



**Village of New Minas**  
Beautification Committee  
January 17, 2024 @ 9:30 AM  
Commission Room, LMCC  
New Minas, Nova Scotia  
**APPROVED MINUTES**

**Members Present:**

- Mary Munroe, Commission Member & Chair
- Debra Windle-Smith, Commission Member
- Agnes Wojt, Citizen Member (via Zoom)
- Donna Randell, Citizen Member
- John Ansara, Director of Recreation & Community Development
- Gerard Hamilton, Manager of Municipal Operations

**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 9:31am, welcoming those in attendance.

**2. Approval of the Agenda:**

Motion:

THAT the Agenda for the January 17, 2024 Beautification Committee Meeting be approved as circulated.

**M/ Debra Windle-Smith**

**S/ Gerard Hamilton**

**Motion Carried**

**3. Approval of Minutes:**

- a. November 15, 2023 Beautification Committee Meeting

Motion:

THAT the Minutes for the November 15, 2023 Beautification Committee Meeting be approved as circulated.

**M/ Gerard Hamilton  
S/ Debra Windle-Smith  
Motion Carried**

**4. Business Arising from Minutes:**

- a. November 15, 2023 Beautification Committee Meeting

There was no business arising from the November 15, 2023 minutes.

**5. Comments from the Chair:**

The Chair discussed opportunities for visioning and prioritizing initiatives in future meetings, starting in March.

**6. Presentations:**

There were no presentations.

**7. Budget Deliberations**

The Committee discussed project ideas and costs for the 2024/25 fiscal year. The following projects were recommended for approval by the Village Commission in the 2024/25 Capital Budget:

**Assuming no external funding:**

- Founding Fathers Park: \$15,000
  - Expanded parking: \$5,000
  - Walkway and pavers: \$10,000
- Banners: \$3,500
- Decorations: \$5,000
  - Cut-outs and lights for L&R Park: \$5,000
- Trees: \$1,500
  - Christmas tree planting @ LMCC: \$1,000
  - Tree @ Crescent Park West: \$500
- **Total: \$25,000**

**Assuming \$25,000 additional external funding:**

- Founding Fathers Park: \$19,000
  - Expanded parking: \$5,000
  - Walkway and pavers: \$10,000

- Swing: \$4,000
- Banners: \$6,500
  - Christmas:  $\$170 \times 5 = \$1,000$
  - Seasonal:  $\$170 \times 17 = \$3,000$
  - Hardware: \$2,500
- Decorations: \$14,000
  - Cut-outs and lights for L&R Park: \$10,000
  - Christmas float: \$4,000
- Trees: \$1,500
  - Christmas tree planting @ LMCC: \$1,000
  - Tree @ Crescent Park West: \$500
- Community Parks: \$9,000
  - Prospect Road Park armor rock: \$3,000
  - Prospect Road Park planter: \$2,000
  - Crescent Park East solar lights: \$500
  - Park amenities: \$3,500
- **Total: \$50,000**

**Future Years:**

- Subdivision Parks
- New Minas Lettering at Exit 11a
- Hwy 101 sign

**8. Next Meeting Date:**

- a. March 20, 2024

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 20, 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 11:26am.

Motion:

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

**M/ Debra Windle-Smith**

**S/ Donna Randell**

**Motion Carried**