



Village of New Minas
Commission Meeting
March 13, 2023 @ 7:00 PM
Commission Room, LMCC
New Minas, Nova Scotia
APPROVED MINUTES

Commissioners Present:

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

Commissioners Absent:

- Dave Chaulk, Chair (absent with regrets)

Staff Present:

- Tim Bouter, Clerk Treasurer/CAO

Others Present:

- Donna Randell (via Zoom)

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion:

THAT the Agenda for the March 13, 2023 Commission Meeting be approved as circulated.

M/Debra Windle-Smith

S/Quentin Hill

Motion Carried

3. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest:

No conflicts of interest were declared.

4. Approval of Minutes:

- a. February 13, 2023 Village Commission Meeting

Motion:

THAT the Minutes for the February 13, 2023 Village Commission Meeting be approved as circulated.

M/Quentin Hill
S/Mary Munroe
Motion Carried

5. Business Arising from Minutes:

- a. February 13, 2023 Village Commission Meeting

There was no business arising from the February, 2023 minutes.

6. Comments from the Chair:

There were no comments from the Chair.

7. Public Input Specific to Agenda Topics:

There was no public input.

8. RCMP Presentation:

Corporal Joseph Fraser of the New Minas RCMP Detachment presented a community policing update to the Commission, including the attached statistics from the past year. Generally speaking, New Minas continues to be a safe community, and random assaults in which the individuals are unknown to each other are rare. The RCMP will pursue further opportunities for public education through their Senior Safety Coordinator and School Safety Resource Officer.



Village of New Minas Monthly Statistics

Protected "A"

(Includes Traffic Services and Occurrences taken by Call Back Unit)

Type of Crime & Occurrence Type	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Total
Traffic													0
Dangerous Op of MV	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Impaired by Alcohol	1	3	3	3	0	3	7	4	3	4	6	0	37
Impaired by Drug	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Failure/Refusal	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Driving while Disqualified	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	4
Fail to Stop or Remain	3	3	2	2	2	4	4	2	2	1	7	5	37
Seatbelt Violation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Intersection Violation	6	0	3	2	2	1	2	0	2	2	2	2	24
Speeding Violation	2	2	0	1	1	2	3	1	5	3	0	3	23
Insurance Violation	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	4
Road Side Suspension (Alcohol)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Road Side Suspension (Drug)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Collision - Fatal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Collision - Non - Fatal Injury	1	1	2	2	1	2	1	1	3	3	1	0	18
Collision - Reportable	8	3	6	5	3	5	4	11	7	6	13	12	83
Collision - Non Reportable	8	4	3	6	4	1	4	9	6	4	6	8	63
Off-Road Vehicle Collision	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Municipal By-laws	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Traffic Offence/Violation	24	23	17	17	8	10	25	13	20	17	15	16	205
Other Traffic Related Duties	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	4
Checkstop	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Other													0
911 Call	2	2	0	2	5	2	3	2	2	2	3	3	28
Breach of Court Order	3	3	0	3	4	3	10	4	2	2	4	4	42
Liquor Act	1	6	2	2	2	3	2	2	3	1	1	0	25
Mental Health Act	10	14	7	8	6	5	9	9	3	7	4	4	86
Missing Person	3	3	6	0	3	4	6	7	1	1	1	0	35
Municipal Bylaw - Other	2	2	2	0	0	1	2	3	0	0	1	0	13
Other	36	33	49	41	61	61	47	55	41	40	38	49	551
Suspicious P V P	8	4	9	9	2	10	7	8	8	3	8	5	81
Trespass At Night	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HPA (COVID-19) - Offences only	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	2023	2023	
Crimes Against Persons													
Offences Related to Death	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
Sexual Offences	0	2	1	1	1	1	3	2	0	0	2	0	13
Assault	10	1	6	1	6	3	4	6	3	3	4	4	51
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Robbery	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Extortion / Intimidation	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	6
Criminal Harassment	0	3	0	2	3	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	13
Indecent Harassing Comm.	1	0	1	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	3	1	12
Uttering Threats	1	7	3	6	0	1	3	4	1	3	6	0	35
													0
Property Crime													
Arson	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Break and Enter	0	1	1	4	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	10
Unlawfully in a Dwelling House	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Theft Over	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	4
Theft of Other MV / Motorcycle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Take MV w/o Consent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Theft Under	3	1	2	2	1	9	2	4	3	6	2	4	39
Shoplifting	14	20	11	5	13	5	7	6	7	5	6	1	100
Theft (mail, bicycle, et al)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Theft from Motor Vehicle	1	1	4	0	0	2	3	0	1	0	0	1	13
Possession of Stolen Goods	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	5
Fraud	0	0	3	0	3	2	1	2	3	1	4	2	21
Identity Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mischief	6	3	9	10	10	7	3	12	1	6	5	7	79
													0
Drug Enforcement													
Possession	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	4
Trafficking	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	3	9
Import/Export	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Production	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2

