



# **The Village of New Minas Community Newsletter**

**JANUARY-MARCH 2020**



**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Wishing you a safe and prosperous New Year from the  
Village Commissioners and Staff!

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2019

# A YEAR IN REVIEW

2019

The Village of New Minas has been quite busy in 2019! We have done so much and have had so much fun, that we couldn't possibly fit everything we want to in the newsletter, however here are a few highlights from our year.

-Our beautification committee has been hard at work planning and executing all sorts of exciting things. Along with our Public Works Department, they worked hard creating the new park on the corner of Crescent Drive and Commercial Street. In another team effort, they designed and installed new holiday banners along Commercial Street!

-Our float in the Apple Blossom Parade won most artistic, it also won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Hantsport Canada Day Parade! The float was accompanied by Princess New Minas Emily Guptill, Child Attendant Quincey Millett and pulled by our very own, Steve Vernie.

-Our Canada Day and New Minas Days celebrations were very well attended and we all had a blast. The fireworks were incredible at both events and the movie night in the park was so much fun. Big thanks to our Recreation Intern Quinn and Recreation Director John for organizing these events.

-Summer and March Break Camps hit record numbers! Our Summer Camp got to experience many amazing trips such as Aylesford Lake, Oaklawn Zoo, Kentville Pool, Discovery Centre, and Atlantic Splash Adventure. We are lucky to have such a great staff and super fantastic kiddos.

-The annual Iron Leaf Disc Golf tournament was a huge success, with competitors from 4 Canadian Provinces. It is definitely a big highlight of our year.

-Our Halloween event surpassed any we've had before. We were able to add several bouncers thanks to a partnership with New Minas Baptist Church. We saw a huge number of people show up. We enjoyed seeing all the costumes and getting to give out treats.

-We are seeing a trend in our events this year! Record numbers of people are showing up and our craft fair was not left out! This year was our largest attended fair to date. A huge thank you to our visitors, vendors and Charlene for organizing it again this year!

-This year was the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the New Minas Rotary Parade of Lights. Although chilly, we had a great turn out. Kings County Resource Centre won our new prize, best float! This event would not be possible without the Parade Committee who works tirelessly to make sure everything goes according to plan, the volunteers and the Parade Participants. THANK YOU.

-Our food drive was a fantastic event, we love seeing the Village come together for those in need.

-We had a great time dancing and eating turkey dinner at the Seniors Holiday Dinner and Dance. The music by Ross & MaCall was perfect and Steve cooked an unbeatable turkey dinner, as always!

There are so many more amazing things that happened in our Village this year, keep an eye on our facebook page and website for information on what 2020 has in store!







# NEW MINAS RECREATION



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
6-7 Boxing (\$5)	1-3 Pickleball (\$2) 6-7:30 Volleyball (\$2) 7-9 Jam Session (\$2)	9-10 Fit as a Fiddle (\$2) 10:15-11:15 Fit as a Fiddle (\$2) 1-3 Ladies Pickleball (\$2) 6-7 Zumba (\$2)	1-3 Ladies Pickleball (\$2) 7-9 Pickleball (\$2) 7-9 Cribbage (\$2) 7-7:50 Beginner Yoga (\$6)



THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9-10 Fit as a Fiddle (\$2) 10:15-11:15 Fit as a Fiddle (\$2) 6-7 Zumba (\$2) 7-9:30 Basketball (\$2)	1-3 Pickleball (\$2)	7-9 Card Parties (\$2)



## MEET THE STAFF!

### Shelly Palmer

Position: Finance Manager, I am a senior member in the Finance Department at the Village and I'm responsible for coordination of many of the day-to-day accounting functions of the organization.

Length of Service: 14.5 years

What do you love most about working for the Village? Atmosphere!

What is your most memorable moment working for the Village? When the Civic Centre was renamed the Lynn Spencer Hall.

Favourite food? Movie? TV show? I only get to pick ONE? Yikes! Let's see. Chinese Food, Mama Mia, & Income Property...Scott McGillivray, how can I not?

What is the one thing you couldn't live without? My son, Aiden.

What is one thing we would be surprised to learn about you? I'm a little bit of a neat freak, well...I used to be!

Tell us a little about yourself: I'm the fourth daughter of six, with the added blessing of having a twin sister (Jo-Ann), whom, some say looks a lot like me (I was born first). I feel truly blessed because I love my family and my job! I have an awesome son Aiden, who's 14 years old. My first instinct is to help people; I talk too much, and love to laugh.



