



Village of New Minas
Beautification Committee
April 1, 2026 @ 10:30 AM
Commission Room, LMCC
New Minas, Nova Scotia
DRAFT MINUTES

Members Present:

- Debra Windle-Smith, Commission Member & Chair
- Mary Munroe, Commission Member
- Linda Martin, Citizen Member
- Michelle Coleman, Business Representative
- Cory Palmer, Director of Public Works
- John Ansara, Director of Recreation & Community Development

Members Absent:

Staff Present:

- Jeff Lawrence, Clerk Treasurer/ CAO

Others Present:

1. Call to Order:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:34pm.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion:

THAT the Agenda for the April 1, 2026, Beautification Committee Meeting be approved.

M/ J. Ansara

S/ M. Coleman

Motion Carried

3. Approval of Minutes:

- a. January 21, 2026, Beautification Committee Meeting

Motion:

THAT the Minutes for the January 21, 2026, Beautification Committee Meeting be approved as circulated.

M/ C. Palmer

S/ J. Ansara

Motion Carried

4. Business Arising from Minutes:

a. January 21, 2026

- i. Bench Dedication Policy – D. Windle-Smith indicated that she would bring a revised draft of the policy to the May meeting.
- ii. Prospect Park Update – Anchor Rock – C. Palmer informed the Committee that the work will be undertaken in April.
- iii. Sign at Lonnie Milne – C. Palmer indicated that the Milne family wished to maintain the memorial park name but that the style would be left to the Committee. There was consensus to revisit this after branding and wayfinding undertakings have been completed (2027).

5. Comments from the Chair

D. Windle-Smith had no additional comments to add.

6. New Business

- a. Beautification Strategic Plan Review – D. Windle-Smith reviewed the 2025-2028 Beautification Strategic Plan. A discussion ensued.
- b. Budget – Preliminary Discussion – Item tabled.
- c. 2025/26 Budget Update – Item tabled.

6. Next Meeting Date:

May 20, 2026.

7. Adjournment:

There being no further business, the Chair called for a motion to adjourn at 2:05pm.

Motion:

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

M/ C. Palmer