



## MARCH BREAK CAMP

Come spend the week with New Minas Recreation! Registration open now!

FEBRUARY  
2022

# SEWER RATE INCREASE!

Please be advised that the Sewer Rates will increase as of April 1, 2022. The change will reflect on your June billing. The rate change is listed below:

5/8" \$42.85

3/4" \$60.74

1" \$94.48

1 1/2" \$168.71

2" \$263.19

3" \$509.51

4" \$787.89

6" \$1,557.22

Consumption per m<sup>3</sup> \$0.71

Local Improvement Charge (for well water properties): \$308.80/year



## MEET THE STAFF

Tanisha Kalkman

Position:

I work whenever I am needed for administration and finance

Length of Service:

Approximately 1 year

Tell us a little about yourself:

I'm the youngest child, I have 2 sisters and a brother. I just completed my Bachelor's degree in Business with a major in accounting at Acadia University. The only thing you really need to know about me is my love of pets!

What do you love most about working for the Village?

The friendly faces and the easy-going atmosphere.

What is your most memorable moment working for the Village?

Everyday! Since I'm still new, every day is new and memorable in some way or another.

What is your favourite food? Movie? TV show?

Favourite food is ice cream. It's hard to pick a single movie but I love the Bourne series. My absolute favourite TV show is the Office.

What is one thing you couldn't live without?

My cats, they are my babies.

What is one thing we would be surprised to learn about you?

I'm a lot stronger than I look. It surprises people.



# COMMISSIONER ELECTION

In 2022 there will be one open seat for Commissioner for the Village of New Minas. Please note the following important dates:

Nomination Period: May 2–May 27

Advance Polls: June 6–10 and June 13–17

Annual General Meeting: June 21

Election Day: June 22



## MEET THE STAFF!

Laura Jacobs



My name is Laura Jacobs and I am the Active Living Coordinator for the Village of New Minas. This is a brand new role/position for the Village and I am really excited at the opportunities that this will bring to our community. For a little bit of background, the Village of New Minas is now a member of the Municipal Physical Activity Leadership (MPAL) program, coordinated by the Province of Nova Scotia. This program provides participating municipalities with a staff person who is responsible for the development and implementation of an Active Living Strategy.

The Active Living Strategy has a broad mandate to improve active living and increase movement in New Minas. We want to redefine the concept of movement and create an environment that makes physical activity accessible to all our community members. I will be tasked with focusing on hard to reach groups and individuals that experience physical, social or economic barriers & provide inclusive and easy ways to participate in physical activity.



# *Louis Millett*

# *Community Complex*



Bookings available for 2022!

## WEDDING PACKAGES

### FULL PACKAGE

Booking from Friday evening-  
Sunday at Noon

Commercial Kitchen

Tables

Chairs

Bar Services\*

**Price: \$700.00 + HST\***

### DAY OF PACKAGE

Wedding Day from 8AM-1AM

Commercial Kitchen

Tables

Chairs

Bar Service\*

**Price: \$450.00 + HST\***

### EXTRAS:

Table Cloths

Sound System


Set up + Clean up

Podium

Projector

\*Bar service fee will be applied if  
bar sales do not exceed \$200.00

\*Security will be required for all  
bar events, cost will vary on  
requirements.





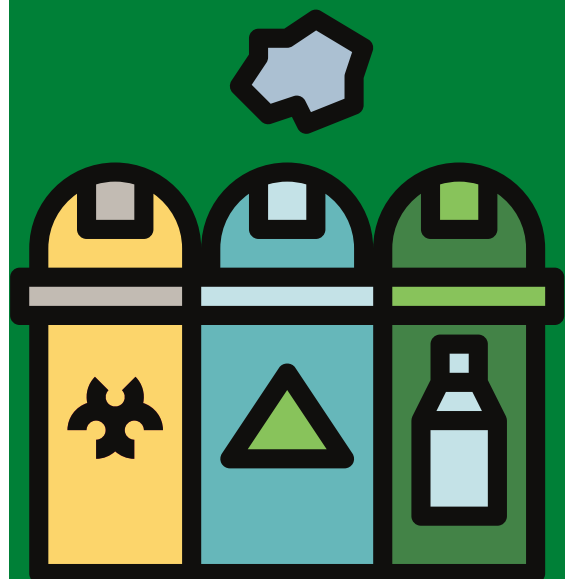
## PUBLIC WORKS

During the winter months, please do not leave greenbin containers or garbage bins/bags on the sidewalk. Our crew works hard to keep the sidewalks clear for you and we appreciate cooperation on this matter!

Village Budget Meetings – Public Meetings

- Thursday February 17: 9 am- 12 noon -and-
- Friday February 18: 9 am – 12 noon

To register, please contact [ianm@newminas.com](mailto:ianm@newminas.com)



## NSWalks



**Walk leader  
virtual  
training  
session**

**Feb. 16**

Registration deadline:  
Feb. 14



Do you like to walk and are looking for a way to give back to your community? Help support more people in Nova Scotia enjoy the benefits of walking!