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QUA (COVID-19) - Offences Only	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
QUA (COVID-19) - Other Activities	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total Founded & SUI Occurrences	163	154	158	136	152	156	171	180	133	126	148	143	1,820
Total Occurrences*	174	166	167	152	173	169	184	189	148	141	159	156	1,978

9. Committee Reports:

a. Beautification Committee

Mary Munroe provided a verbal summary of the written report and draft minutes included in the March 13, 2023 Commission agenda package.

Motion:

THAT the written report and draft minutes for the Beautification Committee be received as included in the March 13, 2023 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 March 13, 2023 Commission agenda package.

Motion:

THAT the draft minutes for the Joint Accessibility Committee be received as included in the March 13, 2023 Commission agenda package and as verbally summarized by Quentin Hill.

**M/Quentin Hill
S/Debra Windle-Smith
Motion Carried**

d. New Minas Water Commission

James Redmond provided a verbal summary of the draft minutes included in the March 13, 2023 Commission agenda package.

Motion:

THAT the draft minutes for the New Minas Water Commission be received as included in the March 13, 2023 Commission agenda package and as verbally summarized by James Redmond.

**M/Quentin Hill
S/Debra Windle-Smith
Motion Carried**

e. Regional Sewer Committee

James Redmond provided a verbal summary of the proposed 2023/24 Operating Budget included in the March 13, 2023 Commission agenda package.

Motion:

THAT the proposed Regional Sewer 2023/24 Operating Budget be approved as included in the March 13, 2023 Commission agenda package and as verbally summarized by James Redmond.

M/Quentin Hill

S/Debra Windle-Smith

Motion Carried

10. Staff Reports:

The Clerk Treasurer/CAO provided a verbal summary of the following written reports included in the March 13, 2023 Commission agenda package:

- a. Clerk Treasurer/CAO — Report included in package
- b. Manager of Municipal Operations — Report included in package
- c. Manager of Finance — Report included in package
- d. Director of Recreation & Community Development — Report included in package
- e. Active Living Coordinator — Report included in package

Motion:

THAT the Staff Reports be received as included in the March 13, 2023 Commission agenda package and as verbally summarized by the Clerk Treasurer/CAO.

M/Quentin Hill

S/Debra Windle-Smith

Motion Carried

11. New Business:

- a. Approval of 2023-24 Operating Budget

The Clerk Treasurer/CAO presented the 2023-24 Operating Budget included in the March 13, 2023 Commission agenda package. The Commission decided to change the amount for the Horton Safe Grad to \$500.

Motion:

THAT the Village Commission approve a one-time allocation of \$500 for the 2023 Horton Safe Grad event.

M/Debra Windle-Smith

S/Mary Munroe

Motion Carried

Motion:

THAT the Village Commission approve the following tax rates for the 2023-24 fiscal year:

- Residential: \$0.43 per \$100 of assessment
- Commercial: \$0.592 per \$100 of assessment
- Resource: \$0.43 per \$100 of assessment

M/Mary Munroe

S/Quentin Hill

Motion Carried

Motion:

THAT the Village Commission approve the 2023-24 Operating Budget, as included in the March 13, 2023 Commission agenda package and as amended for the Horton Safe Grad event.

M/Quentin Hill

S/Debra Windle-Smith

Motion Carried

b. Approval of 2023-24 Capital Budget

The Clerk Treasurer/CAO presented the 2023-24 Capital Budget included in the March 13, 2023 Commission agenda package.

Motion:

THAT the Village Commission approve the 2023-24 Capital Budget, as included in the March 13, 2023 Commission agenda package.

M/Debra Windle-Smith

S/Mary Munroe

Motion Carried

12. Correspondence:

The Clerk Treasurer/CAO provided a verbal summary of the following correspondence included in the March 13, 2023 Commission agenda package:

a. Horton High School Safe Grad

Motion:

THAT the correspondence be received as included in the March 13, 2023 Commission agenda package and as verbally summarized by the Clerk Treasurer/CAO.

M/Quentin Hill
S/Debra Windle-Smith
Motion Carried

13. Other Business:

Debra Windle-Smith provided an update on the correspondence for the Butterfly Way project, which will flow through the Beautification Committee.

14. General Public Input:

There was no public input.

15. Adjournment:

There being no further business, James Redmond called for a motion to adjourn at 8:00pm.

Motion:

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

M/Quentin Hill
S/Debra Windle-Smith
Motion Carried