



**The Village of New Minas
Community Newsletter**

ELECTION EDITION



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IMPORTANT DATES

ADVANCE POLLS:

OCTOBER 26-30, 9AM-5PM

NOVEMBER 2-6, 9AM-5PM

CANDIDATES FORUM/Q&A:

HELD VIRTUALLY ON OCTOBER 27TH @ 6:30PM

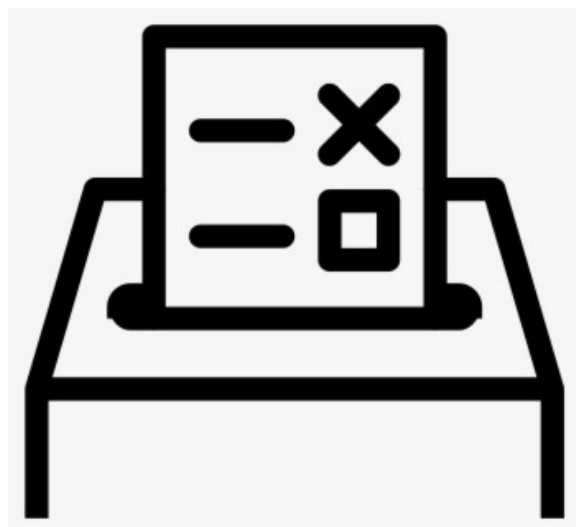
PRESENTED BY THE NEW MINAS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

ELECTION DAY:

NOVEMBER 12, 9AM-7PM

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU BRING GOVERNMENT ISSUED I.D. WITH YOU TO VOTE. ALL VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE LOUIS MILLETT COMMUNITY COMPLEX.

- **ELECTION FOR THREE COMMISSIONERS**
- **VOTE FOR UP TO THREE CANDIDATES**



MEET YOUR CANDIDATES.



Quentin Hill

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Occupation: I currently work in municipal government as a Council Constituency Coordinator and understand the importance of open and transparent organizations. I also work as a mentor to clients through Community Services, which I help develop relationships and build life skills with troubled youth; as well as adults going through the mental health courts. I also serve on the Municipality of Kings Audit Committee. Through my employment and volunteer work, I have demonstrated that I have an openness to learn, a desire to help others, and an ability to engage people from a variety of backgrounds.

Reasons for running: New Minas is where we started our family and we truly love the Village and all that it has to offer. My wife (Shannon) has started a small business here; 2 of my 3 children (Mason and Layla) attend New Minas Elementary School, my youngest (Lincoln) attends a daycare here in the community. I have always had a passion to work and serve in my community. I believe that the best is yet to come for our Village. I know I can bring some valuable municipal experience and new ideas forward. My decision to get involved is driven by my interest in making our Village not just 'A Good Place to Live but, The BEST place to live!

Vision for the Village: New Minas has seen some major changes over the past number of years. Covid-19 has challenged the way we interact and conduct our daily lives in the Village. Due to the epidemic, residents have seen reduced programming levels; small businesses have had less people through their doors. With any change, people can feel left out and marginalized through these times. I am optimistic that we can continue to engage and support all residents and give voice to their concerns. A village that is fully engaged and working together can be a powerful community. I believe that we can rise above the challenges and find new ways to provide services and events and bring residents together. I want to extend an invitation to you to let me know what is important to you in the village and what vision you see for the future of our great community. Please contact me with your ideas!

MEET YOUR CANDIDATES.



Tanya MacInnis

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Occupation: Server/Sommelier student, I have also taught Running Clinics, Community Yoga classes, and directed community races to raise funds for local charities.

Reasons for running: I want to run for office in the village to be a positive, community-based voice. Offices need to be held by people who care, who listen, and who are willing to stand up for things that aren't always easy to stand up for. As a local parent, fundraiser, coach, and resident I see the differences that have been happening locally as we develop and broaden our reach; the local splash pad, the new signage and care for local subdivision parks, and community based events. In times when things are uncertain, we need to have patience, foresight, and a voice that speaks to the most basic needs of community. Safety, growth, and a clear path to continue to grow. This is an unprecedented time that requires a depth of thought and commitment to the betterment of our community that is unique, different from the past, and willing to move forward to create positive change.

