



**Village of New Minas**  
Beautification Committee  
Wednesday November 17, 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
- Gerard Hamilton, Staff
- John Ansara, Staff

**Members Absent:**

- None

**Others Present:**

- Carolyn Green, Blomidon Naturalist Society
- Ian Morrison, Minutes
- Peter Shute

**Call to Order:**

Chair Mary Munroe called the meeting to order at 10:35 am.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

The Agenda for the November 16 meeting of the Beautification Committee was approved, as presented.

**M/Cheryl Manzer**

**S/Gerard Hamilton**

**Motion Carried**

**Approval of the Minutes:**

The Minutes for the October 20 meeting of the Beautification Committee were approved, with revisions to the project update for Crescent Park (West) and clarification on the wording of the two capital re-allocation Motions.

**M/Cheryl Manzer**

**S/John Ansara**

**Motion Carried**

**Business Arising from Minutes:**

The Chair provided the Committee with an update on the three Motions that were recommended at the last meeting of the Beautification Committee and subsequently discussed at the November 8 meeting of Village Commission.

The first two recommendations, which concerned re-allocation of capital funds, were ratified. The third matter concerned holding Committee meetings online, as opposed to in-person, once the ongoing state of emergency is lifted. With regard to the third Motion, on balance, the Commission felt that the Committee meetings should be held in-person, once the state of emergency is lifted. The Motion was defeated.

**Presentation:**

Carolyn Green from the Blomidon Naturalist Society provided a presentation to the Committee on work to establish pollinator gardens for the purposes of butterfly enhancement. These gardens create a habitat for pollinating creatures and are designed to encompass a “butterfly way” across Canada. Specifically, the presentation focused on an overview of the activities of the Society and securing a location within New Minas for a pollinator garden.

The Chair, Cheryl, and Carolyn agreed to meet to discuss next steps with the concept.

**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
- \$4067.13 in expenses incurred to date as part of the Banner Fastener Kit Project
- \$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
- \$715.57 in expenses incurred to date as part of Holiday Lights
- \$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
- \$281.57 in expenses incurred to date as part of Crescent Park West
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- \$12,107.48 expensed, year to date

**Project Updates:**

Banner Fasteners

- The five remaining fastener kits arrived
- Banners are currently being placed

Crescent Park (West)

- Project complete

- No further expenses anticipated this fiscal year

#### Roundabout

- Installation of trees is complete

#### Christmas Lights

- Lights have been purchased and will be installed, once the banners have been installed

#### **New Business:**

##### Planning Process for Long Term Capital Plan

The Chair advised the Committee that the Commission has scheduled a strategic plan process, facilitated by representatives of the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing. The first session, designed as a training session, is scheduled for December 3. A second session, which will focus on development of a plan, will be a public session. The date for this second session has not yet been established.

#### **Next Meeting Date:**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday December 15 @ 10:30 am in the LMCC or via online video conferencing if restrictions are still in place. The meeting schedule for 2022 was presented to the Committee for their information and comment.

#### **Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 11:34 am.