



Village of New Minas
Beautification Committee
March 26, 2025 @ 10:30 AM
Commission Room, LMCC
New Minas, Nova Scotia
MINUTES

Members Present:

- Debra Windle-Smith, Commission Member & Chair
- Mary Munroe, Commission Member
- Agnes Morine, Citizen Member (via Zoom joined at 11:05am)
- Donna Randell, Citizen Member
- John Ansara, Director of Recreation & Community Development

Members Absent:

- Cory Palmer, Director of Public Works

Staff Present:

- Jeff Lawrence, Interim Clerk Treasurer/CAO

Others Present:

- None

1. Call to Order:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:30 am, welcoming those in attendance.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion:

THAT the Agenda for the March 26, 2025 Beautification Committee Meeting be approved with the following additions:

- Spring street clean up
- Sign removal from NSPI posts

M/J Ansara

S/ M. Munroe

Motion Carried

3. Approval of Minutes:

- a. February 5, 2025 Beautification Committee Meeting

Motion:

THAT the Minutes for the February 5, 2025 Beautification Committee Meeting be approved as circulated.

M/ D. Randell

S/ J. Ansara

Motion Carried

4. Business Arising from Minutes:

- a. February 5, 2025 Beautification Committee Meeting

It was noted that the beautification budget as submitted by the committee was accepted as part of the 2025/26 Village of New Minas approved budget.

Through discussion, there was consensus that significant deviations from the approved budget should be brought to the Committee by staff for its awareness, and, where reasonable, this should be done in advance of non budgeted expenditure commitments.

5. New Business

- a) Spring Street Clean Up

A discussion took place around the amount of debris around commercial streets in the village such as Commercial Street, Prospect Road and Highbury Road.

It was decided that further discussion was required around this issue.

- b) Sign removal from NSPI posts

A discussion took place around the accumulation of signs on NSPI posts in the village. Commissioner Munroe indicated that Kings County passed a bylaw a number of years ago not allowing signs to be erected on the poles and that, due to enforcement challenges at the County, the village had agreed to have the public works department remove the signs from the posts.

This practice hasn't been followed in several years.

6. Comments from the Chair:

The Chair commented that she had engaged in conversations with Meg Hodges, Executive Director for the Kentville Business Community (KBC) regarding a potential New Minas mural project.

As Ms. Hodges is no longer with KBC, there was consensus for the Director of Recreation to reach out to Lindsay Young, Community and Economic Development Coordinator for the Town of Kentville for some advise/ potentially assistance in carrying out the mural venture.

The Chair also commented on the beautification improvements that the village has undertaken, and that the Committee may want to entertain enrolling in Communities in Bloom to showcase some of the accomplishments.

It was agreed that this item will be discussed further over the upcoming months.

M/ D. Randell

S/ J. Ansara

Motion Carried

7. Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday May 21, 2025 @ 10:30am at the LMCC and via online video conference (Zoom).

8. Adjournment:

There being no further business, the Chair called for a motion to adjourn at 11:30am.

Motion:

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

M/ J. Ansara

S/ M. Munroe

Motion Carried