Draft Village of New Minas
New Minas Water Commission
September 23, 2025 @ 3:00 PM
Commission Room, LMCC
New Minas, Nova Scotia
MINUTES

Members Present:

- James Redmond, Commission Member & Chair
- Mary Munroe, Commission Member
- Bruce MacArthur, Citizen Member (Arrived at 3:15)
- Dave Chaulk, Commission Member & Vice Chair
- Maynard Stevens, Citizen Member

Members Absent:

Staff Present:

- Jeff Lawrence, Clerk Treasurer/CAO
- Cory Palmer, Director of Public Works

Others Present:

- None

1. **Call to Order:**

   The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:05pm, welcoming those in attendance.

2. **Approval of the Agenda:**

   J. Redmond asked that the well on Turner Drive be added to the agenda. There was consensus that this discussion take place as part of the discussion around the water operator's report.

   Motion:
   THAT the Agenda for the September 23, 2025, Water Commission Meeting be approved as circulated

   M/ B. MacArthur
   S/ M. Stevens
   Motion Carried

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3. Approval of Minutes:

a. July 23, 2025, Water Commission Meeting

Motion:
THAT the Minutes for the July 23, 2025, Water Commission Meeting be approved as circulated.

M/ M. Stevens
S/ B. MacArthur
Motion Carried

4. Business Arising from Minutes:

a. June 24, 2025, Water Commission Meeting

i. Update regarding water tank project

This was included as part of the Water Operations Report.

5. Comments from the Chair:

The Chair indicated that he had no additional comments.

6. Staff Reports:

a. Water Operations Report

C. Palmer provided a review of the highlights from the water operator's report.
Highlighted were the areas around the Village where we have been experiencing larger amounts of water breaks.
C. Palmer provided positive comments regarding the ease and efficiency of remote reading water meters.
C. Palmer recommended that the inground infrastructure at the Turner Drive wellsite be expanded and the well be tested at higher volumes to determine the maximum yield the well could sustainably deliver.
There was a discussion around the advantages of well water over surface water, the increasing demand for New Minas water and sustainability of the anticipated yield.
The consensus of the Commission was that the Village should design and upgrade its current system to support the anticipated larger demands of the future.
There was a follow up discussion around potential provincial and federal grants to support the anticipated cost of the upgrades.

Motion:
THAT the Water Operations Report be received as circulated prior to the September 23, 2025, Water Commission meeting and as verbally summarized by the Director of Public Works.

M/ D. Chaulk
S/ M. Stevens
Motion Carried

7. Correspondence:

There was no correspondence

8. Other Business

a. Potential GRID Funding Application – Water Upgrades

This was discussed as part of the water operator's report.

9. Public Input:

There was no public input.

10. Adjournment:

There being no further business, the Chair called for a motion to adjourn at 3:50 pm.

Motion:
THAT the meeting be adjourned.

M/ M. Stevens
S/ B. MacArthur
Motion Carried