



Village of New Minas
Beautification Committee
January 15, 2025 @ 9:30 AM
Commission Room, LMCC
New Minas, Nova Scotia
APPROVED MINUTES

Members Present:

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

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 9:35am, welcoming those in attendance.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion:

THAT the Agenda for the January 15, 2025 Beautification Committee Meeting be approved as circulated.

M/John Ansara
S/Donna Randell
Motion Carried

3. Approval of Minutes:

- a. November 20, 2024 Beautification Committee Meeting

Motion:

THAT the Minutes for the November 20, 2024 Beautification Committee Meeting be approved as circulated.

**M/John Ansara
S/Donna Randell
Motion Carried**

4. Business Arising from Minutes:

- a. November 20, 2024 Beautification Committee Meeting

There was no business arising from the November 20, 2024 minutes.

5. Comments from the Chair:

The Chair welcomed the committee members and thanked Mary for her many years of service as the Chair. The goal for this meeting will be to build on past strategic planning work and prioritize initiatives for the short and long term. Mary was also given an opportunity to discuss past successes and the importance of ongoing communication with the Commission to keep the positive momentum of the Committee.

6. Strategic Planning:

The Committee discussed and prioritized projects under the following headings:

- Beautification
- Placemaking
- Streetscaping

7. Budget Deliberations

The Committee discussed project ideas and costs for the 2025/26 fiscal year. The following projects were discussed for inclusion in the 2025/26 Capital Budget:

Assuming no external funding:

- Founding Father's Park:
 - Signage: \$1,500
 - Interpretive panel: \$4,000
- Prospect Road:
 - Anchor boulders: \$2,500
 - Decorative planter: \$2,500
- Planters & Trees: \$10,000
- Lighting & Decorations: \$4,500
- **Total: \$25,000**

Assuming \$25,000 additional external funding:

- Founding Father's Park:
 - Signage: \$1,500
 - Interpretive panel: \$4,000
- Prospect Road:
 - Anchor boulders: \$2,500
 - Decorative planter: \$2,500
- Planters & Trees: \$10,000
- Lighting & Decorations: \$10,000
- Murals: \$6,000
- Community Parks: \$13,500
 - Community gardens
 - Signage
- **Total: \$50,000**

These projects will be further discussed and finalized at an additional Beautification Committee meeting to be held on February 5, 2024. The final project list will be recommended to the Village Commission through a formal motion.

8. Next Meeting Date:

- a. February 5, 2024

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday February 5, 2024 @ 10:30am at the LMCC and via online video conference (Zoom).

9. Adjournment:

There being no further business, the Chair called for a motion to adjourn at 11:46am.

Motion:

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

M/John Ansara
S/Donna Randell
Motion Carried