



Village of New Minas
Beautification Committee
November 20, 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
- 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 10:33am, welcoming those in attendance.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion:

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

M/ John Ansara

S/ Donna Randell

Motion Carried

3. Approval of Minutes:

- a. October 3, 2024 Beautification Committee Meeting

Motion:

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

M/ Donna Randell

S/ Debra Windle-Smith

Motion Carried

4. Business Arising from Minutes:

a. October 3, 2024 Beautification Committee Meeting

There was no business arising from the October 3, 2024 minutes.

5. Comments from the Chair:

The Chair provided a brief history of the Beautification initiatives over the last 10 years that have made great improvements in the Village. The Chair also informed the Committee of an upcoming change in roles. Debra Windle-Smith will become the Committee Chair and Mary Munroe will remain as the other Commissioner representative. This change will take effect in January 2025 when our scheduled visioning exercises will begin.

6. Capital Projects:

a. Founding Fathers Park

Cory Palmer provided an update on the Founding Father's Park. The trail and irrigation system adjustments have been completed. The tree cutting and stump grinding is underway. The gravels for the parking lot will be completed this week. The contractor for the fence will be selected in the next week, and this work will be completed before Christmas.

b. Banners

John Ansara provided an update on banners. The additional banners have been ordered. The Christmas banners are now installed.

c. Lighting and Decorations

John Ansara and Cory Palmer provided an update on lighting and decorations. Some of the lights for Lockhart & Ryan Park are on backorder. Many of the planters were in a state of disrepair when they were brought back for storage this fall, and had to be discarded. John has confirmed with the Province that these can fall under the previously approved grant. The new planters are estimated to cost \$7,500 to \$8,500. This amount is projected to be within the total approved budget of \$50,000.

Motion:

THAT replacement planters be ordered under the lighting and decorations line item of the budget, for a total price not to exceed \$8,500 including non-recoverable HST.

M/ Donna Randell
S/ John Ansara
Motion Carried

d. Trees

A replacement tree will be ordered from Blomidon Nurseries before the end of the fiscal year. The previous tree was not installed correctly, and will not be covered under warrantee.

7. 2025/26 Budget:

Two versions of the 2025/26 Budget will be prepared as in the past (one without grant funding and one with grant funding). Some ideas that will be refined at the January 2025 meeting include:

- Planters: 8 small and 5 large
- Lights and decorations for Lockhart & Ryan Park
- Prospect Road Park
- Murals on unsightly buildings

8. Other Business:

There was no other business.

9. Next Meeting Date:

a. November 20, 2024

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday January 15, 2025 @ 9:30am at the LMCC and via online video conference (Zoom).

10. Adjournment:

There being no further business, the Chair called for a motion to adjourn at 11:35am.

Motion:

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

M/ John Ansara
S/ Donna Randell
Motion Carried