



Village of New Minas
Beautification Committee
October 3, 2024 @ 10:30 AM
Commission Room, LMCC
New Minas, Nova Scotia
APPROVED MINUTES

Members Present:

- Mary Munroe, Commission Member & Chair
- Debra Windle-Smith, Commission Member
- Donna Randell, Citizen Member
- Agnes Wojt, Citizen Member (via Zoom)
- John Ansara, Director of Recreation & Community Development
- Cory Palmer, Director of Public Works

Members Absent:

- None

Staff Present:

- Tim Bouter, Clerk Treasurer/CAO

Others Present:

- None

1. Call to Order:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:31am, welcoming those in attendance.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion:

THAT the Agenda for the October 3, 2024 Beautification Committee Meeting be approved as circulated.

M/ Debra Windle-Smith

S/ John Ansara

Motion Carried

3. Approval of Minutes:

- a. July 17, 2024 Beautification Committee Meeting

Motion:

THAT the Minutes for the July 17, 2024 Beautification Committee Meeting be approved as circulated.

M/ Donna Randell
S/ Debra Windle-Smith
Motion Carried

4. Business Arising from Minutes:

- a. July 17, 2024 Beautification Committee Meeting

There was no business arising from the July 17, 2024 minutes.

5. Comments from the Chair:

The Chair commented on the fall visioning exercise that the Committee discussed in July. Due to time constraints, the Committee will focus on budgeting for next fiscal year this fall, and the visioning exercise will take place in 2025.

6. Capital Projects:

- a. Founding Fathers Park

Tim Bouter and Cory Palmer provided an update on the Founding Father’s Park, outlining proposed changes to the design for operational reasons and to save cost. The parking will be expanded on the east side instead of the west, and the trail will hug the curves of the existing flower beds. The tree cutting will be completed by a professional arborist.

- b. Banners

Following an inventory of the existing signs, John Ansara to order additional seasonal and Christmas banners in October.

- c. Lighting and Decorations

John Ansara provided an update on the plan for lighting and decorations for Lockhart Ryan Park. Purchasing of materials and electrical upgrades will be completed this fiscal year, in preparation for implementation in November 2025. The priority will be lights and “wintery” decorations to make the sledding hill area a community attraction.

- d. Trees

Cory will be discussing warranty with Blomidon Nurseries regarding the cherry tree that has died in Crescent Park east.

9. Other Business

There was no other business.

10. Next Meeting Date:

- a. November 20, 2024

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday November 20, 2024 @ 10:30am at the LMCC and via online video conference (Zoom).

11. Adjournment:

There being no further business, the Chair called for a motion to adjourn at 11:45am.

Motion:

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

M/ Donna Randell

S/ Debra Windle-Smith

Motion Carried