Vision for the Village: The Village of New Minas is unique to the Valley and the hub of local commerce. We host local events when possible, soccer, concerts, fundraisers, and house some wonderful schools. All of these together create a beautiful mosaic of life in the village and what we have to offer. This is and has been a positive direction in many ways. I know that there is more that we can do to create a better space for all of our families to grow and thrive.

MEET YOUR CANDIDATES.



Mary Munroe

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Occupation: Retired as Operations Manager of the Acadia University Library, served as Chair of the University Health and Safety Committee, Chair of the University Pension Committee, member of the Staff Relations Committee, and Union Contract Teams. My volunteer work includes Red Cross, Canadian Lung Association, and Council Member of my church as well as being a block parent. I serve as leader of the New Minas Beautification Working Group which includes Village signage, and am currently a Commissioner on the New Minas Water Commission.

Reasons for running: New Minas has been my home for some 28 years and I've raised my family here because it is a "Great Place to Live"! We shop here because it is the "Shopping Centre of the Valley". As a Commissioner for the past 7.5 years I have learned so much and interacted with so many wonderful people in New Minas and outside. I am excited to be able to contribute to initiatives like new benches and planters, developing pocket parks, and getting new street banners for our busy Christmas season. It is exciting and challenging to be able to work with our County to shape the vision and planning for our Secondary Community Plan to maximize the benefits of our Village expansion to the south side of Highway 101. I sincerely hope to be elected to work for our community for another three years.

Vision for the Village: This is a pivotal time of unprecedented opportunity for New Minas! We are building on a base that includes our unique origins as a First Nations community that transitioned into an Acadian Village, larger at one time than the one at Grand Pre with the river being the transportation route that connected the communities. Our history morphed into a vision to use our prime location as a springboard for developing a business base and the energy from those efforts fed the vision for our incorporation as a Village in 1968. Now with over 5,100 residents and an ever expanding business base, New Minas is the second biggest of Nova Scotia's 23 Villages. Our County and Province support continued growth here and our future is before us – an exciting future with potential to celebrate the past and the future at the same time – an inclusive community where people own their village – share the vision and celebrate what makes us special!

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Tristan Redden

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Occupation: Paramedic Supervisor

Reasons for running: I am 35 years old and have lived in New Minas for the last 10 years. I am proud to call this community home. I believe so strongly in New Minas that my wife and I have chosen to raise our family here. As a father and community volunteer, I feel the voices of young families have been underrepresented on the Village Commission for too long. As one of the youngest candidates I want to be your voice in the future. The Village has some exciting developments such as New Minas south near Exit 11A and many new construction projects, some of which have been recently completed. If elected, I promise to be open, accessible, and receptive to ideas from all village residents to help make New Minas an even better place to live. I pledge to be an advocate for your issues around the Village Commission table. I will always speak up to ensure accountability, transparency, and fairness in all decisions.

Vision for the Village: I hope to help advocate for sustainability in future plans for the development of our village. I commit to being financially responsible while enhancing services such as recreation. I would like to recognize the volunteers in the community in an effort to enhance the experience and attract more volunteers. I hope to see a more open, transparent, and connected Village Commission that finds new and interactive ways to connect with residents and include them in community decision making. Finally, I will advocate for electoral reform by pursuing electronic and online voting in future Village Commission elections to improve accessibility to democracy for those unable to attend the polls. Thank you for taking the time to consider me for Village Commissioner. I hope to see you at the polls.

MEET YOUR CANDIDATES.



James Redmond

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Occupation: Retired. Previous employment includes managing a large manufacturing and distribution plants in Nova Scotia for 29 years. I have also served as the Director of Canadian Feed Manufactures Association, Director of Nova Scotia Poultry Council and although not a paid Fire Chief, I have been New Minas Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief for the past 24 years.

Reasons for running: I have been a Village Commissioner for 26 years, now serving as Vice Chair of the Village Commission and Chairperson of New Minas Water Commission. There are some exciting times ahead for New Minas. First of all, the development of New Minas South of 101 Highway. These lands were added to the incorporated boundaries of the Village of New Minas on February 4th 2013, increasing the New Minas Village boundaries by 983 acres or 42%. As previous Chair of New Minas Area Advisory, I bring extensive knowledge and experience to proceed with this combined commercial, residential, and recreational development. I also played a key role in extending the New Minas boundaries and wish to continue my efforts going forward with this development. The residents and businesses of New Minas will have input into this development. As Commissioner, I have worked hard to insure that Village services are operated efficiently and cost effective and provide these services in most cases less than providers of the same services outside of the Village of New Minas. The operational efficiency of services in the Village and the providing of good government has always been my goal as Village Commissioner and seek re-election to further these goals. I am retired and have time to commit my energies to providing good governance to the Village of New Minas.

