



Village of New Minas
Beautification Group
Wednesday February 17, 2021 @ 10:30 AM
Louis Millett Community Complex
Commission Room

Members Present:

- Mary Munroe, Chair
- Cheryl Manzer, Commissioner
- Gerard Hamilton, Staff
- John Ansara, Staff
- Ian Morrison, Minutes

Call to Order:

Chair Mary Munroe called the meeting to order at 10:33 am.

Approval of the Agenda:

The Agenda for the February 17 meeting of the Beautification Group was approved, with the addition of the following items:

- Community Entrance Sign (West End)
- Grant Applications
- Minutes & Meeting Notifications
- Terms of Reference – Draft

M/Cheryl Manzer

S/John Ansara

Motion Carried

Approval of the Minutes:

The Minutes for the January 25 meeting of the Beautification Group was approved as presented.

M/John Ansara

S/Cheryl Manzer

Motion Carried

Business Arising from Minutes:

None

Budget Update

The Clerk Treasurer/CAO reported that, since no expenses have been incurred within the last month, the update provided at the last meeting is current, which reported \$15,135.84 in expenses incurred.

Project Updates:

- Commercial Street
 - The benches and receptacles have been requisitioned
 - The irrigation system for the Roundabout is estimated to cost \$4000 (including \$500 for installation)
 - This will be included as a Capital Budget request for 2021-2022
- Founding Fathers Park
 - The Group will commence discussion for Phase #3 for the park in the coming months
- Grant Funding
 - John will finalize the grant issued by the Municipality by fiscal year end
 - John will follow-up on the Scotts Canada Grow for Good Grants Initiative; it is possible this might be a funding opportunity to offset the costs of the floral install at the Roundabout
- Lockhart-Ryan Park Signage
 - Mary is scheduled to meet with Michael Gabriel today at 1:00 pm
- Roundabout
 - Gerard is in the process of assembling costs for the contracting out of the labour for the floral install
 - His preliminary research indicates that \$5000 is a more realistic project estimate
 - The labour will now be planned to be expensed in the new year

New Business:

- Community Entrance Sign (West End)
 - The Chair enquired whether the entrance sign at the west end of Commercial Street could be relocated to provide better visibility
 - Gerard will explore the feasibility and cost of relocating the sign and report back at the next meeting
- Minutes & Meeting Notifications
 - The Chair directed the Minutes Secretary to post Minutes and notifications of upcoming meetings on the Village website
- Terms of Reference
 - The Clerk Treasurer/CAO reviewed the draft Terms of Reference for the Beautification Committee
 - The draft was discussed with only minor clarifications to the reporting function of the Committee being suggested
 - A revised draft of the document will be presented at the next meeting
- Vision New Minas

- The Chair asked members of the Beautification Group to consider ideas and concepts that should be directed to the New Minas Secondary Plan Working Group for their review, as part of the development of a secondary plan.
- The matter of the underground wiring was discussed as a prerequisite for development

THAT the recommendation be made to Village Commission that underground wiring be explored as a prerequisite for development in the lands south of Highway #101; furthermore, and if agreeable,

THAT Village Commission make this recommendation to the New Minas Secondary Plan Working Group.

M/Cheryl Manzer

S/Gerard Hamilton

Motion Carried

Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 17 @ 10:30 am in the Commission Room.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.