



# The Village of New Minas Community Newsletter

## Community Engagement Session

### Village of New Minas Community Parks

New Minas Recreation is committed to improving our community parks. We are inviting local residents to a community engagement session with Director of Recreation and Community Development, John Ansara, to hear from you and learn what you would like to see incorporated into your neighbourhoods.

**APRIL 19TH**

**MILNE  
SUBDIVISION**

**APRIL 22ND**

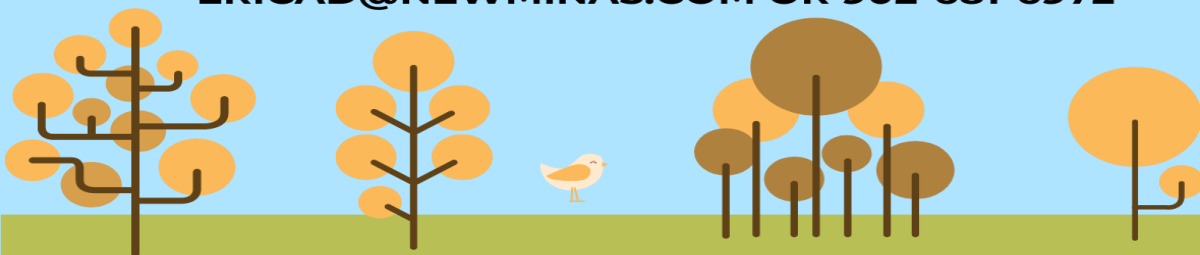
**GOLFVIEW  
SUBDIVISION**

**APRIL 26TH**

**MEADOW  
TERRACE  
SUBDIVISION**

All sessions will be held at the Louis Millett  
Community Complex between 7-8:30pm

**DUE TO COVID-19 GUIDELINES,  
YOU MUST RSVP FOR THIS EVENT TO ERICA:  
ERICAD@NEWMINAS.COM OR 902-681-6972**



*Keep an eye on our Facebook pages & website for more information!*  
Village of New Minas & Louis Millett Community Complex | [newminas.com](http://newminas.com)

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## SEWER RATE STUDY:

New Minas Village Commission is considering new sewer rate as recommended by Stantec Consulting. You can find the full Sewer Rate Study Report on our website or by clicking [here](#). If you have any questions regarding the study please contact [ianm@newminas.com](mailto:ianm@newminas.com).

## NEW MINAS SECONDARY PLAN:

Applications are now being accepted to fill a Municipal Appointee vacancy on the New Minas Secondary Plan Working Group.

Please visit [www.countyofkings.ca/citizenappointments](http://www.countyofkings.ca/citizenappointments) to view the posting and apply; the deadline for this posting is March 22, 2021.

This Working Group was established to assist in the development of a Secondary Planning Strategy for the Growth Centre of New Minas. A Secondary Planning Strategy provides specific policy direction related to land use planning and development of a specific area.

Members of the Working Group will meet as needed to:

- Identify stakeholders of interest
- Provide guidance regarding relevant issues
- Provide input on proposed approaches
- Review prepared materials

The appointment term of approximately 2 years ends upon completion of a draft, unless Council directs otherwise.

New Minas Water Commission  
**Source Water Protection  
Committee**

Two citizen members needed

Two year term

Must be a Utility customer or Village of New Minas resident during the appointment process, and for the duration of the term.

Refer to the terms and reference on our website  
([www.newminas.com](http://www.newminas.com))

Deadline: April 16, 2021 @ 4:30 PM

To apply please submit resume and cover letter to: [ianm@newminas.com](mailto:ianm@newminas.com)

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*Appointment is subject to approval by the New Minas Water Commission.*



# The Village of New Minas is seeking your input!



Subject to the **Section 9** of the Municipality's **Noise Control By-law** (By-law #84), the Village of New Minas is soliciting feedback from residents concerning the following request for an exemption to the provisions of the aforementioned by-law:

## **Event:**

Thunder in the Valley Off Road Event

October 9 & 10, 2021

Event Times: 7:00 am-7:00 pm, each day

Event Location: Pit Area, North End of Jones Road



**Please submit your views, in writing, concerning this request to:  
[info@newminas.com](mailto:info@newminas.com) on or before April 30, 2021**



# NEW MINAS REAL ESTATE MARKET ANALYSIS

Please [click here](#) to read the New Minas Real Estate Market Analysis. Feedback is welcomed and encouraged and can be sent to [info@newminas.com](mailto:info@newminas.com). This analysis can also be found on our website [www.newminas.com](http://www.newminas.com) under community>New Minas Secondary Plan.