Vision for the Village: I see New Minas as a safe, affordable, good place to live, do business, or retire. In addition, I wish to ensure that New Minas remains the "Shopping Centre of the Valley" Loss of development potential will see business dry up, move and New Minas decline in appearance and importance. I also support more beautification projects for New Minas to make living and doing business in the Village a pleasing experience. I see New Minas as providing the infrastructure and recreation needs to its residents and businesses to provide a prosperous Village where people will be proud to live and do business.

MEET YOUR CANDIDATES.



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Occupation: Retired. Writer. Volunteer at Kings County Museum

Reasons for running: I served on the Village Commission for 12 years. I was also a member of the New Minas Water Commission. During this period, I served for a time as Water Commission Chair as well as Vice-Chair of the Village Commission. While on the Village Commission I was proud to be a part of the governing body for the Village of New Minas, to have a voice in the decision-making process. I believe that I still have much to offer the Village Commission and the citizens of New Minas. I hope to bring a strong voice and add a unique perspective to discussions. The Village of New Minas has a strong Village Commission and I ask for your support to be a part of that team of women and men once again.

Vision for the Village: During my years on the Village Commission I watched the village prosper in many exciting ways. From the opening of the popular Rail Trail that so many citizens of the village, myself included, use all year long, to the opening of exit 11A off the 101. The Louis Millett Community Complex continues to provide excellent programs for all ages and our Recreation Department programs are growing stronger each year as are our March Break and Summer Camps for children. We are a safe community thanks to the New Minas Volunteer Fire Department. Thanks to the women and men who risk their lives and make certain that we have the most up to date equipment possible. I believe that there is no better volunteer department in the County. We are vibrant community that continues to grow with the promise of new development south of the 101. We have a wide range of shopping opportunities in New Minas from box stores to speciality stores and everything and anything you could desire. Yet with our growth we have never lost sight that we are more than a place just to shop, we are foremost a community. We must continue to focus on the citizens of our village, like our senior citizens and the new families who are choosing to move into New Minas to join those of us who have lived here for many years. I am excited to think about what New Minas will be like in the next quarter century and I see only great things. If you ever met me then you know I am a lover of local history, I know that we are surrounded by history from every direction in the village and county and I see a continuation of the heritage of the past combined with future successes for all our citizens who are fortunate to live and work in the Village of New Minas.

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Debra Windle-Smith

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Occupation: Retired. I bring comprehensive business experience in Human Resource Management and Community Affairs. Experience across sectors including Energy, Manufacturing, Government, and Health Care bring to the Village of New Minas a well-rounded business perspective that will be key to issues a Village Commissioner will encounter.

Reasons for running: We have lived in Kings County most recently, since 2009, and resident of New Minas since 2017. I believe New Minas is “A Great Place to Live” and welcome the opportunity to make a difference in the future plans of the Village of New Minas. I bring commitment to collaboration and approachability in serving the community and appropriate stakeholders to achieve successful outcomes.

- Serving currently as the President of the Wolfville and Area Newcomers Club, previously capacity as Publicity Chair on the Executive Board and an active club member since 2012
- Midway through a three year Term with the Kings County Police Service Advisory Board – Citizen Member - since 2019

I am excited for the opportunity to bring experiences and new perspective to the Village Commissioner role.

Vision for the Village: I commit to working as a team member on behalf of the residents of this community and to further and support issues important to the residents of New Minas. The Village is a great place to live. We can broaden our appeal by promoting ourselves as a safe place to live, and at the same time, a lovely affordable community to live, work, and play. Every service we need is close by, including an easy Commute to the City and other Centres. Initiatives and development plans are underway with the current Commission for the benefit the Village. I bring enthusiasm and willingness to keep moving forward on behalf of the residents and at the same time keep an eye to our future.

