



**Village of New Minas**  
Beautification Committee  
Wednesday May 18, 2022 @ 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
- Gerard Hamilton, Staff

**Others Present:**

- Quentin Hill, Commissioner
- Erica Dominey, Minutes

**Call to Order:**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:34 am.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

The Agenda for the May 18 meeting of the Beautification Committee was approved, with the addition of discussing grants and butterfly way park.

**M/John Ansara**

**S/Cheryl Manzer**

**Motion Carried**

**Approval of the Minutes:**

The Minutes for the April 20 meeting of the Beautification Committee were approved, as presented.

**M/Cheryl Manzer**

**S/Donna Randell**

**Motion Carried**

**Business Arising from Minutes:**

None

**Presentations:**

Commissioner Hill spoke about Urban Forestry and detailed how HRM incorporated urban forestry in their beautification efforts. Mr. Hill then spoke about where we could possibly add this into our plans in New Minas with local species of trees. Tree Groups in Nova Scotia are happy to help in these endeavors if the beautification committee engages with them. This would require an active pruning program, especially if the committee were to ask property owners to use their private property to plant trees. It was the consensus that this would be a wonderful addition to the Village and it will be further looked into and discussed.

### **Project Updates:**

#### **Butterfly Way**

If the Village of New Minas can prepare the location, a local group will take over the planting and care.

#### **Crescent Park West**

The Committee would like pictures of rough ideas of what this space could look like. Would the shape and size of the gardens differ from other parks? It was discussed if irrigation would be needed and how much it would cost. Gerard Hamilton advised that it can be installed next year without damaging any work that will be done to the park this year.

#### **Prospect Pocket Park**

Gerard Hamilton updated the Committee that Public Works would be using plants they normally plant in the Pocket Parks around the Village. Mr. Hamilton updated that the big tree needs to be pruned. The Chair inquired about the drop off in the back of the Pocket Park, Mr. Hamilton advised that when the fill is brought in, Public Works will level it off and plant dense plants and trees to keep children and pets away from the area. It was discussed that tiling would be completed in the future phase 2 for accessibility. Many ideas were brought up such as adding a second bench, irrigation, different types of lighting including solar. The Committee will discuss all details in a future meeting.

### **New Business:**

Discussion: EMS

The Chair thought that we should look into removing the planter and bench b EMS school. The Students have been planting their own flowers and the Committee appreciates that the planter may be in their way of expanding the plant-able area.

Discussion: Small Trash Receptacles

The Committee discussed purchasing and adding smaller trash receptacles around the Village.

Miscellaneous Items Related to Ongoing and Future Projects

The following points, related to ongoing and future projects were discussed:

- Louis Millett Community Complex lighting. These lights need to be fixed and the possibility of adding colour changing lights to support all events and holidays will be looked into to find a Canadian Supplier.
- Projects should be planned before looking for related grants.
- The Committee would like to come up with a plan for Canada Blooms this year, for the 2023/2024 year.
- Capital Project money that was left unspent last year, should be reallocated to this year for Beautification efforts.

**Next Meeting Date:**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday June 15 @ 10:30 am in the Commission Room of the LMCC.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 11:34 am.