



Village of New Minas
New Minas Water Commission Meeting
Wednesday May 26, 2021 @ 7:00 PM
Online Video Conference
New Minas, Nova Scotia

Commissioners Present:

- James Redmond, Chair
- Dave Chaulk, Vice Chair
- Mary Munroe, Commissioner
- Bruce MacArthur, Citizen Member
- Maynard Stevens, Citizen Member

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 7:01 pm, welcoming those in attendance.

Approval of the Agenda:

THAT the Agenda for the May 26, 2021 regular New Minas Water Commission meeting be approved, as presented.

M/Dave Chaulk

S/Bruce MacArthur

Motion Carried

Oath of Office

The Clerk Treasurer/CAO advised the Commission that he is an appointed Commissioner to administer oaths. Pursuant to the *Notaries and Commissions Act* of the Province of Nova Scotia, he has been granted all necessary authority under the aforementioned act. As such, he has the authority to administer the Oath of Office for the two Commissioners being appointed to the New Minas Water Commission.

The Clerk Treasurer/CAO, acting as a Commissioner under the *Act*, administered the Oath of Office to Bruce MacArthur and Maynard Stevens on May 26. The Clerk Treasurer/CAO shall enter a certificate of the taking of the oath into the Minutes of the Meeting.

Approval of the Minutes from Prior Meeting:

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

M/Dave Chaulk

S/Mary Munroe

Motion Carried

Business Arising from Minutes:

None.

Presentations:

Financial Update

The Clerk Treasurer/CAO presented the Income Statement for 2020-2021 for the New Minas Water Commission as of May 26. At year-end, the NMWC is reporting the following in its unaudited statement:

\$936,781 in Revenues (versus \$789,355 last meeting)

\$912,666 in Expenses (versus \$836,277 last meeting)

\$24,115 Net (versus (\$46,922) last meeting)

	Budgeted	Collected
Metered Sales	\$590,000	\$609,432
Sprinkler Service	\$4,800	\$4,852

This represents the final Income Statement for this fiscal year 2020-2021.

Reports:

Water Operations Report

Mr. Hamilton presented two Water Operations Department Reports (one for April 28 and one for May 26).

THAT the Water Operations Department Reports for April 28 and May 26 be accepted as presented.

M/Maynard Stevens

S/Bruce MacArthur

Motion Carried

New Business:

Source Water Protection Committee Appointment Process

The Clerk Treasurer/CAO advised that the deadline date to apply for citizen membership on the Source Water Protection Committee was April 16. One application was received. Therefore,

the Commission was presented with a recommendation to appoint the applicant to the Committee, so the Committee could commence its work. Applications for one additional member of the Committee will remain open until June 18.

THAT Scott Crowell be appointed for a two-year term, commencing July 1, 2021.

M/Maynard Stevens

S/Bruce MacArthur

Motion Carried

The Commission was asked to appoint two Commissioners to serve on the Committee for a one-year term.

THAT James Redmond and Maynard Stevens be appointed for a one-year term, commencing July 1, 2021.

M/Bruce MacArthur

S/Dave Chaulk

Motion Carried

Correspondence:

The Clerk Treasurer/CAO presented the response from the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change to an enquiry about changing *An Act to Incorporate the New Minas Water Commission*. Specifically, Section 11 of the *Act* establishes the remuneration for Commissioners and, therefore, the amounts cannot be altered without a change in legislation. The Clerk Treasurer/CAO enquired about this on February 23 and a response was received on May 21. The Minister, in his response, referred the matter to staff.

Public Discussion Period:

None

Adjournment:

M/Dave Chaulk

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:29 pm.