



Village of New Minas
Beautification Committee
Wednesday March 16, 2022 @ 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
- John Ansara, Staff

Members Absent:

- Gerard Hamilton, Staff (with regrets)

Others Present:

- Ian Morrison, Minutes
- Mark Jackson, Staff

Call to Order:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:34 am.

Approval of the Agenda:

The Agenda for the March 16 meeting of the Beautification Committee was approved, with the addition of Miscellaneous Items Related to Ongoing and Future Projects.

M/Cheryl Manzer

S/Agnes Wojt

Motion Carried

Approval of the Minutes:

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

M/Donna Randell

S/John Ansara

Motion Carried

Business Arising from Minutes:

None

Presentations:

None

Project Updates:

None

New Business:

Budget Update

The Clerk Treasurer/CAO provided the following budget update, as of March 16:

- \$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
- \$3,785.18 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
- \$42.49 in expenses incurred to date as part of Holiday Lights
- \$16.79 in expenses incurred to date as part of Holiday Lights
- \$183.91 in expenses incurred to date as part of Holiday Lights
- \$559.84 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
- \$16,605.71 expensed, year to date

Discussion: Long Term Capital Plan

The date for the Think Tank to identify long term capital ideas and projects is March 25 @ 10 am.

Discussion: Short Term Capital Plan

The Chair advised that the capital budget was approved, which included the following four projects, as recommended by the Beautification Committee:

- \$6000 – Crescent Park West
- \$5500 – Neighbourhood Park Development
- \$5000 – Lighting & Decorations
- \$8500 – Prospect Road Pocket Park
- \$25,000 - Total

Miscellaneous Items Related to Ongoing and Future Projects

The following points, related to ongoing and future projects were discussed:

- Arranging a site tour of Milne Park and Crescent Park West with relevant Public Works staff to facilitate capital investments in these locations
- Assessment of damages caused by snow placement and removal is required
- Parks should be named according to locations, as opposed to being named after individuals
- Placement of “Saint Antoine” signage in Founders Park is a potential objective
- Placement of trees in Crescent Park West may cause visibility issues for traffic and pedestrians
- Placement of cherry trees in various locations is a potential objective
- Repositioning of mulch bark adjacent to trees to prevent mold is required
- Sponsors of “Butterfly Way” will be responsible for the garden
- Timing of procurement for plants and preparation of the plants for planting needs to be determined
- Updating the amenities signs on Highway #101 is a priority

Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 20 @ 10:30 am in the Commission Room of the LMCC.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 11:29 am.