



Village of New Minas
Minutes of Water Commission Meeting
Wednesday May 25, 2022 @ 7:00 PM
Commission Room, LMCC
New Minas, Nova Scotia

Commissioners Present:

- James Redmond, Chair
- Dave Chaulk, Vice Chair
- Maynard Stevens, Commissioner
- Mary Munroe, Commissioner
- Bruce McArthur, Commissioner

Staff Present:

- Greg Messom, Public Works,
- Tanisha Kalkman, Admin

Others Present:

- None

Call to Order:

Chair Jim Redmond called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm, welcoming those in attendance.

Approval of the Agenda:

THAT the Agenda for the April 11, 2022 regular Commission meeting be approved, as presented.

M/Bruce McArthur

S/Maynard Stevens

Motion Carried

Approval of the Minutes from Prior Meeting:

THAT the Minutes for the March 23, 2022 special Commission meeting be approved, as presented.

M/Maynard Stevens

S/Dave Chaulk

Motion Carried

Business Arising from Minutes:

UV System Update:

Gerard Hamilton had mentioned either getting a new UV system, staying with the system we currently have, or getting rid of the system all together. Gerard Hamilton and Mark Jackson are away on a business conference so Greg Messom will be stepping in their stead. Greg Messom mentioned that since the wells were not influenced by the system, there was no need for one at all. The decision of purchasing a new system, keeping our old system, or getting rid of it is up to the commission to decide. Dave Chaulk agreed with Greg Messom, that we did not need one at all, Jim Redmond also agreed. The UV system was temporarily approved in the 2022/23 Capital Budget for \$160,000. Dave Chaulk made a motion to not replace and get rid of the UV system. Maynard Stevens seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

Problems with the Water Pressure:

Killiam properties, a customer, is saying they are having problems with their water pressure for their trailer park. After investigation by the public works employees, it was discovered that there is no problem with the amount of pressure the Village is supplying, it is a problem with Killiam properties booster station is not strong enough to pump out the required volume. It is no longer in the hands of the Village.

Lead Testing:

There was a lead test done last year, 2021, to check for the allowable concentration of lead. There will be another reading for June. A letter will go out to the residents of New Minas asking for volunteers to allow for testing during the daytime.

Questions:

Dave Chaulk brought up a question about the policy on flushing a hydrant and it damages property. Greg Messom responded with, "we have to fix it. If we cause damage, we have to fix it."

Water Operations Report:

THAT the water operations report is approved, as presented.

M/ Maynard Stevens

S/ Bruce McArthur

Motion Carried

Correspondence – Application for Development Agreement at Old Dyke Rd:

A 35 unit building needs a development agreement before being allowed to proceed with building. The property falls within New Minas Well Protection overlay. It is part of Well field B, meaning that it is roughly 50-60 ft away from the well. The biggest problem to consider is that there should be no contamination that goes into our sewer system. Greg Messom brought up the concern about their heating system. If they have oil tanks that need to be stored safely. Greg Messom also brought up the concern about the amount of water needed for the building, we need to have an adequate supply for them and the other residents in New Minas. The consensus from the commission was to contact the person in charge of the development and ask them about the concerns brought up before approving the agreement. There would be an email sent to commissioners with the responses for enquiries of, the heating system and storage, and more information on the sewer system, after which they will all vote over email.

Public Discussion Report:

None.

Closing Remarks:

UV system is gone, from the decision made by commission earlier in the meeting, so there is now \$160,000 free in the budget. The commission was unsure if the capital budget has been approved, needed to check the minutes from the previous meeting to be sure.

Adjournment:

M/Dave Chaulk

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Call to Order Again:

THAT the meeting was called back into order at 7:48, to approve 2022/23 Capital Budget after reviewing the previous meetings minutes.

Approval of the Capital Budget:

THAT the Capital budget for 2022/23 be approved with the removal of the UV protection amount.

M/Dave Chaulk

S/Maynard Stevens

Motion Carried

Adjournment part 2:

M/Dave Chaulk

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:49 pm.