

VILLAGE COMMISSION OF NEW MINAS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 2010

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Commission of New Minas was held on December 13, 2010 in the Civic Center at 7:00 p.m..

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chair Dave Chaulk
Vice Chair Dale Pineo
Commissioner Dean Hatt
Commissioner James Redmond
Commissioner Maynard Stevens
Clerk Treasurer Terry Silver

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Lynn Spencer, Admin Assistant/Accountant
Carolyn Smith, Resident
Eric Smith, Councillor District 11

Chair Chaulk called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Hatt, that the Agenda for the regular Commission meeting of December 13, 2010 be approved as presented with the following addition: OTHER ADDED ITEMS – a) Alzheimer Proclamation. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES November 8, 2010

It was moved by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Vice-Chair Pineo that the minutes of the November 8, 2010 Commission meeting be approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) Boundary Expansion – Boundary Description Change

Chair Chaulk reminded the Commissioners of the report supplied to them by T. Silver, in which the request of Mr. Marvin Barfoot to be included in the Village Boundary expansion is to be considered.

**It was moved by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Vice-Chair Pineo that the property of Mr. Marvin Barfoot be included in the boundary expansion petition to be submitted to the NSUARB.
MOTION CARRIED**

b) Bylaw #1 – Regular Meetings of the Village Commission – Final Reading

**It was moved by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Redmond that the final reading be passed by the Village Commission of Bylaw #1 – Regular Meetings of the Village Commission.
MOTION CARRIED**

c) Response – Letter of Support – No Farms No Food

It was moved by Commissioner Hatt, seconded by Commissioner Stevens that the Village Commission not write a letter of support for the *No Farms No Food* cause.

The Commissioners felt that it is inappropriate to get involved with this issue.

d) Trails Application – County of Kings, Submission and Decision

T. Silver advised that on the advice of Councillor Chris Parker at the November, 2010 Commission meeting, she and the staff investigated the feasibility of applying for the trails development monies which the Commission was advised was unexpended by the County for the 2010/2011 fiscal year. An application was presented to the County. Unfortunately the application was denied by the County. Commission Chaulk asked if the Clerk had dropped the ball by not knowing there were funds available. T. Silver advised that she had actually applied for, and received a Trails Grant from the County on behalf of the Village; however, she did not realize the deadline for the applications was January until she was contacted about this application. She stated she had not yet received an official letter of rejection; however, she phoned the County office and was advised unofficially that the application was too rushed, and the Committee members had other concerns that could better be addressed with a new application next year.

e) Windsor to Hantsport Railway Trail offer

It was moved by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Vice-Chair Pineo that the Village Commission will stand by its original offer of \$2,000/year to lease the railway bed for a proposed trail. MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Water Commission Report – Commissioner Stevens advised there was no Water Commission meeting, therefore no report is submitted.

- b) Area Advisory Committee – Commissioner Hatt advised there was no Area Advisory Committee meeting, therefore no report is submitted.
- c) Recreation Advisory Committee – Vice-Chair Pineo advised there was no Recreation Advisory Committee meeting, therefore no formal report is submitted; however, he asked permission to present an informal report.
- Vice-Chair Pineo expressed thanks to Rec Director Saï Sherwood, the Public Works/Parks staff, and volunteers Lynn Spencer, Shelly Palmer and Terry Silver for organizing and participating in the Tree Lighting, the children's party and the mall family fun day.
 - He thanked Gordon Silver for organizing and continuing with the Kitchen Parties, stating the November Kitchen Party was very successful and well organized.
 - He stated the Seniors Christmas Dance was very successful and well attended.
- d) Transportation Advisory Committee – Commissioner Hatt read the report of the Transportation Advisory Committee (attached to original minutes).

It was moved by Commissioner Hatt, seconded by Vice-Chair Pineo that the report of the Transportation Advisory Committee be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Ravine Park – Lease Expiry

T. Silver advised that the lease for Ravine Park between the Annapolis Valley School Board and the Village Commission expired on November 20th. The Lease will be returned to the School Board.

- b) Christmas Hours

It was moved by Vice-Chair Pineo, seconded by Commissioner Hatt to adopt the Christmas Hours as presented by the Clerk Treasurer. MOTION CARRIED

- c) Easement for Village – Drainage

It was moved by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Stevens that the Commission agree to entering into an Easement with Mrs. Doris Morton, and to cover the cost of preparing and recording the easement as outlined in the letter from Mrs. Morton's solicitor. MOTION CARRIED

- d) Proclamation – Alzheimer Society

It was moved by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Vice-Chair Pineo that the Village Commission proclaim January Alzheimer Awareness month. MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

a) RCMP Year in Review

This information was submitted to the Village Commission for information.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

Councillor Eric Smith – stated that he gathered from the discussion about the trails grant that the Village is not receiving ample information in a timely manner on grants, and he will insure the County advises the village of any grants available.

Councillor Smith stated there is an upcoming information regarding the new round about in New Minas. He wanted to advise the Commission that he has taken it upon himself to advise the Department of Transportation that this round about has created excessive traffic on Cornwallis Avenue, Lockhart Drive and Jones Road due to persons trying to avoid the roundabout, and he has further stated that this extra traffic is causing these streets to deteriorate. He has asked DOT to resurface these streets.

He stated that there are a number of fallen trees in the Ravine Park area that the public works department may wish to investigate prior to turning the lease back to the School Board.

Commissioner Hatt – stated there is an increased number of flyers and posters on utility poles throughout the Village again. He stated they are unsightly and should not be allowed.

T. Silver stated she will notify the County regarding Commissioner Hatt's complaint.

Commissioner Redmond stated the County is currently seeking a Bylaws Enforcement officer.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Redmond, the meeting adjourned.

Dave Chaulk, Chair

Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer