



Draft Village of New Minas
New Minas Water Commission
January 27, 2026 @ 3:00 PM
Commission Room, LMCC
New Minas, Nova Scotia
MINUTES

Members Present:

- James Redmond, Commission Member & Chair
- Mary Munroe, Commission Member
- Bruce MacArthur, Citizen Member
- Maynard Stevens, Citizen Member
- Dave Chaulk, Commission Member & Vice Chair

Members Absent:

Staff Present:

- Jeff Lawrence, Clerk Treasurer/CAO
- Cory Palmer, Director of Public Works

Others Present:

- None

1. Call to Order:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:05pm, welcoming those in attendance.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion:

THAT the Agenda for the January 27, 2026, Water Commission Meeting be approved as circulated

M/ B. MacArthur

S/ M. Stevens

Motion Carried

3. Approval of Minutes:

- a. December 16, 2025, Water Commission Meeting

Motion:

THAT the Minutes for the December 16, 2025, Water Commission Meeting be approved as circulated.

M/ D. Chaulk

S/ M. Stevens

Motion Carried

4. Business Arising from Minutes:

a. New Minas Water Utility Taxation Status – Legal Opinion

J. Lawrence reported that he had spoken with solicitor J. Cuming and that we really do not have a path forward to fight the tax status and given Kings County's stance on not exempting the utility he felt we should anticipate being billed taxes.

Motion:

THAT the Water Commission contact the Municipality of the County of Kings requesting an exemption from the property taxes related to the water tank and associated land located in Greenwich, and further that the Water Commission lobby the Province to change the legislation to exempt water utilities from property taxation.

M/ D. Chaulk

S/ M. Stevens

Motion Carried

b. Water Infrastructure study

C. Palmer updated the Commission regarding the status of the study.

5. Comments from the Chair:

The Chair indicated that he had no additional comments.

6. Staff Reports:

a. Water Operations Report

C. Palmer provided a review of the highlights from the water operator's report.

C. "Palmer noted that Zachary Alcorn was resigned his position as Water Utility Operator.

Motion:

THAT the Water Operations Report be received as circulated prior to the January 27, 2026, Water Commission meeting and as verbally summarized by the Director of Public Works.

M/ D. Chaulk

S/ M. Stevens

Motion Carried

7. New Business

8. Correspondence:

There was no correspondence

9. Other Business

10. Public Input:

There was no public input.

11. Adjournment:

There being no further business, the Chair called for a motion to adjourn at 3:17pm.

Motion:

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

M/ D. Chaulk

S/ M. Stevens

Motion Carried