



**Draft Village of New Minas**  
New Minas Water Commission  
April 28, 2026 @ 3:00 PM  
Commission Room, LMCC  
New Minas, Nova Scotia  
MINUTES

**Members Present:**

- Mary Munroe, Commission Member
- Bruce MacArthur, Citizen Member
- Dave Chaulk, Commission Member & Vice Chair
- James Redmond, Commission Member & Chair

**Members Absent:**

- Maynard Stevens, Citizen Member

**Staff Present:**

- Jeff Lawrence, Clerk Treasurer/CAO
- Cory Palmer, Director of Public Works

**Others Present:**

- None

**1. Call to Order:**

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 3:03pm, welcoming those in attendance.

**2. Approval of the Agenda:**

Motion:

THAT the Agenda for the April 28, 2026, Water Commission Meeting be approved as circulated

**M/ D. Chaulk**

**S/ M. Munroe**

**Motion Carried**

**3. Approval of Minutes:**

- a. March 24, 2026, Water Commission Meeting

Motion:

THAT the Minutes for the March 24, 2026, Water Commission Meeting be approved as circulated.

**M/ D. Chaulk**

**S/ B. MacArthur**

**Motion Carried**

**4. Business Arising from Minutes:**

a. Water Infrastructure study

C. Palmer updated the Commission regarding the status of the study.

C. Palmer spoke to the following regarding the water study:

- The study is complete
- There are no issues with the domestic water supply but there are concerns with fire fighting capacity.
- Areas of concern related to development and infilling include Prospect Road and behind Kent.
- The Canaan Heights area was never designed to provide fire fighting capacity.
- There are also areas of concern around dead streets.
- The company is now evaluating potential solutions.

**5. Comments from the Chair:**

The Chair indicated that he had no additional comments.

**6. Staff Reports:**

a. Water Operations Report

C. Palmer presented an overview of the key points from the water operator's report.

There was a discussion around water pressure, pressure reducer valves and potentially training existing staff to work on these valves.

Motion:

THAT the Water Operations Report be received as circulated prior to the April 28, 2026, Water Commission meeting and as verbally summarized by the Director of Public Works.

**M/ D. Chaulk.**

**S/ B. MacArthur**

**Motion Carried**

**7. New Business**

**a. Source Water Protection Committee Meeting Date**

The Committee discussed possible dates for a Source Water Protection Committee meeting. The consensus was for J. Lawrence to meet with J. Redmond to set a date.

**8. Correspondence:**

There was no correspondence

**9. Other Business**

**10. Public Input:**

There was no public input.

**11. Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the Chair called for a motion to adjourn at 3:31pm.

Motion:

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

**M/ D. Chaulk**

**S/ B. MacArthur**

**Motion Carried**