A MESSAGE FROM THE MUNICIPALITY



Summer 2020 Update from Councillor Jim Winsor – District 8

We are living through challenging times that none of us would have ever contemplated a few months ago. But we are a resilient people and such hardships serve to strengthen us for the future and make us better citizens. It is a pleasure to serve Kings County and the constituents of District 8 (New Minas and Greenwich) through both the good times and the more challenging times with the hope and the expectation that the best is ahead of us.

This second term in office has been a positive and productive experience for me and for the County. Under the leadership of Mayor Peter Muttart and Chief Administrative Officer, Scott Conrod, our County has been strategic and progressive. This past winter we approved a new Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) that offers significant protection of agricultural land recognizing that agriculture is our mainstay industry. It focuses development to strategic growth areas like the Village of New Minas. We have other projects in various stages of development for the expansion of broadband services, the development of wind energy and the development of solar energy. Our County is committed to green energy and is doing our part to reduce green gas emissions but also with the hope of generating other sources of revenue to allow us to mitigate your tax burden.

The past couple of years have seen us make great advances for New Minas. We have seen the paving of Commercial Street all the way through the Village and Greenwich. We have seen the development of the Granite Drive Connector exchange that has diminished traffic concerns on Commercial Street and importantly, will allow for Village expansion to the south of Hwy 101. We have seen the repaving of HWY 101 between exits 10 and 11. Watch for further paving activity soon in District 8 as approximately an additional 30 roads will be repaved under a 50:50 cost share program with the Province. Our streets and roads have been my number 1 priority as Councillor so I take great satisfaction in all of this work.

The earlier referenced MPS also paved the way for the development of a Secondary Plan for New Minas. The County in partnership with New Minas and financial assistance from the Province has entered into this planning project which will be completed over the next two years. The New Minas Secondary Plan will provide specific policy direction related to land use planning and development within New Minas including the expansion area south of HWY 101. This plan will set the tone for adjustments, growth and development for years to come and position the Village to market itself with refreshed vision. Please ensure that you take opportunity to provide your input into this Plan.

I do encourage you to take advantage of the democracy we are afforded in this Country and please exercise your right and privilege to vote in the upcoming Village Commission election.

You may contact me at 680-5405 or by email at councillor.winsor@county.kings.ns.ca. If you wish to receive regular email updates from me please send me an email.

Jim Winsor, Councillor, District 8

THE NEW MINAS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION INVITES YOU TO A

VILLAGE COMMISSION CANDIDATES ZOOM TOWN HALL MEETING

Tuesday October 27, 2020 7:00pm – 8:30pm



This Zoom Town Hall meeting will give residents of the Village of New Minas an opportunity to meet with the candidates for Village Commissioner and discuss any issues they'd like to see addressed. Anyone who registers can ask questions and engage in dialogue with specific candidates or anyone in general.

You must be registered to participate in the Zoom Town Hall meeting.

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OCTOBER 26-30, 2020 &
NOVEMBER 2-6, 2020
ELECTION: NOVEMBER 12, 2020

REGISTER VIA EMAIL TO NEWMINASBA@GMAIL.COM TO RECEIVE ZOOM INVITE

Cast Your Vote!

ADV POLL: OCT 26-30, NOV 2-6.
ELECTION DAY NOVEMBER 12



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Kings County Family Resource Centre	902-678-5760
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Kings County Recreation	902-690-6124
Lockhart & Ryan Memorial Park Inquiries (fields).....	902-681-6972
Louis Millett Community Complex Rentals.....	902-681-6972
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Police General Inquiries-RCMP.....	902-679-5555
School/Busing Inquiries.....	902-538-4600
Sidewalk Inquiries.....	902-681-6972
Street Inquiries (Dept. of Transportation).....	902-679-6122
Street Light Inquiries/Emergencies	902-681-0430
Street Signs (Dept. of Transportation).....	902-679-6122
Tax Bills (County).....	902-690-6147
Tax Bills (Village).....	902-679-1878
Traffic Lights (Dept. of Transportation).....	902-679-6122
Valley Regional Hospital.....	902-678-7381
Valley Waste: Garbage/Recycling.....	902-679-1325
View all approved Village Minutes.....	www.newminas.com
Village Bylaws.....	902-681-6972
Village Commissioners Contact Numbers.....	902-681-6972
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