



Village of New Minas
Minutes of Regular Commission Meeting
Monday November 9, 2020 @ 7:00 PM
Spencer Room, Louis Millett Community Centre
New Minas, Nova Scotia

Commissioners Present:

- Dave Chaulk, Chair
- Cheryl Manzer, Commissioner
- Mary Munroe, Commissioner
- James Redmond, Commissioner

Staff Present:

- Ian Morrison, Clerk Treasurer/CAO

Others Present:

- Jim Winsor, Councillor for District #8
- Maynard Stevens

Call to Order:

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

Approval of the Agenda:

THAT the Agenda for the November 9, 2020 regular Commission meeting be approved, as presented, with the addition of the Oath of Office Process for New Commissioners.

M/James Redmond

S/Mary Munroe

CARRIED

Approval of the Minutes from Prior Meetings:

THAT the Minutes for the October 13, 2020 regular Commission meeting be approved as presented.

M/James Redmond

S/Mary Munroe

CARRIED

Business Arising from Minutes:

None

Presentations:

None.

Committee Reports:

- Beautification Group – report included in package
- Finance – report included in package
- New Minas Water Commission – report included in package
- Operations – report included in package
- Recreation & Community Development – report included in package
- Recreation & Community Development Advisory Committee – report included in package
- Regional Sewer Committee – report included in package

THAT the report for Beautification Group be accepted as presented.

M/Mary Munroe

S/Cheryl Manzer

CARRIED

THAT the reports for Clerk Treasurer/CAO, Finance, Operations, Recreation & Community Development, and Recreation & Community Development Advisory Committee be accepted as presented.

M/Cheryl Manzer

S/James Redmond

CARRIED

THAT the report for the Regional Sewer Committee be accepted as presented.

M/James Redmond

S/Mary Munroe

CARRIED

THAT the report for the New Minas Water Commission be accepted as presented.

M/James Redmond

S/Cheryl Manzer

CARRIED

The Clerk Treasurer/CAO presented the capital budget proposal prepared by the Beautification Group. The Commission had approved, on July 13, an expenditure of \$32,000 for projects. The budget provides a breakdown of the capital allocation as follows:

Capital Budget:	\$39,604.25
Less: Grant:	\$19,802.13
Request:	\$19,802.12

Request includes the following:

\$8284.43 Roundabout at intersection of Granite Drive and Commercial Street
\$11,835.25 Aesthetic Improvements to Founding Fathers Park
\$18,852.07 Commercial Street Beautification (includes 6 Waste Receptacles and 4 Benches)
\$632.50 Signage for Lockhart-Ryan Park
\$39,604.25 Total

THAT the Capital Budget for Beautification Group be accepted as presented.

M/Cheryl Manzer

S/James Redmond

CARRIED

New Business:

Association of Nova Scotia Villages Annual General Meeting

Mary Munroe advised that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the Association of Nova Scotia Villages is planned for Saturday November 21 @10:30 am via online technology. As well, the Village of New Minas will be hosting the next Annual General Meeting, in September 2021.

Oath of Office for New Commissioners

The election being held on November 12 will precipitate the need for at least one new Commissioner to take an Oath of Office. The Clerk Treasurer/CAO was directed to advise if this process should take place prior to the next meeting of Village Commission, scheduled for December 14, either in the form of a Special Meeting of Village Commission or in the form of a ceremony.

Correspondence:

None

Public Discussion Period:

Maynard Stevens enquired about the condition of the sidewalk in the Granite Drive/Commercial Street area. The Clerk Treasurer/CAO was directed to follow-up on the matter with Mr. Stevens.

James Winsor, Councillor for District #8, advised that he had been re-elected to his position and looks forward to working with the Village Commission, particularly on the New Minas Secondary Plan.

Adjournment:

M/James Redmond

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:13 pm.