## Lost and Found:

-We found a drone on top of the roof at the Louis Millett Community Complex. If you can give us a description, you can have it!

-A key fob for a Dodge vehicle was found in Lockhart and Ryan Park in the Summer that was never claimed. If it is yours, please visit us at the Village Offices located in the LMCC!

-A pickleball racket was recently left behind in the gym. If you can describe it, you can have it!

# NEW MINAS RECREATION

SPRING PROGRAMMING REGISTRATION DATE:

**MARCH 22ND, 9AM**

- Badminton
- Pickleball
- Pilates
- Yoga
- Zumba

Registration can be done online by clicking [HERE](#).

## NEW “TRY IT” PROGRAM!

### PILATES WITH NATE!

Come try Pilates with our new instructor, Nate! The try it class will be for 4 weeks throughout April on Tuesday evenings.

Place: Louis Millett Community Complex—Lynn Spencer Hall

Cost: \$15.00

# MEET THE STAFF!



**Name:** Victoria Sanderson

**What are you studying:** I am a 4th year Community Development at Acadia University.

**What have you been doing for the village:** I reached out to the Village of New Minas to be the recreation intern for a six-week placement as a part of my final semester. So far, in the three weeks that I have been working here, I have had wonderful experiences. Learning more about grant applications and park planning than I ever thought I would know and getting to use the skills that I have learned throughout my degree at Acadia, such as program planning. I have been utilizing with the planning skills for

the upcoming youth March Break camp. I am fortunate to be working with the Village of New Minas in an In-person position, whereas many of my classmates work online with their placements. Overall, I immensely enjoy the work I have been doing and am excited about what the next three weeks have to bring!

**What do you like best about working for the Village:** My favourite thing about working with the Village so far is the office camaraderie. Every day the office morale seems high, which I appreciate during these unprecedented times of COVID-19. It is important to me to work well with my co-workers, and I can say that this is achieved at the Village office!

**Summer Plans:** As I will be graduating from Acadia in May, I am currently looking for jobs and a place to live in Halifax. I think that will be a great place to start the next chapter of my life. I am excited for this summer and the adventure that will come with the sunshine and warm weather!

# **BECOME A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER** **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO PROTECT YOUR COMMUNITY**



## **WHAT YOU GET IN RETURN**

**Free Training**

**Sizeable Honorarium**

**Free NS Vehicle License Plate**

**\$500 Provincial Tax Credit**

**Federal Government Tax Credit**

**Respect and Appreciation**

**Use of exercise room**

**You'll share challenges, camaraderie, and when successful, a sense of accomplishment that is second to none.**

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

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

**WWW.NEWMINASFIRE.COM**

**Junior Firefighters welcome (16-18 years old)**





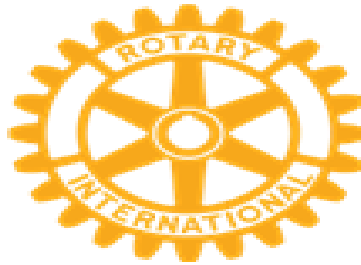
Another way to support the New Minas Volunteer Fire Department!



Click the above picture to purchase your tickets, make sure you choose New Minas Volunteer Fire Department. Each week you can purchase tickets until 8PM Thursday, the draw will take place at 9PM.



# Rotary



Have you seen a “Little Free Pantry” off Highland Avenue in New Minas? The Rotary Club of New Minas Sunrise is excited to provide easy access to food for those in our community who have urgent needs. This is the first of four “Little Pantries” that will be located in our Village.

The Rotarians will be stocking the shelves initially but we are asking the community for their help going forward. The Little Free Pantry can be accessed 24 hours a day and offers the opportunity for neighbours to support others in their time of need by keeping the pantry stocked.

Our Little Free Pantry Motto is **“Take what you need, leave what you can”**

### How can the community help:

A list of appropriate items is listed at the Pantry. You can drop off non-perishable foods, small personal hygiene items, and paper goods as the pantry can go from full to empty in matter of hours.

