



Village of New Minas
Beautification Committee
March 29, 2023 @ 10:30 AM
Commission Room, LMCC
New Minas, Nova Scotia
APPROVED MINUTES

Members Present:

- Mary Munroe, Commission Member & Chair
- Agnes Wojt, Citizen Member (via Zoom)
- Donna Randell, Citizen Member (via Zoom)
- Gerard Hamilton, Manager of Municipal Operations

Members Absent:

- John Ansara, Director of Recreation & Community Development
- Debra Windle-Smith, Commission Member

Staff Present:

- Tim Bouter, Clerk Treasurer/CAO

Others Present:

- None

1. Call to Order:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:32am, welcoming those in attendance.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion:

THAT the Agenda for the March 29, 2023 Beautification Committee Meeting be approved as circulated.

M/ Gerard Hamilton

S/ Donna Randell

Motion Carried

3. Approval of Minutes:

- a. February 15, 2023 Beautification Committee Meeting

Motion:

THAT the Minutes for the February 15, 2023 Beautification Committee Meeting be approved with amendments.

M/ Gerard Hamilton
S/ Donna Randell
Motion Carried

4. Business Arising from Minutes:

- a. February 15, 2023 Beautification Committee Meeting

There was no business arising from the February 15, 2023 minutes.

5. Comments from the Chair:

The Chair would like the group to research and consider and research the possibility of using environmentally friendly surfaces for pathways and seating areas that are identified as accessible spaces.

6. Presentations:

There were no presentations.

7. Finance & Budget Update:

The Solar Light Post for the Prospect Road Pocket Park has been ordered, it is on track to be installed next month. We have made the claim to the Province for last years’ projects, and John is applying for a grant for this fiscal year. The 2023-2024 Budget has been approved by Commission.

8. New Business:

- a. Spring Plantings Update

The Planters have been stained and repaired for the season. The new plants have been ordered from Blomidon Nurseries and will be here end of May or early June. Gerard will ask John George for pictures of the plans for this season’s flower plantings, to be shared with the Committee.

- b. Implementation Plan for Founding Fathers Park

The 2023-2024 Budget includes funds for irrigation and the implementation of a new sign for Founding Fathers Park. The plan is to also finalize a plan for a viewing deck this year. Mary has the Founding Fathers Park plans that were approved by the Village Commission some years ago and accepted as representing a multi-year implementation plan. The paper plans were passed out to those who were able to attend in person, and Mary shared the overall original vision for the park. For this year, provided we receive grant approval, the plan is to develop the design for the viewing deck that would form

the base of the gazebo. It was recommended that a subcommittee of Committee members would work on the planning details for the viewing deck/gazebo which is to be a post and beam style structure to coordinate with the two future pergola structures in the park. It is understood that if significant deviations from the existing plans are considered those would require approval of the Commission. A connector trail from Founding Fathers to the Harvest Moon Trail will also be explored.

c. Implementation Plan for Other Capital Projects

Bench placements were discussed, along with irrigation plans to Crescent Park West. Irrigation will be installed in early Spring/Summer. Solar lights for Prospect Pocket Park were discussed and the best way to install them to deter theft.

In the 2023-2024 budget, there is an allocation for new banners. Some funds have been allocated to replace the blue Holiday banners with the current red banners in a multi year, phased approach. Additional funds were allocated for the purchase of new seasonal banners, with no holiday designation. It was discussed that the group would share ideas for new banners. Public Works will also reach out to the company we purchased Christmas lights from about their warranty.

9. Other Business:

Public Works will be contacting the Christmas light supplier to discuss the warranty on the lights purchased last fall (which had moisture accumulation inside the bulbs). An update will be brought back to the Committee.

10. Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday May 17, 2023 @ 10:30am at the LMCC and via online video conference (Zoom).

11. Adjournment:

There being no further business, the Chair called for a motion to adjourn at 11:36am.

Motion:

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

M/ Donna Randell
S/ Gerard Hamilton
Motion Carried