# NEW MINAS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION



New Minas Business Association

## MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21 @3PM

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

Terms of Reference

AT THE LYNN SPENCER HALL, LMCC

9489 Commercial St, New Minas, NS

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO RSVP PLEASE EMAIL [JOHNA@NEWMINAS.COM](mailto:JOHNA@NEWMINAS.COM)

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**What it is:** The New Minas Business Association (NMBA) is a newly formed organization that will serve as the collective voice of the business community in the Village of New Minas. The first official meeting will take place on January 21, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. at the Louis Millett Community Complex, where there will be an election of officers and an adoption of the Terms of Reference. Once the meeting has taken place, the group will meet quarterly throughout the year.

For more information, contact John Ansara, Director of Recreation and Community Development: [johna@newminas.com](mailto:johna@newminas.com)

The NMBA is just getting started, and we want you to be part of it!

NEW

## COMMUNITY CONNECTION



President Shirley Reid presenting a cheque to Open Arms, Mary Doucette. The Lions also presented cheques to The Salvation Army and Chrysallis House.



LYNN SPENCER HALL

\$350

Includes hall rental, commercial kitchen, tables, chairs and bar services\*

\$550

Includes hall rental, commercial kitchen, tables, chairs, bar services\*, extra set up and clean up time.

*Additional add on's available.*

Contact Erica to book!

[ericad@newminas.com](mailto:ericad@newminas.com) / 902-681-1567

all prices are subject to tax  
\*bar service fees may apply

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### **Do you want to be more involved in our community?!**

Would you like to know more about Village operations and decision making? Are you interested in learning more about the decisions that affect how New Minas continues to evolve and grow? The Village Commission meets @ 7pm on the second Monday of every month in the Commission Room at the LMCC. If the second Monday falls on a holiday, the meeting will take place the following evening (Tuesday).

**Everyone is welcome to attend!**



# MARCH BREAK CAMP



Fun



Creative



Play



Wondering where to send your kids for fun this March Break? Send them to New Minas March Break Camp! We have a fun, adventure filled week planned!

March 16-20 2020

7:30AM - 5:30PM

Junior - Ages 5-6

Inter - Ages 7-8

Senior - Ages 9+

• \$100 for the week

• Registration begins January 6, 2020

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## KALEIDOSCOPE NEW MINAS

What a year we have had at Kaleidoscope! We have continued to meet twice a week, on Wednesday and Friday mornings, and even ran a pilot summer program on Tuesday afternoons. This summer we also partnered with the Rotary Club of New Minas Sunrise and Value Village and kept the Wee Book Nook filled. It is closed for the winter but our big Book Nook in the LMCC is full and waiting for you to enjoy! We are still collecting used postage stamps for the Lions Club, bread tags for another community group and pull tabs for the Kinsmen, we recently deposited 425,000 tabs! Kaleidoscope turned four in November and it has given us a chance to reflect on how we have grown over the years. We started with between fifteen and twenty visitors and now on Wednesday we usually have over fifty. Friday's are our "quiet day" with around thirty-five. Kaleidoscope is a program where special friends gather for social and recreational fun. We closed the year with an awesome Christmas party attended by over seventy friends. Looking forward to our adventures in 2020!





# A message from Public Works!



## ATTENTION:

Our Public Works Crew is working hard to clear and salt the sidewalks for your safety! They are noticing that many people are placing their garbage bins/bags on the sidewalk. We kindly ask that you refrain from placing the bins/bags on the sidewalk to assist with snow clearing/salting efforts. We appreciate your cooperation with this matter.



### Flushable Wipes....are they really flushable?

The answer is NO! Flushable wipes not only can cause a backup into your own home, but they are detrimental to our sewer mains. In addition, our sewer treatment plant has difficulty dealing with "flushable" wipes. Please do not flush wipes of any kind down the toilet. The increased use of these products is costing homeowners, tax payers, and municipalities a great deal of time, money, and effort! We thank you for your cooperation!



Are you noticing a difference in your water bill? Do you have a small leak, dripping tap, or running toilet? Check out the chart below to see how much water you could be wasting, even with the smallest leak.



### **Water costs money... don't waste it!**

A dripping faucet or fixture can waste 3 gallons a day...a total of 1095 gallons a year.

