



Village of New Minas
Beautification Committee
May 20, 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
- Erica Dominey, 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 10:38am.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion:

THAT the Agenda for the May 20, 2026, Beautification Committee Meeting be approved with the addition of a community concern (Prospect Road litter) under new business.

M/ C. Palmer
S/ M. Coleman
Motion Carried

3. Approval of Minutes:

- a. April 1, 2026, Beautification Committee Meeting

Motion:

THAT the Minutes for the April 1, 2026, Beautification Committee Meeting be approved as circulated.

M/ M. Munroe
S/ C. Palmer
Motion Carried

4. Business Arising from Minutes:

a. April 1, 2026

i. Bench Dedication Policy

D. Windle-Smith provided a history as to how the policy has evolved. There was consensus for the Chair to bring the policy forward to the Commission.

ii. Prospect Park Update – Anchor Rock

C. Palmer questioned if there were still funds available to complete the work in the new fiscal year.

J. Lawrence indicated that the commitment had been made and that there would be money in the budget to complete the work.

5. Comments from the Chair

D. Windle-Smith commented on the success of the butterfly garden project and the partnership with the Blomidon Society.

6. New Business

a. Budget

J. Lawrence asked about Committee priorities for budget.

Consensus was for the following projects to be brought forward:

- i. Founding Fathers Park Conceptual Plan \$8,000
- ii. Prospect Park Anchor Rock \$5,500

b. Prospect Road Garbage Concern

L. Munroe brought forward a community concern about garbage accumulation near the guardrail on the lower portion of the road.

C. Palmer will investigate:

- i. If the garbage was within the street and sidewalk right-of-way
- ii. If a garbage receptacle could be installed in the area.

J. Lawrence recommended that residents be encouraged to contact MoK enforcement if they notice a large amount of garbage accumulating on a private property.

6. Next Meeting Date:

July 15, 2026.

7. Adjournment:

There being no further business, the Chair called for a motion to adjourn at 11:40am.

Motion:

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

M/ C. Palmer