



Village of New Minas
Commission Meeting
January 9, 2023 @ 7:00 PM
Commission Room, LMCC
New Minas, Nova Scotia
APPROVED MINUTES

Commissioners Present:

- Dave Chaulk, Chair
- James Redmond, Vice Chair
- Mary Munroe
- Quentin Hill
- Debra Windle-Smith

Commissioners Absent:

- None

Staff Present:

- Tim Bouter, Clerk Treasurer/CAO

Others Present:

- Jim Winsor, County Councillor
- Donna Randell (via Zoom)

1. Call to Order:

Dave Chaulk called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, welcoming those in attendance.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion:

THAT the Agenda for the January 9, 2023 Commission Meeting be approved as circulated.

M/ James Redmond

S/ Quentin Hill

Motion Carried

3. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest:

No conflicts of interest were declared.

4. Approval of Minutes:

- a. December 12, 2022 Village Commission Meeting

Motion:

THAT the Minutes for the December 12, 2022 Village Commission Meeting be approved as circulated.

M/ Quentin Hill

S/ James Redmond

Motion Carried

5. Business Arising from Minutes:

- a. December 12, 2022 Village Commission Meeting

There was no business arising from the December 12, 2022 minutes.

6. Comments from the Chair:

There were no additional comments from the Chair.

7. Public Input Specific to Agenda Topics:

There was no public input.

8. Committee Reports:

- a. Beautification Committee

Mary Munroe provided a verbal summary of the written report and draft minutes included in the January 9, 2023 Commission agenda package.

- c. Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee

Quentin Hill informed the Commission that he was unable to attend the December 14, 2022 JAAC meeting.

- d. New Minas Water Commission

James Redmond provided a verbal summary of the draft minutes included in the January 9, 2023 Commission agenda package.

- f. Regional Sewer Committee

James Redmond provided a verbal summary of the written report and draft minutes included in the January 9, 2023 Commission agenda package.

Motion:

THAT the Committee Reports be received as included in the January 9, 2023 Commission agenda package and as verbally summarized by the respective Commissioners.

M/ Debra Windle-Smith

S/ Mary Munroe

Motion Carried

9. Staff Reports:

The Clerk Treasurer/CAO provided a verbal summary of the following written reports included in the January 9, 2023 Commission agenda package:

- a. Clerk Treasurer/CAO — Report included in package
- b. Manager of Municipal Operations — Report included in package
- c. Manager of Finance — Report included in package
- d. Director of Recreation & Community Development — Report included in package
- e. Active Living Coordinator — Report included in package

Motion:

THAT the Staff Reports be received as included in the January 9, 2023 Commission agenda package and as verbally summarized by the Clerk Treasurer/CAO.

M/ Quentin Hill

S/ James Redmond

Motion Carried

10. New Business:

There was no new business.

11. Correspondence:

There was no correspondence.

12. Other Business:

Mary Munroe provided an update on collaborative information gathering that is ongoing related to the history of the Village. Researchers report that the original area that is present day New Minas was historically inhabited by Mi'kmaq and then Acadians, and that within the current Village boundaries are burial grounds that have not been officially recognized as Historic Sites. On May 18, 2004, the following motion was PASSED by the Village Commission:

“It was moved by Commissioner Messom, seconded by Commissioner Swanburg that the Village of New Minas make application to the Municipality of the County of Kings to have the Village-owned properties, as identified by the Acadian Sites Committee, designated as Historic Sites. MOTION CARRIED”

Since the historical designation did not take place at the time, the Village Commission requested the Clerk Treasurer/CAO to determine steps that can be taken to revive this initiative.

13. General Public Input:

Jim Winsor provided the following comments:

- The Canning Development has received \$10 million of funding across all levels of government. This goes to show that money is available, and the Village should begin pursuing partnership opportunities for the lands to the south of Hwy 101.
- In the meantime, Jim is coordinating a meeting between the Municipality and Nova Scotia Public Works, to discuss the infrastructure and transportation studies that were completed as part of the New Minas SPS process. The goal is to create awareness of the New Minas SPS and identify specific projects to be added to the Provincial Capital Plan.

14. Adjournment:

There being no further business, Dave Chaulk called for a motion to adjourn at 7:23pm.

Motion:

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

M/ James Redmond
S/ Quentin Hill
Motion Carried