouraged to add ideas to the Planning Document, which could be shared, discussed, and rationalized at a future meeting. The immediate priority will be to determine capital objectives for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. In addition, the Chair advised the Committee that the Commission is contemplating a strategic plan process.

Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday October 20 @ 10:30 am in the LMCC or via online video conferencing if restrictions are still in place.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.