



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:

- James Redmond, Vice Chair
- Cheryl Manzer, Commissioner
- Mary Munroe, Commissioner
- Quentin Hill, Commissioner

Staff Present:

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

Others Present:

- Donna Randell
- Maynard Stevens

Absent:

- Dave Chaulk, with regrets.

Call to Order:

Vice Chair James Redmond called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm, welcoming those in attendance.

James Redmond called for those in attendance to observe a moment of silence in memory of Rod MacInnis, a former Village Commissioner who had recently passed away.

Approval of the Agenda:

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

M/Quentin Hill

S/Cheryl Manzer

Motion Carried

Approval of the Minutes from Prior Meeting:

THAT the Minutes for the April 11, 2022 regular Commission meeting be approved, as presented.

M/Cheryl Manzer

S/Quentin Hill

Motion Carried

Business Arising from Minutes:

John Ansara provided an update on the Food Vendor By-Law request made to the Municipality of the County of Kings. John spoke with Trish Javorek who advised the Village to keep submitting the request but it was not a priority at this time.

Presentations:

New Minas Business Recognition Program

John Ansara presented a plan for recognizing the businesses in New Minas. Staff would highlight and celebrate different businesses every quarter in the News Letter, social media and the Village website. The Recognition Program would also run giveaways with prizes from local businesses and host a 'best of New Minas' contest. The Commissioners provided feedback on the proposal. Staff will make necessary changes and update the Commission at the next meeting.

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
- Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee – report included in package
- New Minas Water Commission – no report
- Operations – report included in package
- Recreation & Community Development – report included in package
- Recreation & Community Development Advisory Committee – no report
- Regional Sewer Committee – report included in package

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

M/Mary Munroe

S/Cheryl Manzer

Motion Carried

THAT the following staff reports be accepted as presented:

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

M/Quentin Hill
S/Cheryl Manzer
Motion Carried

THAT the report for the Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee be accepted, as presented.

M/Quentin Hill
S/Cheryl Manzer
Motion Carried

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

M/Quentin Hill
S/Cheryl Manzer
Motion Carried

New Business:

Beautification

Mary Munroe gave the Commission an update on Grant Funding and what Grants the Village was eligible and applying for. Mary advised that the Beautification Committee would like the unspent funds from previous budget years reallocated to the Committee instead of the Capital Reserve. The Commission discussed the roundabout coming into New Minas and the need to have that space more appealing as it is a main entrance into New Minas.

Milne Subdivision

The Commission discussed an uptick in theft from vehicles especially in Milne Subdivision. James Redmond advised the residents should continue to report to the RCMP and the Commission will reach out to the RCMP Community Liaison to do a presentation on crime rates in New Minas in the near future.

Correspondence:

John Ansara advised the Commission of a phone call he received from New Minas Resident Cathy McDow. Ms. McDow is concerned about a lack of Police presence in New Minas especially around Commercial Street as she has noticed a lot of erratic driving. The Commission believes that the Police presence is there, especially with ghost cars. The Commission will be contacting the Community Liaison to present.

Public Discussion Period:

Maynard Stevens commended the Commission and Staff on their plan to recognize business' in New Minas. Mr. Stevens inquired about the status of Canada Day and Celebration Days Events. John Ansara advised that these are being planned as normal. Mr. Stevens also noted that he has observed an increased number of traffic infractions.

Adjournment:

M/Cheryl Manzer

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:16 pm.