



Village of New Minas
Beautification Committee
Wednesday October 20, 2021 @ 10:30 AM
Online Video Conference
New Minas, Nova Scotia

Members Present:

- Mary Munroe, Chair
- Cheryl Manzer, Commissioner
- Donna Randell, Citizen Member
- Gerard Hamilton, Staff
- John Ansara, Staff

Members Absent:

- Agnes Wojt, Citizen Member

Others Present:

- Ian Morrison, Minutes

Call to Order:

Chair Mary Munroe called the meeting to order at 10:31 am.

Approval of the Agenda:

The Agenda for the October 20 meeting of the Beautification Committee was approved, with the addition of Tulip Donation and Request from Blomidon Naturalist Society.

M/Cheryl Manzer

S/Donna Randell

Motion Carried

Approval of the Minutes:

The Minutes for the September 15 meeting of the Beautification Committee were approved, as presented.

M/Cheryl Manzer

S/John Ansara

Motion Carried

Business Arising from Minutes:

None

Presentation:

Jessica Gilice from the Nova Scotia Invasive Species Council provided a presentation to the Committee on their work in the province. Specifically, the presentation focused on the presence of the Yellow Iris and its harmful effects on the ecosystem.

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 @ Founders Park
- \$573.57 in expenses incurred to date as part of Crescent Park West
- \$354.46 in expenses incurred to date as part of Crescent Park West
- \$938.57 in expenses incurred to date as part of Crescent Park West
- \$354.46 in expenses incurred to date as part of Crescent Park West
- \$6834.50 expensed, year to date

The Clerk Treasurer/CAO advised that the Committee has incurred \$2221 in expenses related to the placement of plants at Crescent Park West instead of at the Roundabout. The former project is an unbudgeted capital project. The recommendation was made that the Committee should seek approval from Village Commission on re-allocation of this capital funding. Otherwise, the expenses will need to be incurred in the Operating Budget.

THAT the Village Commission be requested to re-allocate the capital funding for the Irrigation System (\$4000) to the Crescent Park West Project.

M/Cheryl Manzer

S/Gerard Hamilton

Motion Carried

Project Updates:

Banner Fasteners

- Awaiting arrival of five remaining fastener kits
- Awaiting receipt of invoice from supplier
- Banner placement will commence on November 15
- Banners will be interspersed on power poles on the north side of Commercial Street between Gryphon Landing and Founders Park

Crescent Park (West)

- Project complete
- No further expenses anticipated this fiscal year

Entrance Signage to Lockhart & Ryan Park

- Project deferred

Roundabout

- Installation of trees has been delayed due to operational issues
- Trees to be installed on Roundabout prior to October 25
- The installation of the irrigation system has been deferred

Solar Christmas Lights

- The Committee discussed reallocating the project scope
- A Motion to recommend a change in scope was presented
- A site tour will be conducted at the entrance to Lockhart & Ryan Park on October 22 @ 10:00 am

THAT the Village Commission be requested to re-allocate the capital funding designated for Solar Holiday Lights for Power Poles & Roundabout (\$5000) to LED Lights for Area Parks and Roundabout.

M/Cheryl Manzer

S/Gerard Hamilton

Motion Carried

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.

Tulip Donation

The Sunrise Rotary Club is prepared to make a donation of 8-13 dozen tulips for placement in the Village. The Committee was thankful for the donation and determined that Founders Park would be the best location for placement, with Crescent Park West being a secondary location for any leftover plants.

Request from Blomidon Naturalist Society

John Ansara advised that a request has been received from the Blomidon Naturalist Society for placement of a pollinator garden in the Village for the purposes of butterfly enhancement. The Committee directed John to ask the Society to make a presentation at an upcoming meeting of the Committee.

Next Meeting Date:

The Committee discussed whether the meetings should remain online and via videoconferencing, which is now permitted under the Meetings & Procedures By-law, which was adopted by the Commission at the October 12 meeting.

THAT the Beautification Committee recommends to Village Commission that its committee meetings be held via videoconference, in accordance with Section 8 of the Meetings & Procedures By-law.

M/Donna Randell

S/Cheryl Manzer

Motion Carried

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday November 17 @ 10:30 am in the LMCC or via online video conferencing if restrictions are still in place.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm.