



**Village of New Minas**  
New Minas Water Commission Meeting  
Wednesday March 24, 2021 @ 7:00 PM  
Commission Room  
Louis Millet Community Centre  
New Minas, Nova Scotia

**Commissioners Present:**

- James Redmond, Chair
- Mary Munroe, Commissioner
- Bruce MacArthur, Citizen Member
- Scott Crowell, Citizen Member

**Commissioners Absent:**

- Dave Chaulk, Vice Chair (with regrets)

**Staff Present:**

- Gerard Hamilton, Operations Manager
- Ian Morrison, Clerk Treasurer/Chief Administrative Officer

**Others Present:**

- None

**Call to Order:**

Chair James Redmond called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm, welcoming those in attendance.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

THAT the Agenda for the March 24, 2021 regular New Minas Water Commission meeting be approved, as presented.

**M/Scott Crowell**

**S/Mary Munroe**

**Motion Carried**

**Approval of the Minutes from Prior Meeting:**

THAT the Minutes for the February 24, 2021 regular New Minas Water Commission meeting be approved as presented.

**M/Bruce MacArthur**

**S/Scott Crowell**

**Motion Carried**

**Business Arising from Minutes:**

The Clerk Treasurer/CAO advised that he has written to the Honorable Keith Irving, MLA Kings South and Minister of the Environment & Climate Change regarding Section 11 of *An Act to Incorporate the New Minas Water Commission*. Specifically, an ask has been made whether this section can be amended or deleted in an effort to allow the Commission to adjust the honorariums remitted to its Commissioners from time to time. No response has been received as of yet.

**Presentations:**

Financial Update

The Clerk Treasurer/CAO presented the Income Statement for the New Minas Water Commission as of March 23. At present, the NMWC is reporting the following:

\$789,355 in Revenues (versus \$787,113 last meeting)  
\$836,277 in Expenses (versus \$496,678 last meeting)  
(\$46,922) Net (versus \$290,435 last meeting)

Depreciation Expense (\$300,060) was booked in preparation for year end and the Income Statement is now in a deficit position. Fourth quarter billing will be applied prior to year end. Year to date collection (as of March 8) is:

	Budgeted	Collected
Metered Sales	\$590,000	\$453,288
Sprinkler Service	\$4,500	\$3,609

Source Water Protection Committee Appointment Process

The Clerk Treasurer/CAO advised that the appointment process for citizen appointments to the Source Water Protection Committee has been launched. The deadline for applications is April 16. The posting design was presented for review.

**Reports:**

Water Operations Report

Mr. Hamilton presented the Water Operations Department Report. Ms. Munroe enquired whether there existed the possibility of interference between the RF meters used by the Water Commission and the meters used by Nova Scotia Power. Mr. Hamilton advised that each meter system operates on its own independent federally regulated radio frequency and this is not a concern.

THAT the Water Operations Department Report be accepted as presented.

**M/Scott Crowell**

**S/Mary Munroe**

**Motion Carried**

**New Business:**

Request for Comment – 15 Lockhart Drive

The New Minas Water Commission is in receipt of a request to comment on a planning application for a development agreement to permit a three-unit residential complex at 15 Lockhart Drive. As part of the application process, the Commission has been asked to comment on any concerns it may have regarding potential for contamination of, or interference with, the groundwater supply as a result of this proposal. No concerns were expressed about the proposal.

THAT the Clerk Treasurer/CAO communicate, in writing, to the Municipality of Kings that it has no concerns at this time with the proposed development at 15 Lockhart Drive.

**M/Bruce MacArthur**

**S/Mary Munroe**

**Motion Carried**

**Correspondence:**

None

**Public Discussion Period:**

Scott Crowell was acknowledged for his service to the Water Commission. Mr. Crowell was appointed on September 22, 2010 and this marks his last meeting. He was presented with the Commission Service Certificate for his contributions

**Adjournment:**

**M/Scott Crowell**

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:20 pm.