We are looking for volunteers interested in leading gentle, fun, friendly regularly scheduled walks for people who are currently less active. We will provide free walk leader training to give you the skills and confidence to lead these walks. Leader training will be held online Wednesday February 16 (registration deadline February 14). NS Walks is a project of Hike Nova Scotia, supported by Nova Scotia Government and our communications partner, the Healthy Tomorrow Foundation through their *Make Your Move* campaign. For more information or to register for the training go to [www.nswalks.ca](http://www.nswalks.ca).

## RECREATION

### PARK IMPROVEMENT PLAN

2021 was a very busy year that saw the Recreation and Community Development Advisory Committee's Park Improvement Plan take shape. Starting at Lockhart Ryan Park, we were able to resurface the tennis courts (which included the addition of pickleball lines), replace the basketball nets, and re-route several holes on the disc golf course. We could not have done the work on the disc golf course without the help of a very dedicated group of volunteers from the Bushwacker Disc Golf Club, so to them we wish to extend a huge THANK YOU!. The work to improve our Village's largest and most beloved park is not over yet, as we plan to replace the existing playground closest to the splash pad in 2022-2023, so families will have an even better experience when they visit!

Two more parks in our community will look very different in the next year, as we replace the playgrounds at Golfview and Meadow Terrace Subdivision Parks. Along with new playground structures, we will be resurfacing the play area to reach today's accessibility standards, making play inclusive for all those in our community. We aim to go beyond playground replacements with our plan, making our parks more inviting spaces for the community to socialize and play.



A SNAPSHOT OF THE NEW PLAY  
STRUCTURES GOING INTO GOLFOVIEW AND  
MEADOW TERRACE SUBDIVISION PARKS

# RECREATION

## PROGRAMS

Operating a program or event during 2021 was not an easy task, but thanks to the hard work and dedication of our staff and community volunteers, as well as cooperation from the community, we were able to pull off some very successful and safe experiences.

In the summer we hosted several day camps, giving children a much needed reprieve from the pressures of a pandemic. Again, we would like to sincerely thank our staff for all the hard work they put in, as delivering quality programming is not easy in the best of times, and they went above and beyond in 2021.

Further to that, we were able to offer modified programming for pickleball, yoga, Zumba, senior fitness classes, and our ever popular Monday Jam sessions.





# RECREATION



## EVENTS

Further to programs, we were able to offer several (modified for safety) community events in 2021. One particular event that we were extremely proud of was Valley Rib Fest, in August. Not only was it exciting to offer a unique food truck experience, but the event raised \$12,000 for the Flower Cart's capital building campaign! We would like to thank the organizers of the event and the New Minas Sunrise Rotary Club for all their hard work in volunteering throughout the weekend of Rib Fest. It could not have happened without you!

After Rib Fest, we hosted a smaller version of New Minas Celebration Days that included a live performance from one of the Valley's best bands, *Joker's Right*, and an amazing fireworks display from our friends at FireworksFX.

Before we knew it, summer had faded into fall and we prepared for our annual Parade of Lights Parade. Just before that, however, we were able to sneak in a quick comedy show starring East Coast legend Jimmy Flynn! The funny fisherman regaled the crowd at the Louis Millett Complex with joke after joke and song after song. It really was a special evening!

As for the parade, I have to give a huge shout out to the New Minas business community, who proved once again how committed they are, as we broke records this year for the number of entries in the parade! Thanks once again to the Sunrise Rotary Club of New Minas for its help, as well as to the RCMP and the New Minas Volunteer Fire Department for the integral roles they play in the event each year. In the end, 2021 was a challenging year for many. I think if there is one take away from it, however, there is strength in community and the Village of New Minas has shown that it is a community that works hard and looks out for one another. To all our staff and patrons who have done their absolute best to adjust to the ever changing obstacles that we face with the Covid pandemic, thank you for your understanding and willingness to work together. If we keep this up and we will see fantastic things for 2022 and beyond!

John Ansara  
Recreation Director - [johna@newminas.com](mailto:johna@newminas.com)



# NOVA SCOTIA FIREFIGHTERS



weekly  
**50/50**  
jackpot

ADMINISTERED BY THE AMHERST FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

## VOLUNTEER

**Firefighters Are Wanted!**

Join Our Fire Firefighters Today!  
Junior Firefighters Welcome!



### IN RETURN YOU WILL RECEIVE...

- Respect & Appreciation
- Free Training
- Sizeable Honorarium
- Free NS Vehicle License Plate
- \$500 Provincial Tax Credit
- Federal Government Tax Credit
- Use of Exercise Room

Be part of the tradition, part of the family, part of the community.

To find out more information, check: [www.newminasfire.com](http://www.newminasfire.com)