	U.S. Equivalent	Metric Equivalent
Fluid oz.	8 fl. drams (1.804 cu. inches)	29.573 milliliters
Pint	16 fl. oz. (28.875 cu. inches)	0.473 liter
Quart	2 pints (57.75 cu. inches)	0.946 liter
Gallon	4 quarts (231 cu. inches)	3.785 liters

Waste per quarter at 60 psi water pressure			
Diameter of stream	Gallons	Cubic Feet	Cubic Meters
1/4"	1,181,500	158,000	4,475
3/16"	666,000	89,031	2,521
1/8"	296,000	39,400	1,115
1/16"	74,000	9,850	280

↑ A continuous leak from a hole this size would, over a three month period, waste water in the amounts shown above.

**\$75 + TAX**



# **LMCC BIRTHDAY PARTIES**

**1 HOUR IN THE GYM  
1 HOUR IN PARTY ROOM**

**CONTACT ERICA TO BOOK!  
ERICAD@NEWMINAS.COM**



The New Minas Volunteer Fire Department is

# RECRUITING



## BECOME A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER

Be part of the tradition, part of the family, part of the community.

In the New Minas Volunteer Fire Department there is a job for everyone.

Junior fire fighters welcome (16 – 18 years)

For information as to the benefits we can provide you, stop into the fire department, call or e-mail.

902-681-6661

E-MAIL [NMVFD@NS.ALIANTZINC.CA](mailto:NMVFD@NS.ALIANTZINC.CA)



## Community Contact Information

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Animal Control .....	902-678-3647
Annapolis Valley Health .....	<a href="http://www.avdha.nshealth.ca">www.avdha.nshealth.ca</a>
Building Permit Inquiries (Kings County).....	902-690-6152
Councillor Jim Winsor, District 8.....	902-678-7776 <a href="mailto:councillor.winsor@county.kings.ns.ca">councillor.winsor@county.kings.ns.ca</a>
Department of Environment .....	902-679-6086
Kings County Family Resource Centre .....	902-678-5760 <a href="http://www.kcfr.ca">www.kcfr.ca</a>
Kings County Recreation .....	902-690-6124
Lockhart & Ryan Memorial Park Inquiries (fields).....	902-681-6972
Louis Millett Community Complex Rentals.....	902-681-6972
MLA Keith Irving, Kings South .....	902-542-0050 <a href="mailto:keith@irvingmla.ca">keith@irvingmla.ca</a>
Minas 50+ Club .....	902-681-1633
Municipality of Kings County.....	902-678-6141 <a href="http://www.county.kings.ns.ca">www.county.kings.ns.ca</a>
New Minas Volunteer Fire Department (NMVFD).....	902-681-6661
NS Power .....	1-800-428-6230
Planning and Development Inquiries (Kings County) .....	902-690-6139
Police General Inquiries-RCMP.....	902-679-5555
School/Busing Inquiries.....	902-538-4600
Sidewalk Inquiries.....	902-681-6972
Street Inquiries (Dept. of Transportation).....	902-679-6122
Street Light Inquiries/Emergencies .....	902-681-0430
Street Signs (Dept. of Transportation).....	902-679-6122
Tax Bills (County).....	902-690-6147
Tax Bills (Village).....	902-679-1878
Traffic Lights (Dept. of Transportation).....	902-679-6122
Valley Regional Hospital.....	902-678-7381
Valley Waste: Garbage/Recycling.....	902-679-1325
Village General Business.....	902-681-6972 / Fax 902-681-0779
Village Water/Sewer Inquiries/Emergencies.....	902-681-7750
Welcome Wagon .....	1-866-824-5363

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### New Minas Village Commissioners

**Dave Chaulk** is the Chair of the Commission. He has 13 years of service with the Village. He can be reached at 902-681-2387 or [davec@newminas.com](mailto:davec@newminas.com)

**Jim Redmond** is the New Minas Fire Chief and has served on the Commission for 25 years. He can be reached at 902-681-7595 or [jamesr@newminas.com](mailto:jamesr@newminas.com)

**Cheryl L. Manzer** is a retired nurse and is serving her first year with the Village as Commissioner. She can be reached at 902-681-0044 or [cherylm@newminas.com](mailto:cherylm@newminas.com)

**Ken Pineo** is retired from the Nova Scotia Department of Justice and has been on the Commission for 5 years. He can be reached at 902-681-0173 or [kenp@newminas.com](mailto:kenp@newminas.com)

**Mary Munroe** is retired from Acadia University and is serving her 6th year with the Village. She can be reached at 902-681-5882, or [marym@newminas.com](mailto:marym@newminas.com)