



Village of New Minas
Beautification Committee
Wednesday December 15, 2021 @ 10:30 AM
Online Video Conference
New Minas, Nova Scotia

Members Present:

- Mary Munroe, Chair
- Agnes Wojt, Citizen Member
- Cheryl Manzer, Commissioner
- Donna Randell, Citizen Member
- Gerard Hamilton, Staff
- John Ansara, Staff

Members Absent:

- None

Others Present:

- Ian Morrison, Minutes
- Peter Shute

Call to Order:

Chair Mary Munroe called the meeting to order at 10:31 am.

Approval of the Agenda:

The Agenda for the December 15 meeting of the Beautification Committee was approved, with the addition of the following items:

- Bench at Big Stop Location
- Birch Trees in Founders Park
- Business Recognition
- Commercial Street Sign

M/Donna Randell

S/Cheryl Manzer

Motion Carried

Approval of the Minutes:

The Minutes for the November 16 meeting of the Beautification Committee were approved, as presented.

M/Cheryl Manzer

S/Donna Randell
Motion Carried

Business Arising from Minutes:

Mary and Cheryl recently met to discuss the “Butterfly Way” presentation, which was held at the most recent meeting of the Beautification Committee. They will meet again to assess how compliant to the established standard are the plants in the parks. Following that, follow-up will occur with the appropriate representative of the Blomidon Naturalist Society.

Presentations:

None

Budget Update:

The Clerk Treasurer/CAO provided the following budget update:

- \$3140.01 in expenses incurred to date as part of Trash/Recycling Receptacles
- \$115.37 in expenses incurred to date as part of Trash/Recycling Receptacles
- \$4067.13 in expenses incurred to date as part of the Banner Fastener Kit Project
- \$312.86 in expenses incurred to date as part of Plant Installation @ Founders Park
- \$1045.14 in expenses incurred to date as part of Plant Installation @ Founders Park
- \$625.59 in expenses incurred to date as part of Holiday Lights
- \$573.57 in expenses incurred to date as part of Crescent Park West
- \$354.56 in expenses incurred to date as part of Crescent Park West
- \$938.57 in expenses incurred to date as part of Crescent Park West
- \$354.56 in expenses incurred to date as part of Crescent Park West
- \$281.57 in expenses incurred to date as part of Crescent Park West
- \$208.57 in expenses incurred to date as part of Crescent Park West
- \$12,017.50 expensed, year to date

Project Updates:

Banner Fasteners

- Project complete and Committee is satisfied with the results

Roundabout

- Project complete and Committee is satisfied with the results
- The Committee may explore placement of an illuminated frame outline of a Christmas tree to bridge the gap until the existing trees are more fully grown

Christmas Lights

- Project complete and Committee is satisfied with the results
- Gerard was directed to check on the daily timing start for the lights to ensure it is consistent at each location as well to verify the validity of complaints that some lights are not working

- The Committee decided to use the remaining capital funds to purchase additional lights for future use, within the scope of the project as approved by Village Commission on November 8, 2021
- John and Donna were directed to procure the lighting, once approved

THAT the remaining funds available for the LED Lights for Area Parks and Roundabouts be expended for lighting for future use, in accordance with the parameters of the project, as approved by Village Commission on November 8, 2021.

M/Agnes Wojt

S/Donna Randell

Motion Carried

New Business:

Bench at Big Stop Location

Gerard was directed to check with the Big Stop to see if the bench, located adjacent to the newly-installed electric charging stations, should be relocated.

Birch Trees in Founders Park

Gerard was directed to check the birch trees in Founders Park to determine if trimming is required.

Business Recognition

The Committee discussed a means of recognizing businesses that have participated in lighting up their property and, therefore, enhanced the streetscapes of the Village. Any photos collected will be forwarded for placement on the Facebook site. Property owners will also be invited to submit their photos for placement.

Commercial Street Sign

The Clerk Treasurer/CAO advised that the abandoned sign located along the north side of Commercial Street across from the Cineplex theatre was reported to the Municipality for action on September 17. Specifically, the Municipality was asked to investigate enforcement mechanisms to identify the owner of the sign and ask to have it repaired or removed.

Planning Process for Long Term Capital Plan

The Chair advised the Committee that the Commission had attended two strategic plan events, facilitated by representatives of the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing. The first session, designed as a training session, occurred December 3. The second session, which was a public discussion focused on development of a plan, was held on December 10. The Commission will now need to determine next steps for the strategic plan process, which may include the development of a strategic plan committee, charged with developing and presenting a plan for approval.

Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday January 19 @ 10:30 am in the LMCC or via online video conferencing if restrictions are still in place.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 am.