Our Rotary Motto is “Service Above Self” and in the words of Mother Theresa – “If you cannot feed a hundred people, then just feed one”.

The Rotary Club of New Minas Sunrise has just celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and over the years we have initiated many community projects and the Little Pantry is our response to the urgent needs of our families in New Minas.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Holly Thompson – [rotaryholly@outlook.com](mailto:rotaryholly@outlook.com) (902) 670-1698

Heather Hennigar – [heatherrotary@outlook.com](mailto:heatherrotary@outlook.com) (902) 670-6761

Thank you,

Rotary Club of New Minas Sunrise



## Winter 2021 Greetings from Councillor Jim Winsor



We are more than a year into our COVID 19 experience and I would venture that most of us would be proud of how well our governments have responded to the pandemic; both in a medical/safety response and in a financial protection response. Let's be thankful to our elected members and health officials who have made the hard decisions and provided leadership during this unprecedented period. I am also proud of our front line workers and first responders who have performed over and above the call of duty, and, to you our citizens for patient endurance and cooperation with our safety protocols

and practices. I know also that there are businesses and individuals who have suffered, financially, mentally, and emotionally. We do need to continue to watch out for one another in neighbourly deeds and in prayer.

This is my first update since the Municipal election in October 2020. Please accept my thanks and appreciation for the support and confidence that you have shown in me by re-electing me as your Municipal Councillor for District 8 (New Minas and Greenwich) for another four years. I am honoured and humbled by the confidence that you have placed in me. Again, please count on me to carry forward with continued hard work for District 8 specifically and this County generally. In particular, I see opportunities to make our District and Village prosperous, vibrant, and a fantastic place to work, play, learn, and do business.

We have come a long ways with the new Granite Drive Connector Road, significant road rehabilitation, and many County wide initiatives but there is new and exciting ground to break for the Village of New Minas in particular. I believe there is an excitement for New Minas and it is being displayed in the developments that have happened over the past few years and the several other projects that are in the works.

Of particular importance for the Village of New Minas is the development of the New Minas Secondary Planning Strategy which is being led by the County in partnership with the Village and financially supported by the Province. I am pleased to be chairing the Working Group for this project which includes four Village Commissioners, two Councillors, and seven citizens. The project is well underway and you can see more details of the project at <https://www.countyofkings.ca/engage/consultations/visionnewminas.aspx>

I am very keen on our new Council. I believe that we have a synergistic group of motivated councillors who will do good things for Kings County over the next four years. We are also privileged to have Mayor Peter Muttart back to lead us with his steady hand. We are presently engaged in the development of strategic vision and projects for the County and are looking forward to the completion of this work, hopefully by the end of February. I look forward to updating you further on this by emails (where I have your email address) and Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/JimWinsorForCountyCouncil>

**In the meantime, should you wish to contact me, you can do so at 902-680-5405 or by email at [councillor.winsor@countyofkings.ca](mailto:councillor.winsor@countyofkings.ca)**

# Community Contact Information

## Village Of New Minas

Booking the LMCC	902-681-6972
General Business	902-681-6972
Water After Hours Emergency	902-681-7750

## Municipality

Councilor Jim Winsor (District 8)	902-680-5405
County of Kings	902-678-6141
County of Kings (Permits)	902-690-6152
Kings County Recreation	902-690-6124
Planning and Development	902-690-6139

## Province

Department of Environment	902-679-6086
Department of Transportation	902-679-6122
MLA Keith Irving	902-542-0050

## Other

Animal Control	902-678-3647
New Minas Volunteer Fire Department	902-681-6661
Nova Scotia Power	1-800-428-6230
RCMP (General Inquiries)	902-679-5555
Valley Regional Hospital	902-678-7381
Valley Waste	902-679-1325

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### New Minas Village Commissioners

**Dave Chaulk** (Chair of the Commission): 902-681-2387 or [davec@newminas.com](mailto:davec@newminas.com)

**Quentin Hill**: [quentinh@newminas.com](mailto:quentinh@newminas.com)

**Jim Redmond** (Vice– Chair of the Commission): 902-681-7595 or [jamesr@newminas.com](mailto:jamesr@newminas.com)

**Cheryl L. Manzer**: 902-681-0044 or [cherylm@newminas.com](mailto:cherylm@newminas.com)

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