



Village of New Minas
Commission Meeting
October 15, 2024 @ 7:00 PM
Commission Room, LMCC
New Minas, Nova Scotia
APPROVED MINUTES

Commissioners Present:

- Dave Chaulk, Chair
- James Redmond, Vice Chair
- Mary Munroe
- Quentin Hill
- Debra Windle-Smith

Commissioners Absent:

- None

Staff Present:

- Tim Bouter, Clerk Treasurer/CAO
- Cory Palmer, Director of Public Works
- John Ansara, Director of Recreation & Community Development

Others Present:

- Christina Sappington
- Maynard Stevens

1. Call to Order:

Dave Chaulk called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, welcoming those in attendance.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion:

THAT the Agenda for the October 15, 2024 Commission Meeting be approved as circulated.

M/James Redmond

S/Quentin Hill

Motion Carried

3. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest:

No conflicts of interest were declared.

4. Approval of Minutes:

- a. September 9, 2024 Village Commission Meeting

Motion:

THAT the Minutes for the September 9, 2024 Village Commission Meeting be approved as circulated.

M/James Redmond

S/Debra Windle-Smith

Motion Carried

5. Business Arising from Minutes:

- a. September 9, 2024 Village Commission Meeting

There was no business arising from the September 9, 2024 minutes.

6. Comments from the Chair:

The Chair had no comments.

7. Public Input Specific to Agenda Topics:

There was no public input.

8. Committee Reports:

- a. Beautification Committee

Mary Munroe provided a verbal summary of the written report and draft minutes included in the October 15, 2024 Commission agenda package.

Motion:

THAT the written report and draft minutes for the Beautification Committee be received as included in the October 15, 2024 Commission agenda package and as verbally summarized by Mary Munroe.

M/Mary Munroe

S/Debra Windle-Smith

Motion Carried

- c. Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee

Quentin Hill provided a verbal summary of the draft minutes included in the October 15, 2024 Commission agenda package.

Motion:

THAT the draft minutes for the Joint Accessibility Committee be received as included in the October 15, 2024 Commission agenda package and as verbally summarized by Quentin Hill.

M/Quentin Hill
S/James Redmond
Motion Carried

d. New Minas Water Commission

James Redmond provided a verbal summary of the draft minutes included in the October 15, 2024 Commission agenda package.

Motion:

THAT the draft minutes for the New Minas Water Commission be received as included in the October 15, 2024 Commission agenda package and as verbally summarized by James Redmond.

M/James Redmond
S/Quentin Hill
Motion Carried

9. Staff Reports:

The Clerk Treasurer/CAO provided a verbal summary of reports a. and c., the Director of Public Works provided a verbal summary of report b., and the Director of Recreation & Community Development provided a verbal summary of report d., each included in the October 15, 2024 Commission agenda package:

- a. Clerk Treasurer/CAO — Report included in package
- b. Director of Public Works — Report included in package
- c. Manager of Finance — Report included in package
- d. Director of Recreation & Community Development — Report included in package

Motion:

THAT the Staff Reports be received as included in the October 15, 2024 Commission agenda package and as verbally summarized by the respective staff.

M/James Redmond
S/Debra Windle-Smith
Motion Carried

10. New Business:**a. Second Reading — Update to Sewer Bylaw**

The Clerk Treasurer/CAO presented the recommended changes to the Sewer By-Law included in the September 9, 2024 Commission agenda package. No comments were received through the advertising period in-between first reading and second reading.

Motion:

THAT second reading be given to the amendments to the Sewer By-Law as included in the October 15, 2024 Commission agenda package.

M/James Redmond**S/Quentin Hill****Motion Carried****b. Village Infrastructure Capital Enhancement (VICE) Program**

The Clerk Treasurer/CAO summarized the proposed Village Infrastructure Capital Enhancement (VICE) program included in the October 15, 2024 Commission agenda package. The Clerk Treasurer/CAO recommended that the following changes be requested prior to approval by the Village Commission:

- The Village would like Clause 7.3 to be reworded to allow for carry over of the VICE funding.
- The Village would like to see a clause that the total Grant of \$1,050,000 will be increased proportionately if the CCBF going to the County increases. This would match past practise for increases in CCBF allocations to the Villages.
- The Village would like to see three Base Grant Amounts:
 - Villages that have both water and sewer
 - Villages that have either water or sewer
 - Villages that have neither water or sewer

Motion #1:

THAT the changes to the proposed VICE Program recommended by the Clerk Treasurer/CAO be requested to the Municipality of the County of Kings prior to approval by the Village Commission.

M/James Redmond**S/Quentin Hill****Motion Carried**

Motion #2:

THAT the draft letter to Municipal Council regarding the proposed VICE Program be amended in accordance with Motion #1 and signed by the Village Commission Chair.

M/James Redmond

S/Quentin Hill

Motion Carried

11. Correspondence:

a. Elementary School Concerns

The Clerk Treasurer/CAO outlined the concerns included in the October 15, 2024 Commission agenda package. Parking and congestion along Jones Road does not appear to be as much an issue as at the start of the school year. Through consensus, the Commission directed the Clerk Treasurer/CAO to obtain an update from Christine DeWolfe and to see if the request has changed in scope.

12. Other Business:

There was no other business.

13. General Public Input:

Christina Sappington:

- Attended a School Advisory Meeting. Attendance is up, and there are some children that may not be attending school due to lack of transportation options.
- Not a problem with the idea of reallocating the Celebration Days to other events.

Maynard Stevens:

- Agreed with the Commission's decision regarding the VICE program, and moving forward with caution.
- Suggested moving Celebration Days to September.
- Enjoyed the Nova Scotia Walk Audit.

14. Adjournment:

There being no further business, Dave Chaulk called for a motion to adjourn at 8:04pm.

Motion:

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

M/Quentin Hill

S/James Redmond

Motion Carried