



**Village of New Minas**  
Minutes of Regular Commission Meeting  
Monday May 9, 2022 @ 7:00 PM  
Commission Room, LMCC  
New Minas, Nova Scotia

**Commissioners Present:**

- Dave Chaulk, Chair
- James Redmond, Vice Chair
- Mary Munroe, Commissioner
- Quentin Hill, Commissioner

**Staff Present:**

- John Ansara, Interim Clerk Treasurer/CAO
- Erica Dominey, Minutes

**Others Present:**

- Scott Conrod, CAO, Municipality of the County of Kings
- Aaron Dondale, Manager of Public Works, Municipality of the County of Kings
- Joey Murphy
- Maynard Stevens
- Blaine Morrison
- Sara Harvie
- Richard Galpin
- Dawn Noakes
- David Noakes
- Ashley Thompson
- Marlene Dodge
- Lesley Hopkins
- Esther Bradley
- Cecil Lockhart

**Call to Order:**

Chair Dave Chaulk called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm, welcoming those in attendance.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

THAT the Agenda for the June 13, 2022 regular Commission meeting be approved, as presented.

**M/James Redmond**

**S/Quentin Hill**

**Motion Carried**

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

THAT the Minutes for the May 9, 2022 regular Commission meeting be approved, as presented.

**M/James Redmond**

**S/Quentin Hill**

**Motion Carried**

**New Business:**

Treatment Plant Odour

Scott Conrod, CAO and Aaron Dondale, Manager of Public Works with the Municipality of the County of Kings made a presentation about the odour the Sewage Treatment Plant emits. Mr. Dondale gave a history of the Treatment Plant, the Treatment Plant boundaries and a background of operations/partnerships. Mr. Dondale explained how the Treatment Plant works and what the collection process entails. Mr. Dondale and Mr. Conrod let the attendees know the plan of action that the Municipality is undertaking currently. All information and updates on the Regional Sewer Plant can be found on the website for the County of Kings.

New Minas Village Election Report

John Ansara advised the Commission that no one had submitted a nomination form. THAT the process for the Village Commission Election repeats with nominations closing on July 5<sup>th</sup>.

**M/James Redmond**

**S/Quentin Hill**

**Carried**

CAO/Clerk Treasurer Approval/Appointment

THAT Tim Bouter be approved and appointed as Clerk Treasurer/CAO for the Village of New Minas commencing on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

**M/Quentin Hill**

**S/James Redmond**

**Carried**

Request for Banquet Hall

The Commission had received a request from Mike Reid and the GLS Society for Health and Life requesting donation of the banquet hall. The Commission discussed that although the cause is very worthy and important, the Village does not have the capacity to approve all requests for space. It was determined that a discounted 'benefit rate' would be appropriate in this case.

### Village of New Minas Annual General Meeting

John Ansara advised the Commission that the AGM is scheduled for June 28<sup>th</sup> in the Commission Room at the Louis Millett Community Complex commencing at 6:00 p.m.

### **Business Arising from Minutes**

None

### **Presentations:**

Scott Conrod and Aaron Dondale from the Municipality of the County of Kings presented in regards to the Regional Sewer Plant.

### **Committee Reports:**

- Beautification Committee – report included in package
- Clerk Treasurer/CAO – report included in package
- Finance – report included in package
- Finance & Audit Committee – no report (next meeting June 23)
- Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee – no report
- New Minas Water Commission – report included in package
- Operations – report included in package
- Recreation & Community Development – report included in package
- Recreation & Community Development Advisory Committee – no report
- Active Living Coordinator- report included in package
- Regional Sewer Committee – no report (next meeting June 16)

THAT the report for the Beautification Committee be accepted, as presented.

**M/Mary Munroe**

**S/Quentin Hill**

**Motion Carried**

THAT the following staff reports be accepted as presented:

- Clerk/Treasurer/CAO
- Director of Recreation & Community Development
- Finance Department
- Operations Manager
- Active Living Coordinator

**M/Quentin Hill**

**S/James Redmond**

**Motion Carried**

THAT the reports for New Minas Water Commission and the Regional Sewer Committee be accepted, as presented.

**M/James Redmond**

**S/Quentin Hill**  
**Motion Carried**

**Correspondence:**

None

**Public Discussion Period:**

Jim Winsor, Councillor for District 8 advised the Village Commission that the Municipality of the County of Kings and the Planning Advisory Committee that he has concerns over a levy on businesses over 25,000 square feet in New Minas South. Mr. Winsor shared his views on the matter and the Commission agreed that they were not in favour of having a levy and felt the Commission should have been consulted more.

THAT John Ansara draft a letter to the Municipality of the County of Kings and the Planning Advisory Committee not supporting the levy on businesses over 25,000 square feet in New Minas South.

M/Quentin Hill

S/James Redmond

Carried

Mr. Winsor also thanked Scott Conrod and Aaron Dondale for presenting.

**Other**

The Chair of the Commission thanked Commissioner Cheryl Manzer who was unable to attend the meeting, for her dedication during her term as Commissioner. The Village Commission and Staff wish Cheryl well.

**Adjournment:**

**M/James Redmond**

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:50 pm.