



Draft Village of New Minas
New Minas Water Commission
March 24, 2026 @ 3:00 PM
Commission Room, LMCC
New Minas, Nova Scotia
MINUTES

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Staff Present:

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

Others Present:

- None

1. Call to Order:

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 3:02pm, welcoming those in attendance.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion:

THAT the Agenda for the March 24, 2026, Water Commission Meeting be approved as circulated

M/ M. Stevens

S/ D. Chaulk

Motion Carried

3. Approval of Minutes:

- a. March 3, 2026, Water Commission Meeting

Motion:

THAT the Minutes for the March 3, 2026, Water Commission Meeting be approved as circulated.

M/ D. Chaulk

S/ B. MacArthur

Motion Carried

4. Business Arising from Minutes:

a. New Minas Water Utility Taxation Status

J. Lawrence asked if there were any questions regarding the letters included in the agenda package lobbying for commercial taxes not to be applied to water utility assets.

b. Water Infrastructure study

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

C. Palmer spoke to the following regarding the water study:

- The final report will be available the end of this week/ early next week.
- The limiting factors for water supply are the transmission lines and well capacity.
- C. Palmer will forward a copy of the final report to the Water Commission.

5. Comments from the Chair:

The Chair indicated that he had no additional comments.

6. Staff Reports:

a. Water Operations Report

C. Palmer presented an overview of the key points from the water operator's report. He also noted that Pepsico had supplemented its well supply with Village water without providing prior notice to the Village. C. Palmer emphasized the need for the Village to consider measures to prevent Pepsico from drawing more water than the utility is able to sustainably provide.

Motion:

THAT the Water Operations Report be received as circulated prior to the March 24, 2026, Water Commission meeting and as verbally summarized by the Director of Public Works.

M/ M. Stevens

S/ B. MacArthur

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 3:28pm.

Motion:

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

M/ D. Chaulk

S/ M. Munroe

Motion Carried