



**Village of New Minas**  
Beautification Committee  
December 14, 2022 @ 10:30 AM  
Online Video Conference (Zoom)  
New Minas, Nova Scotia  
APPROVED MINUTES

**Members Present:**

- Mary Munroe, Commission Member & Chair
- Debra Windle-Smith, Commission Member
- Agnes Wojt, Citizen Member
- Donna Randell, Citizen Member
- John Ansara, Director of Recreation & Community Development

**Members Absent:**

- Gerard Hamilton, Manager of Municipal Operations (absent with regrets)

**Staff Present:**

- Tim Bouter, Clerk Treasurer/CAO
- Erica Gillis-Dominey, Minutes

**Others Present:**

- None

**1. Call to Order:**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:47am, welcoming those in attendance.

**2. Approval of the Agenda:**

Motion:

THAT the Agenda for the December 14, 2022 Beautification Committee Meeting be approved as circulated.

**M/ John Ansara**

**S/ Donna Randell**

**Motion Carried**

**3. Approval of Minutes:**

- a. November 16, 2022 Beautification Committee Meeting

Motion:

THAT the Minutes for the November 16, 2022 Beautification Committee Meeting be approved as circulated.

**M/ John Ansara**

**S/ Donna Randell**

**Motion Carried**

**4. Business Arising from Minutes:**

- a. November 16, 2022 Beautification Committee Meeting

There was no business arising from the November 16, 2022 minutes.

**5. Comments from the Chair:**

There were no comments from the Chair.

**6. Presentations:**

There were no presentations.

**7. Finance & Budget Update**

- a. Expenditures to date

Tim Bouter gave an update on expenditures to date. The receptacles and benches from Barco have been paid for, the numbers changed slightly due to shipping. Christmas decorations were also expended.

**8. Project Updates**

- a. Crescent Park West — Phase #2

John Ansara updated that the Cherry Trees have been planted.

- b. Prospect Road Pocket Park

The benches have arrived and have been staged. John Ansara requested that a solar lamp post be purchased. It was discussed if adding parking would be beneficial to the pocket parks.

- c. Lighting & Decorations

A discussion on what time the lights should come on in the evening. Tim updated that the lights are on a sensor and turn on before dark. The committee should consider the environmental impact on turning the lights on before dark and use of power. The Louis Millett Community Complex should also have a timer on their lights to have the lights come on consistently. It was noted that the lights on the LMCC are not all the same and it would be nice to have the lights be consistent.

d. Streetside Benches

Locations need to be discussed and respacing. One bench has yet to be placed, it was discussed that in front of the new Jordans building would be an ideal location.

**9. New Business:**

a. 2023/24 Budget Planning

The Village Commission has scheduled budget deliberations in February. The next Beautification Committee meeting will focus exclusively on project priorities and budgeting for 2023/24, and will be extended to two hours.

**10. Next Meeting Date:**

a. January 18, 2023

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday January 18, 2023 @ 9:30 am via online video conference (Zoom).

**11. Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the Chair called for a motion to adjourn at 11:30am.

Motion:

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

**M/ Donna Randell**

**S/ John Ansara**

**Motion Carried**