



Village of New Minas
Beautification Committee
May 17, 2023 @ 10:30 AM
Commission Room, LMCC
New Minas, Nova Scotia
APPROVED MINUTES

Members Present:

- Mary Munroe, Commission Member & Chair
- Debra Windle-Smith, Commission Member
- Agnes Wojt, Citizen Member (via Zoom)
- Donna Randell, Citizen Member (via Zoom)
- John Ansara, Director of Recreation & Community Development
- Gerard Hamilton, Manager of Municipal Operations

Members Absent:

- None

Staff Present:

- Tim Bouter, Clerk Treasurer/CAO
- John George, Public Works

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 May 17, 2023 Beautification Committee Meeting be approved as circulated.

M/ John Ansara

S/ Debra Windle-Smith

Motion Carried

3. Approval of Minutes:

- a. March 29, 2023 Beautification Committee Meeting

Motion:

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

**M/ John Ansara
S/ Gerard Hamilton
Motion Carried**

4. Business Arising from Minutes:

- a. March 29, 2023 Beautification Committee Meeting
 - There was no business arising from the March 29, 2023 minutes.

5. Comments from the Chair:

The Chair would like to address sign maintenance on either end of the Village. The Chair also requested that the team keep looking for environmentally friendly, accessible surfacing.

6. Presentations:

There were no presentations.

7. Finance & Budget Update:

John has submitted the Streetscaping & Beautification grant through Municipal Affairs. The grant asked for \$25,000 to support projects such as irrigation, lights, lighting and decorations and Founding Fathers Park.

8. Capital Projects:

- a. Crescent Park West
 - The permit has been submitted to the Nova Scotia Department of Public Works for a ¾ inch line for irrigation. A replacement sign was also discussed.
- b. Founding Fathers Park
 - Irrigation, replacement sign, viewing deck were all discussed as additions to Founding Fathers Park. Water and Power supply are already there but a small water line adjustment will have to happen to support irrigation. It was discussed that the group would benefit from having an outside planner come in to discuss the viewing deck. The group will reach out to Tim Palmer and attempt to work out a meeting time to discuss options.

c. Lights and Decorations

- 7 red holiday banners will be ordered this summer, as part of a phased approach to replace the existing blue banners along Commercial Street. The goal is to install the blue banners along Prospect Road in the future.
- Design for new seasonal banners to be approved at the next Beautification Committee meeting. The final number of banners to be ordered will be pending external funding approval (budgeted at either 30 or 60).
- Christmas related items to be discussed in the September meeting.

d. Prospect Road Pocket Park

Solar lamp post with 3 heads has been received and will be installed in the next month. Solar lights for the blue spruce trees have been received and will be hung at the same time as the lamp post. Solar flood lights will be purchased this summer after it is determined if there is enough lighting from the two current light sources.

9. New Business:

There was no new business.

10. Other Business

a. Spring Plantings Update

John George went to Blomidon Nurseries and ordered the flowers needed for the hanging baskets and planters. We have all sorts of colours coming in the planters including pink, yellow, orange, red, black and blue. Along with fullers, drapers, plants of all different heights including but not limited to sunflowers, potato vine, black lilles, petunias, tiger grass, and begonias. The Louis Millett Community Complex will get 4 large baskets. Ornamental grass/shrubs will be planted at the Louis Millett Community Complex to help with curb appeal, and for markers during plowing in the winter time.

b. Butterfly Way Update

Debra spoke to Carolyn; they are working on setting up a meeting.

c. Christmas Lights Warranty Update

John has spoken with the manufacturer, and we will be returning 40 lights. They will be replaced under warranty.

11. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday July 19, 2023 @ 10:30am at the LMCC and via online video conference (Zoom).

12. Adjournment:

There being no further business, the Chair called for a motion to adjourn at 11:31am.

Motion:

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

M/ John Ansara

S/ Donna Randell

Motion Carried