



Village of New Minas
Beautification Committee
August 17, 2022 @ 10:30 AM
Online Video Conference (Zoom)
New Minas, Nova Scotia
APPROVED MINUTES

Members Present:

- Mary Munroe, Chair
- Agnes Wojt, Citizen Member
- Donna Randell, Citizen Member
- Tim Bouter, Staff
- Gerard Hamilton, Staff

Members Absent:

- John Ansara, Staff

Others Present:

- Erica Dominey, Minutes

Call to Order:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:32 am.

Approval of the Agenda:

The Agenda for the August 17 meeting of the Beautification Committee was approved as presented.

M/Donna Randell

S/Agnes Wojt

Motion Carried

Approval of the Minutes:

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

M/Donna Randell

S/Agnes Wojt

Motion Carried

Business Arising from Minutes:

None

Presentations:

Tim Bouter, the new Clerk Treasurer/CAO for the Village of New Minas introduced himself to the Committee.

Finance and Budget Update:

The Village of New Minas has been approved for a grant of \$16,395.97 from the Municipal Beautification Grant for Prospect Pocket Park, Crescent Park West and Lights & Decorations. Tim provided an overview of the grant funding and where the projects currently stand budget wise.

Project Updates:

Butterfly Way

If time allows after the grant funded projects are completed, the Village of New Minas Public Works will be working on preparing the site for the Butterfly Way. Mary will be forwarding the contact information for Carolyn Green to Gerard Hamilton.

Action Item: Mary will forward the contact information to Gerard.

Granite Drive Roundabout

Gerard provided an operational update. One tier of plantings has now been completed. Nothing further is planned for this year, to allow the plantings to become established.

Prospect Pocket Park

Gerard provided an operational update. The fill has been laid, flowers have been ordered and will be transplanted once ready for pick up from Blomidon Nurseries. Concerns about the slopes and drainage were brought up and discussed. A Catalpa tree, benches, trash receptacle and garden light will be the same as those at Crescent Pocket Park East, with evergreens added to display seasonal lighting, as discussed by the Committee. The possibility of using concrete instead of tiles was also discussed with the group deciding to do more research before a final decision is made.

Irrigation

Gerard is getting quotes for irrigation for the Granite Drive Roundabout, Prospect Pocket Park, Crescent Park West and Milne Park.

New Business:

Discussion: Priorities for 2022

Tim discussed that the priority for 2022 will be to complete the three projects that have external funding. This will allow the Village to fully leverage the external funding. The Milne Subdivision Park will be completed as a secondary priority if time and resources allow. Otherwise this project will carry forward into next fiscal year.

Discussion: Lights and Decorations

The Committee discussed options around lighting and purchase of replacement banners. Various themes were discussed for different seasons and events. It was decided that certain

members of the group will have an informal meeting ahead of the next scheduled meeting to discuss a specific plan for lighting and decorations and what the vision is for the future.

Action Item: Coordinate meeting time and bring back information to the full Beautification Committee.

Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday September 21 @ 10:30 am via online video conference (Zoom).

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 11:27 am.