



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