

Village of New Minas

Minutes of a Regular Commission Meeting Monday, June 10, 2019 Commission Room, Louis Millet Community Complex

Commissioners Present:

Dave Chaulk, Chair

Mary Munroe, Commissioner Ken Pineo, Commissioner James Redmond, Commissioner

Cheryl Manzer, Commissioner

Staff Present:

April Ernest, Clerk Treasurer

Charlene Hines, Administrative Assistant

John Ansara, Director of Recreation & Community Development

Others Present:

Maynard Stevens

Regrets:

Jim Winsor, Kings County Councillor

Call to Order:

Dave Chaulk called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda: As amended – the addition of ATM machine 7.c.

Redmond-Pineo

CARRIED

Approval of the Minutes: May 13, 2019 and May 15, 2019 meetings.

Redmond-Pineo

CARRIED

Presentation: REMO - Dan Stovel

Dan Stovel presented as part of the Kings REMO Community Outreach Program. He provided background and highlights including its formal organization of Kings REMO, as a two year trial period. He described the approach within the Kings County area and the potential for disaster through hurricanes or other environmental impacts. He described the regional emergency plan which was developed and reviewed annually, and provides consistent emergency preparedness throughout the county. He stated that operational guidelines for emergency coordination centre are being developed as well as evacuation transportation support. He discussed public awareness and the importance of sharing the information as well as preparing for large community events such as the Apple Blossom

Festival. He emphasized the importance of having an Emergency Preparedness Kit and being able to evacuate with very short notice as well as the importance of being able to take care of oneself for 72 hours. Dan discussed comfort centres and acknowledged the LMCC as a comfort centre, established as a place to get warm, recharge devices and get something warm to drink. He reviewed the importance of communication in emergency situations how the printed material is often relied upon more than technological options.

Commissioner Pineo inquired about the radio communication equipment at the former County building. Dan advised that it had all been moved and set up in a room at the new facility.

Chair Chaulk ask how public apathy is deal with, ie. people thinking they don't need to be prepared. Dan advised that he has not really experienced lack of interest.

Commissioner Munroe has asked if there is an effort made to track fragile seniors who may live alone and do not have cell phones. Dan is currently working on an initiative right now call the Vulnerable Persons Registry to cover this area.

Business Arising from Minutes:

a) Commercial Street Paving Project issues:

The letter has been forwarded to a supervisor at DTIR and that is where the issue sits presently. **CARRIED**

Committee Reports

1) Water Commission: No meeting

Pineo-Redmond

2) Area Advisory Committee: Report circulated for the meeting

THAT the report be accepted as presented

CARRIED

Redmond-Pineo

3) Regional Sewer Meeting: Report distributed.

THAT the report be accepted as submitted.

CARRIED

- 4) Clerk Treasurer & Admin Report: Report included in package
- 5) Recreation Community Development Report: Report included in package.
- 6) Public Works & Building Maintenance Report: Report included in package.

Motion to accept all reports.

Redmond-Munroe

CARRIED

7) Beautification Report: Report submitted. Commissioner Munroe made additional comments on the necessity of naming of parks and the amount of garbage from littering, etc in the area. The group discussed the naming of spaces and felt that it wasn't always necessary to do so. Commissioner Manzer inquired about the property at the former civic centre as citizens have commented on its current appearance. She also commented on the garbage on the Walmart property. Mary suggested that some thought be given to solutions to these problems. Commissioner Redmond suggests contacting Valley Waste to see if there is anything that they can recommend.

Motion to accept report.

Munroe-Manzer CARRIED

New Business:

Apple Blossom Float:

A discussion was held about the Village float and the work involved by volunteers to get this ready for the parade. It was decided that John Ansara will write a letter on behalf of the Village to acknowledge the great work.

Annual General Meeting Date:

It was decided that the date for the annual general meeting will be Tuesday, June 25th, 2019 at 7:00pm. Presentation of the financial statements will be on Monday, June 4th at 6:30 pm.

ATM Machine: Commissioner Pineo asked that consideration be given to an ATM machine to the public area of this building.

Motion to investigate the costs and liability of installing an ATM in the LMCC building. **Pineo-Redmond**

CARRIED

Correspondence: None

Public Discussion:

Maynard Stevens inquired about the ability to have a representative appointed as an agent to act on the candidates behalf on nomination day under the New Minas bylaw. The Clerk Treasurer will look into this.

Maynard Stevens inquired as to the Lions Club breakfast advertised on the sign this past Saturday was not held as there was another event in the civic centre. April Ernest advised that the Lions Club looks after the sign, however did not book the hall for the breakfast.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 8:05pm.

Redmond

Dave Chaulk, Chair

April Ernest, Clerk Treasurer