



Village of New Minas
Beautification Committee
Wednesday January 19, 2022 @ 10:30 AM
Online Video Conference
New Minas, Nova Scotia

Members Present:

- Agnes Wojt, Citizen Member
- Cheryl Manzer, Commissioner
- Donna Randell, Citizen Member
- Gerard Hamilton, Staff
- John Ansara, Staff

Members Absent:

- Mary Munroe

Others Present:

- Ian Morrison, Minutes

Call to Order:

Cheryl Manzer called the meeting to order at 10:34 am.

That Cheryl Manzer be appointed as the Chair for this meeting, in the absence of Mary Munroe.

M/Donna Randell

S/Gerard Hamilton

Motion Carried

Approval of the Agenda:

The Agenda for the January 19 meeting of the Beautification Committee was approved, as presented.

M/John Ansara

S/Donna Randell

Motion Carried

Approval of the Minutes:

The Minutes for the December 15 meeting of the Beautification Committee were approved, as presented.

M/Gerard Hamilton

S/Donna Randell

Motion Carried

Business Arising from Minutes:

None

Presentations:

None

Budget Update:

None

Project Updates:

None

New Business:

Discussion: Long Term Capital Plan

The Committee discussed its long term capital plan ideas. The following ideas will be included in the planning tool:

- \$9000 will be allocated in each year (#1-#5) to upgrade the neighbourhood parks
- Gazebo/viewing platform for Founders Park
- Pocket Park along Prospect Road
- Staircase and bike ramp for Founders Park
- Trees for pocket park

Members are encouraged to review the planning tool and add ideas.

Discussion: Short Term Capital Plan

The Committee discussed its short term capital ideas for the upcoming budget cycle. Approximately \$25,000 in capital spending will be requested. The following project ideas were discussed:

- \$7500 – Crescent Park West
 - \$3000 for recycling station
 - \$2500 for benches
 - \$1000 for trees
 - \$1000 for additional flowers and general upgrade
- \$9000 – Neighbourhood Park Development
 - \$2000 for design work
 - \$7000 for capital development
- Agnes and John were tasked with researching costs for a natural garden
- Cheryl was tasked with the researching the costs for a gazebo pad at Founders Park

The Committee will meet again on January 28 to finalize the short term capital plan.

Property – Cornwallis Avenue

John provided the Committee with an overview of two properties located at the north end of Cornwallis Avenue. Both properties are owned by the Village and present prospective locations for the “Butterfly Way” concept that was discussed at previous meetings of the Committee.

Scott’s Canada Grant Application

The Committee discussed the grant opportunity presented by Scott’s Canada and determined, due to the criteria, that municipal and provincial funding opportunities present a better option for pursuit.

Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday January 28 @ 10:30 am in the LMCC or via online video conferencing if restrictions are still in place.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 11:59 am.